

**DOES COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE AFFECT ECONOMIC GROWTH: A CASE  
OF PAKISTAN WITH ASIAN, OECD AND LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES 1982-  
2011**

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**ABSTRACT**

Present study endeavours to assess the comparative advantage of Pakistan's exports to selected regional economies around the world namely Asian, OECD, and Latin American economies. Revealed comparative advantage Balassa Index (1965) and trade complementary indices of Pakistan over the sample of 70 economies have been checked at aggregated and disaggregated level classification of UN-Com Traderevision-2. Results revealed that Pakistan has a comparative advantage in 57 sectors on average per year, coefficient of variation is 0.68, standard deviation is 0.57 at the aggregated and disaggregated level over the period of time, and trade complementary indices reported that exports of Pakistan and imports of sample economies having the positive and strong relationship. Long-term relationship has been tested using co-integration mechanism; speed of adjustment has been gauged through vector error correction model and feedback relationship has been measured using granger causality on total exports and economic growth. Results revealed that there is positive and significant relationship between total exports and economic growth and there is a feedback causal relationship.

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## INTRODUCTION

“An organization’s ability to learn, and translate that learning into action rapidly, is the ultimate comparative advantage, leads to economic growth” (Jack Welch, n.d.). Generally, comparative advantage is an important concept for explaining pattern of international trade. Emergences of new theories about international trade have been unsuccessful in reducing the significance of comparative advantage in the area of international trade; however, with the emergence of international economies this concept converted from static to a dynamic one. Dynamic theories on comparative advantage mainly support of Heckscher-Ohlin-1991 model and put great emphasis on fluctuation in production (supply side). These prominences explore the specific factors/determinants that affect the economic growth and industrial output which ultimately lead to comparative advantage. Redding and Venables (2004) found that comparative advantage in commodity exports is endogenously driven by innovation and advancement in technological infrastructure; however, Nachum, Dunning, and Jones (2000) affirm that dynamics of comparative advantage might result from role of changes in input trade, the frictions in investments and international trades, and is caused by information cost, institutions, geography and transportation (Overman, Redding, & Venables, 2001).

Grossman and Helpman (1991) document the knowledge management and its transformation across borders, technological infrastructural differences and its impacts on international trade flow. Krugman (1981) explains product differential on the basis of production & increasing returns to scale and monopolistic comparative advantage. Numerous economists and researchers empirically measure countries’ dynamic revealed comparative advantage (e.g., Liesner, 1958; Balassa, 1965; Kanamori, 1972; Donges & Riedel, 1977; Bowen, 1983; Vollrath, 1991; Laursen, 1998).

Since the last decade patterns or behaviour of global trade have been changing among the developing and developed nations. A significant portion of the trade by many developed countries is with other developed countries, and it has grown over the period of time for instance 20%, 22%, 26% and 29% in 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2010 respectively (Tharakan & Thisse, 2011). On the other hand many developing economies have enhanced their trade flow towards the developed economies and remain their major trading partners for the international

exports and imports. Terms of trade\* of developing economies have been deteriorating during the era of 80s and 90s; this has basically been because of deflation of primary goods in comparison to finished or manufactured goods (Razmi & Blecker, 2008). For instance, during the time period of 1980-95s the real price of coffee has fallen almost twofold, cocoa threefold, and oil fourfold at the global level (Yeats & Ng, 2005). Empirical literature is still vague or unable to answer whether these declines in prices are transitory or permanent; however, due to this decline in commodity prices developing nations suffer from significant economic losses which lead to sluggish economic development. Furthermore this decline in commodity prices and significant changes in terms of trade have forced many developing economies to shift their exports from primary goods to manufactured or finished goods (Yeats & Ng, 2005). In return developing nations import knowledge and capital intensive finished goods from the industrial economies in which developed economies retain comparative advantage.

O'brien, (1992) pointed out that global economies can be established in number of ways, for instance agreements among the partner economies, especially those are connected through regional/free trade agreements. Financial integration through agreements eliminates cross-border barriers and facilitates the financial institutions to perform operations smoothly. What is meant by Competitive advantage? And how it interacts and relates to the comparative advantage? Possible answers include barriers to entry and exit, market conditions and competitiveness, no of firms operating in industry which can provide the advantage in competing with foreign competitors (Neary, 2003). While another approach sees competitive advantage as a synonym for absolute advantage: some policy induced and natural superiority (lower tax rate, labour market, and flexible regulatory policies) which provide the cost reduction benefits for the national industrial sectors (Hunt & Morgan, 1995).

### **Research Objectives**

There are a number of research objectives of this study; firstly, to determine the comparative advantage of a struggling economy of Pakistan over Asian, OECD, Latin American economies in Primary (raw material) & manufactured goods using aggregated & disaggregated level for the product codes 0 to 4 (raw material goods) and 5 to 8 (manufactured goods), over the period 1982-2011. Secondly the study aims to identify suitable regions or countries for exports. Thirdly, be able to provide relevant suggestions for policy makers to enhance the trade patterns and trade competitiveness at the industrial level. Fourthly, research

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\*The ratio of an index of a country's export prices to an index of its import prices

study will attempt to assist in identification & management of challenges faced by Pakistan's export industry due to high level competition at international trade level or during the crises period. Fifthly; using the Johnson Co-integration & Granger causality test the long-term relationship between (Total exports & GDP) variables inquire over the period 1970 to 2011.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

“It is always possible for a regional integration agreement, formed among an arbitrary group of countries, to structure itself in such a way as to make the member countries better off without making any of the non-member countries worse off” (Kemp & Wan, 1976). The debate of regional level integration through trade agreements raises the interesting question of why economies enter regional trade agreements. What objectives countries seek from the regional trade agreements. Previous studies inquire the following objectives countries seeks from the regional trade agreements: strategic alliances, conventional trade benefits, boosting the multilateral bargaining power, ensuring access to markets, escalation of national level policy reforms (Bhagwati & Krishna, 1999; Fernandez & Portes, 1998; Whalley, 1998). Regional trade preferential agreements lead towards regional integration. Approximately, more than 300 regional trade agreements had taken place till 2011 and more than 40% of world total trade have been made through the trade preferential agreements (Bhala & Gantz, 2011). On the other hand, bilateral trade agreements among the OECD economies and among other economies over the globe provide access to all markets to ensure a continuous supply of services and goods and it is also essential and indispensable policy towards the developed and developing economies across the world (Gundlach, Hiemenz, Langhammer, & Nunnenkamp, 1993). It has been observed that global integration grew in 1980s through the regional trade agreements and the share of net trade in GDP has doubled even after excluding the intra-OECD trade and the same stands true for the United States (Cadot, Kuenova, & Strauss-Kahn, 2010; Feenstra, 1998; Jacob, 2010).

Therefore, economies trade more through regional trade agreements specially when there is higher correlation in business cycle (Fujita et al., 1999). Trade statistics of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) revealed that OECD exports approximately \$200 billion US dollars in 2010 which is equal to 27% of total exports of services and 9% of total exports of goods and services to bilateral trade agreement partners (Xing, 2011). Bender, Li, and Center, (2002) worked to gauge the manufactured export's performance among the Asian economies and Latin American countries. Authors documented economies from both regions show positive significant variation in pattern of RCA of

dissimilar sectors. They further stated, the downward trends of RCA in EANIEs nations especially in South Korea might be caused by Asian financial crises which happened in 1997. A period of 17 years from 1981 to 1997 has been taken under consideration. Abou-Stait, (2005) checked causal link between economic growth and exports by studying data over the period of 1977-2003. This research work documented a significant link between exports and GDP growth. The outcomes of stait's study support of ELG hypothesis. The study of (Ahmad & Harnhirun, 1996) also explored the causal link between GDP growth and exports by taking a sample of five economies from ASEAN namely: Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. They covered a period of 1966-1988 and documented that in case of ASEAN, long run link not exist between exports and GDP growth.

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

We bifurcate our research methodology into two parts based on the research objectives; part 1 analyses the comparative advantage and trade complementary indices to measure the comparative advantage in commodities and sectors and analyses patterns of exports with other country's imports, based on the comparative advantage analysis in Part 2 analyses the relationship between Pakistan s total exports and economic growth.

We start our analysis by using Balassa (1965) index to measure the export performance of Pakistan and its comparative advantage at aggregated and disaggregated level using data on SITC rev-2 sectors and commodities. We also use trade complementary index Ng and Yeats (2003) to test the 'export-trade complementary' of Pakistan commodities exports and OECD, Asian and Latin American economies. Value of trade complementary index lies between 0 and 1, A higher value of index assumes more favourable prospects of trade among the sampled economies.

After investigating and testing the comparative advantage theories we turn to explore the relationship between economic growth and exports of Pakistan. The study employed the following econometric techniques to attain sub-categorized objectives; is there any relationship between economic growth and Pakistan's exports? To test these objectives following models have been employed; unit root of the variables has been tested from the linear combination of variables. Long-term relationship among the variables has been inquired by Johansen' Co-integration, VECM will be employed to test the speed of adjustment in case of short run disequilibrium in long run relationship and at the end Granger causality has been employed to test the causal relationship between the variables.

### **Significance of Data**

The data for this research spans over 1982-2011 and has been collected from various resources. Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA) and Trade complementary index data collected from various sources; UNCOM-TRADE (Based on SITC Rev.2 at the aggregated and disaggregated level of commodity codes) and Economy Survey of Pakistan (2011). To test the long-term and short-term relationship, Granger causality, Co-integration, Vector Error Correction Model test have been employed on economic growth (Gross Domestic Product) and Pakistan's total exports for the data collected from Economic survey of Pakistan (2011) and International Financial Statistics (IMF) over the spans of 1975-2011. Data analysis portion has covered three major regions; OECD, Asian and Latin American economies those occupied 10.6%, 30% and 3.9% of the total world land, total population of selected economies are 1.26, 3.90 billion and 590 million. However, Pakistan exports 45.5%, 25%, 10% on the other hand imports 25.7%, 27% and 1.3% from OECD, Asian and Latin American economies respectively. Data span of current research study consists of 30 year dataset over the period of 1982 to 2011, covering 70 countries and 305 sectors at IMF aggregated and disaggregated level for the comparative advantage and trade complementary index has been collected from 'United Nations Commodity trade statistics database' while data span on economic growth and total export is 42 years over the period of 1970 to 2011 from IMF. The wide range data under observation is a unique dataset and covers the spectrum of 70 countries, along with that it analyses the economies contributing almost 87% of the world GDP. Only limited studies capture such wide range of dataset few well recognized studies in the same domain are as follows; (Bender & Li, 2002; Widgren, 2005; Akhtar, Zakir, & Ghani, 2008; Widodo, 2009).

TABLE 1

Descriptive Statistics

|           | EXPORTS  | GDP      |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Mean      | 387499.6 | 29847.58 |
| Median    | 138371.6 | 9352.500 |
| Maximum   | 2188534. | 180629.0 |
| Minimum   | 1892.000 | 477.5000 |
| Std. Dev. | 537206.2 | 43112.20 |
| Skewness  | 1.745509 | 1.948112 |
| Kurtosis  | 5.404481 | 6.225971 |

Source. International Financial Statistics (IMF)

*Notes.* Here Exports and GDP revealed the values of central tendency, median and standard deviation are 387499.6 and 29847.58, 138371.6 and 9352.50, 537206.2 and 43112.20 million respectively. Skewness revealed that values of exports most of the values fall on the right side meanwhile in case of GDP most of values fall on left side of mean. However, results of Kurtosis shown that data distribution is in wider spread around the mean

## **RESULTS**

Table A1 shows the change in comparative advantage in case of Pakistan at aggregate and disaggregate level. Results show that approximately 210 of the products and sectors under consideration showed positive movements in the timeframe under consideration. There was a significant change in comparative advantage in these products and sectors. While approximately in 95 products and sectors Pakistan lost comparative advantage over the period 1982 to 2011. Literature endorses various reasons for the comparative disadvantage in Pakistani products and sectors for instance electricity problems, political instability, Social changes, War on terrorism, financial crises and a crackdown on child labour (Widodo, 2009; Ullah, Zaman, Farooq, & Javid, 2009; Akhtar, Zakir, & Ghani 2008 Batra & Khan, 2005).

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Table A2 shows the share of sector in total exports of Pakistan over the sample period 1982 to 2011 results revealed that Food and live animals [0] had a comparative advantage index of 19.40 in 1982 and during the sample period it went as low as 9.07, however it recovered recently and ended up being 18.24 in 2011, Beverages and tobacco [1] had an index of 0.42 and during the sample period it has shown a decreasing trend and in year 2011 it is at 0.23. Crude materials (except fuels) [2] had an index of 14.56 in 1982, which indicate comparative advantage comparatively comparative disadvantage in year 2011. Mineral fuels and lubricants [3] started having a comparative advantage in financial year 1999 however it ended up at almost the same level as it was in 1982. Animal and vegetable oils and fats [4] sector indicates an upward trend in comparative advantage index but it is not that significant. Chemical products [5] revealed a significant contribution in total exports of Pakistan as its comparative advantage index moved from 0.59 to 4.43 during the 1982 to 2011. Manufactured goods classified by material [6] contributed approximately 46 percent of the total exports of Pakistan while the manufacturing sector lost its share in total exports of Pakistan over the sample period. Machinery and transport equipment [7] indicated that the contribution of sector in total exports was on average 2.42 and during the sample period it's indicates the downward trend but it's not significant to total exports of Pakistan.

\*Tables A2-A6 insert here\*

The Balassa (1965) comparative advantage index explained above is used to analyse comparative advantage in commodity trade of raw material (product code 0 to 4) and finished goods (product code 5 to 8) according to SITC rev-2 over the time period 1982 to 2011 to three major regions namely Asia, OECD and Latin America. Results revealed that Pakistan having comparative advantage in 57 sectors on average per year, coefficient of variation is 0.68, standard deviation is 0.57 at the aggregated and disaggregated level over the period of time. Pakistan has a comparative advantage in the following commodities and industries at the aggregated and disaggregated level, Food and live animals chiefly for food [0], Cereals and cereal preparations [04], sugar, sugar preparations and honey [06], Fish, dried, salted or in brine; smoked fish [035], Crustaceans and mollusks, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted etc. [036], Rice [042], Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried [057], sugar and honey [061], spices [075], Tobacco, manufactured [122], Crude materials, inedible, except fuels [2], textile fibers (not wool tops) and their wastes (not in yarn) [26], crude animal and vegetables materials, nes [29], Seeds and oleaginous fruit, whole or broken, for other oils [223], cotton [263], Wool and other animal hair (excluding tops) [268], Fertilizers, crude [271], stone, sand and gravel [273], crude animal materials, nes [291], crude vegetable materials, nes [292], Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials [6], Leather, leather manufactures, nes, and dressed furskins [61], Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products [65], Leather [611], Manufactures of leather or of composition leather, nes; etc [612], Textile yarn [651] Cotton fabrics, woves (not including narrow or special fabrics) [653], Knitted or crocheted fabrics (including tubular, etc, fabrics) [655], Tulle, lace, embroidery, ribbons, trimmings and other small wares [656], Special textile fabrics and related products [657], Made-up articles, wholly or chiefly of textile materials, nes [658], Floor coverings, etc [659], Lime, cement, and fabricated construction materials [661], Pig and sponge iron, spiegeleisen, etc., and ferro-alloys [671], cutlery [696], Miscellaneous manufactured articles [8], Articles of apparel and clothing accessories [84], Men's and boys' outerwear, textile fabrics not knitted or crocheted [842], Women, girls, infants outerwear [843], Under garments of textile fabrics, not knitted or crocheted [844], Outerwear knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized [845], Under-garments, knitted or crocheted [846], Clothing accessories, of textile fabrics, nes [847], Articles of apparel, clothing accessories, non-textile, headgear [848], Medical instruments and appliances, nes [872], Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods [894], Other miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes [899] over the period of 1982 to 2011.



TABLE 2

## Unit Root Test

| Country  | Variable | Unit Root Test | Test stat                  | 1% C.V  | 5% C.V  | 10% C.V |          |
|----------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Pakistan | Exports  | ADF            | Level                      | -       | -       | -       | -2.60685 |
|          |          |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> difference | 2.15253 | 3.60559 | 2.93694 | -2.60685 |
|          |          | PP             | Level                      | -       | -       | -       | -2.60583 |
|          |          |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> difference | 5.25663 | 3.60559 | 2.93694 | -2.60685 |
|          |          |                | Level                      | -       | -       | -       | -2.60583 |
|          |          |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> difference | 2.62728 | 3.60098 | 2.93500 | -2.60685 |
|          | GDP      | ADF            | Level                      | -       | -       | -       | -2.60583 |
|          |          |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> difference | 0.18706 | 3.60098 | 2.93500 | -2.60685 |
|          |          | PP             | Level                      | -       | -       | -       | -2.60583 |
|          |          |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> difference | 4.92208 | 3.60559 | 2.93694 | -2.60685 |
|          |          |                | Level                      | -       | -       | -       | -2.60583 |
|          |          |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> difference | 0.18767 | 3.60098 | 2.93500 | -2.60685 |
|          |          |                | 4.87403                    | 3.60559 | 2.93694 |         |          |

Table 2 presented the results of ADF and PP on Exports and GDP, results reveal that time series variable exports contain unit root in series at level as test statistics value of both techniques is less than 1% C.V, 5% C.V and 10% C.V\* respectively. Hence, it becomes integrated at 1<sup>st</sup> difference and value of statistics becomes more than the critical at 1%, 5% and 10% respectively. In case of GDP both techniques again reveal that value of test statistics at level is less than the critical value at 1%, 5% and 10%, while it becomes stationary at 1<sup>st</sup> difference and value of test statistics is more than the critical value 1%, 5% and 10%. As the formal techniques AFD and PP for unit root test indicates time series variables are non-stationary i.e. times series variables contains unit root and become stationary at the 1<sup>st</sup> difference. If the time series variables are non-stationary at level and converted to stationary time series at the 1<sup>st</sup> difference they might contain the long-term relationship. Therefore, to test

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\* C.V is representing critical value

the long-term relationship among the time series variables exports and GDP Johansen's co-integration techniques have been employed and results are presented in Table 3.

TABLE 3  
Johansen Co-Integration Test

| Eigen Values | L.R Statistics | 5% Critical Values | 1% Critical Values | Number of CEs |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 0.496544     | 27.80830       | 15.49471           | 0.0004             | None*         |
| 0.008909     | 0.357949       | 3.841466           | 0.5496             | At most 1     |

*Note.* Trace test indicates 1 co-integrating eq(s) at the 0.05 level, and \* denotes rejection of the hypothesis at the 0.05 level

Table 4 indicates the existence of long term relationship between exports and GDP as the Likelihood Ratio statistics reports 1 co-integration equation at 5% critical value. Vector error correction mechanism technique has been used in the study to analyse the speed of adjustment in case of short-run disequilibrium. However, speed of adjustment has been measured using coefficients of co-integration equation. Colum 1 of Table 4 reveals that Gross Domestic Product adjusted by 2% each year and will take 38 years approximately; while Colum 2 of Table 4 reveals that exports adjusted far more rapidly at 40% each year and will take 2 years approximately to completely eliminate short-term disequilibrium in long-run relationship.

TABLE 4  
Vector Error Correction Mechanism

| Error Correction: | D(GDP)    | D(EXPORTS) |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| CointEq1          | -0.025721 | 0.409357   |
| t-statistic       | (0.05497) | (0.12981)  |

To test the existence of causal relationship between GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and exports Granger causality (1969) technique has been employed; however, direction of causal relationship depends lagged term and data is supposed to stationary.

TABLE 5  
Granger Causality

| Null Hypothesis:                   | Obs | F-Statistic | Probability |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| EXPORTS does not Granger Cause GDP | 40  | 5.62153*    | 0.00764     |
| GDP does not Granger Cause EXPORTS |     | 16.4136*    | 0.00001     |

*Note.* \* 1% level of significance

Table 5 indicates that there is feedback causal relationship among both time series variables i.e. GDP and exports. Exports granger cause GDP at 1% level of significance as F-statistics is 5.621 and Probability value is 0.0076, on the other hand GDP granger cause exports at 1% level of significance as F-statistics is 16.413 and Probability value is 0.00001.

## **DISCUSSION**

Results inquire that four leading sectors revealed comparative advantage in case of Pakistan namely; ‘Food and live animals’ [0], ‘Crude materials, inedible, except fuels’ [2], ‘Manufacture goods classified chiefly by material’ [6] and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ [8] at the aggregated level (Kilduff & Chi, 2006a, 2006b) also affirm the results; however, inadequate number of studies considered the impact of financial and war crisis in case of comparative advantage measurement. Financial integration foster the impact of global financial crisis from the developed nations to developing and under developing nations and Singapore played the role of bridge for Asian and global financial crisis transformation (Dooley & Hutchison, 2009; Gong, Lee, & Chen, 2004). Study documented that Asian currency crisis (1997-1998), Afghan war (2001) and global financial crisis (2007-2009) adversely affect the pattern of international trade especially in case of trade-export and comparative advantage, usually these crisis affect the comparative advantage indices of developing and newly industrial economies (Frieden & Rogowski, 1996; Lin, 2008). Trade complementary indices at aggregated level indicate that following sectors ‘Food and live animals [0]’, ‘Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials [3]’, ‘Animal and vegetable oils and fats [4]’, ‘Chemicals [5]’, ‘Manufacture goods classified chiefly by material [6]’, ‘Machinery and transport equipment [7]’ and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles [8]’ having compatibility with OECD economies over the sample period, no of empirical studies affirm the results (Bergoing, Loayza, & Piguillem, 2010; Daudin, Riffart, & Schweisguth, 2011; Nunnenkamp, 2002). Empirical results also revealed comparative advantage at disaggregated level in Leather [611], Manufacturers of leather or of composition leather, nes; etc. [612], Textile yarn [651] Cotton fabrics, woves (not including narrow or special fabrics) [653], Knitted or crocheted fabrics (including tubular, etc, fabrics) [655], Tulle, lace, embroidery, ribbons, trimmings and other small wares [656], Special textile fabrics and related products [657], Made-up articles, wholly or chiefly of textile materials, nes [658], Floor coverings, etc. [659], Lime, cement, and fabricated construction materials [661], Pig and sponge iron, spiegeleisen, etc, and ferro-alloys [671], cutlery [696], Miscellaneous manufactured articles [8], Articles of apparel and clothing accessories [84], Men’s and boys’ outerwear, textile fabrics not knitted or crocheted [842],

Women, girls, infants outerwear [843], Under garments of textile fabrics, not knitted or crocheted [844], Outerwear knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized [845], Undergarments, knitted or crocheted [846], Clothing accessories, of textile fabrics, nes [847], Articles of apparel, clothing accessories, non-textile, headgear [848], Medical instruments and appliances, nes [872], Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods [894], Other miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes [899] over the period of 1982 to 2011, these results are aligned with results of following empirical studies (Hanif & Jafri, 2008; Kilduff & Chi, 2006a; Mahmood & Azhar, 2001; Nordås, 2009). Pakistan having comparative disadvantage in case of ‘Beverages and tobacco [1]’, ‘Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials [3]’, ‘Animal and vegetable oils and fats [4]’, ‘Chemicals [5]’ and ‘Machinery and transport equipment [7]’ at the aggregate and disaggregate level; while, China and India having the comparative advantage in case above mention sectors although these economies are unable to maintain their comparative advantage in these sectors over the period of time (Batra & Khan, 2005; Jinping, 2003). Study documented that oil producing, NIEs\* and developed revealed comparative advantage in case of raw and finished goods at aggregated and disaggregated level for instance ‘Beverages and tobacco [1]’, ‘Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials [3]’, ‘Chemicals [5]’ and ‘Machinery and transport equipment [7]’, because these economies are documented as major importers of heavy machinery and equipment, and having focus towards the finished goods and also producing the similar products for under developed and developing nations e.g. Indonesia revealed comparative advantage in ‘other fixed vegetable oils, fluid or solid, crude, refined [424]’, ‘Coal, lignite and peat [322]’, and Gas, natural and manufactured [341]’, however, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand revealed comparative advantage in case of ‘Petroleum products, redined [334]’, ‘Hydrocarbons, nes, and derivatives [511]’, ‘Nitrogen-function compounds [514]’, ‘Organic-inorganic and heterocyclic compounds [515]’, ‘Civil engineering, contractors’ plant and equipment and parts, nes [723]’ and ‘Thermionic, micro circuits, transistors, valves, etc. [776]’, (Bensassi, Márquez-Ramos, & Martínez-Zarzoso, 2012; Kirkpatrick, Lee, & Nixson, 2012). Our empirical results are parallel to (Anwer & Sampath, 2000; Awokuse, 2007; Emery, 2007; Severn, 2007) and revealed that exports and economic growth have the long-term relationship and also having causal relationship and vector error correction mechanism affirms that elimination of disequilibrium in case of Gross Domestic Products take a long period; while, in case of export its take less

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\* Newly Industrialized economies (NIEs)

time(Ahmad, 2012; Shabbir, Anwar, Hussain, & Imran, 2012; Zaman, Shah, Khan, & Ahmad, 2012).

## CONCLUSIONS

Present study attempts to assess Pakistan's trade-exports comparative advantage with Asian, OECD, Latin American economies and economic growth over the period 1982 to 2011, impact of three influential and significant crisis namely; Asian currency crisis (1997-1998), Afghan war (2001 to present) and global financial crisis (2007-2009) has been assessed on the comparative advantage and complementarities indices over the sample period, later on we also study the relationship between exports and economic growth over the sample period 1970 to 2011. Balassa (1965) technique has been employed to reveal the comparative advantage of Pakistan's sector and commodities over the Asian, OECD and Latin American economies, based on empirical results we second the classical theory of international trade\*. Trade complementary index Yeats & Ng, (2003) has been employed to inquire the compatibility of Pakistan's exports and sample economies imports. Empirical results show that countries having more free trade agreements have better position in international markets and can sell to specific market where they get the better prices. Impact of crises has been assessed over the sample period and the results show that all three crises affected the international trade adversely and indices indicate the downward trend in case of comparative advantage and complementary indices; however, indices also indicate that there is downward trend in most of the cases before the appearance of financial crisis. Long-term relationship between exports and economic growth has been analysed using Johansen's co-integration techniques. It was revealed that there is long-term relationship between exports and economic growth exist, on the same time exports revert back to equilibrium quickly as compared to economic growth (GDP) these results has been inquired using Vector error correction mechanism. Granger causality test has been employed to inquire the direction of causal relationship between exports and economic growth; results revealed that there is feedback causal relationship between exports and economic growth.

After the recent global financial crisis (2007-2009) the Asian economies indicating a high growth rate as compared to developed economies. Asian economies have succeeded in saving them from large extent of external shocks, because these have insulated themselves by

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\* Classical theory of international trade documented that a country trade-exports commodities in which they have comparative advantage.

the regional trade preferential agreements. Over the period of time there is increasing trend in intra-regional trade backed by the regional trade agreements, this fact played the role of barrier to protect the Asian economies from tidal waves appearing in world economy due to volatility.

This study checked Pakistan's trade-exports comparative advantage with Asian, OECD, Latin American economies only but does not indicate picture of Pakistan's trade-exports comparative advantage with remaining regional organization all around the world, hence, it may be useful to fill this research gap in future research. Further, this study conduct analysis by taking data over the period of 1982-2011, which suggest the inclusion of most recent data in future research. To check the accuracy of indexes used in this study, this would further allow to propose new indexes for the purpose of comparing with already developed indexes. Further, the reinvestigation of the possible impact of various crisis (e.g., Asian currency crisis (1997-1998), Afghan war (2001 to present), global financial crisis (2007-2009), etc.) in presence of most recent data, wide range of regional organizations and regional trade agreements are left for future work.

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## ANNEXURE

### TABLE A1

Change in Comparative Advantage in Case of Pakistan at Aggregate and Disaggregate Level

| Sr. | Description   | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 00  | Live animals chiefly for food                                     | 0.003       | 0.015       | 362                       |
| 01  | Meat and preparations   | 0.001       | 0.413       | 24377                     |
| 02  | Dairy products and birds' eggs                                    | 0.001       | 0.056       | 3907                      |
| 03  | Fish, crustacean and molluscs, and preparations thereof           | 0.185       | 0.098       | -47                       |
| 04  | Cereals and cereal preparations                                   | 4.015       | 7.487       | 86                        |
| 05  | Vegetables and fruit  | 0.177       | 0.205       | 16                        |
| 06  | Sugar, sugar preparations and honey                               | 0.075       | 0.020       | -73                       |
| 07  | Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof              | 1.014       | 0.417       | -59                       |
| 08  | Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)        | 0.032       | 0.017       | -45                       |
| 09  | Miscellaneous edible products and preparations                    | 0.119       | 0.220       | 85                        |
| 11  | Beverages   | 0.001       | 0.083       | 7222                      |
| 12  | Tobacco and tobacco manufactures                                  | 0.797       | 0.578       | -27                       |
| 21  | Hides, skins and furskins, raw                                    | 0.078       | 0.048       | -38                       |
| 22  | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit                                    | 0.275       | 0.169       | -38                       |
| 23  | Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)                  | 0           | 0.048       | -                         |
| 24  | Cork and wood   | 0.001       | 0.010       | 695                       |
| 25  | Pulp and waste paper  | 0           | 0.003       | -                         |
| 26  | Textile fibres (not wool tops) and their wastes (not in yarn)     | 15.13       | 6.801       | -55                       |
| 27  | Crude fertilizer and crude minerals                               | 0.880       | 2.284       | 160                       |
| 28  | Metalliferous ores and metal scrap                                | 0.057       | 0.363       | 534                       |
| 29  | Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes                         | 4.607       | 1.616       | -65                       |
| 32  | Coal, coke and briquettes   | 0.123       | 0.002       | -98                       |
| 33  | Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials               | 0.405       | 0.573       | 41                        |
| 34  | Gas, natural and manufactured                                     | 5.361       | 0.002       | 4823                      |
| 35  | Electric current  | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 41  | Animal oils and fats  | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 42  | Fixed vegetable oils and fats                                     | 0.031       | 0.017       | -45                       |
| 43  | Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes          | 0.001       | 5.884       | 463444                    |
| 51  | Organic chemicals   | 0.095       | 0.556       | 481                       |
| 52  | Inorganic chemicals   | 0.106       | 0.227       | 114                       |
| 53  | Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials                            | 0.081       | 0.331       | 305                       |
| 54  | Medicinal and pharmaceutical products                             | 0.054       | 0.179       | 230                       |
| 55  | Oils and perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations     | 0.221       | 0.126       | -43                       |
| 56  | Fertilizers, manufactured   | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 57  | Explosives and pyrotechnic products                               | 0.001       | 0.002       | 15                        |
| 58  | Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters etc | 0.004       | 0.866       | 19982                     |
| 59  | Chemical materials and products, nes                              | 0.067       | 0.098       | 46                        |
| 61  | Leather, leather manufactures, nes, and dressed furskins          | 6.434       | 3.993       | -38                       |
| 62  | Rubber manufactures, nes  | 0.168       | 0.037       | -78                       |
| 63  | Cork and wood, cork manufactures                                  | 0.022       | 0.178       | 678                       |

| Sr. | Description  | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 64  | Paper, paperboard, and articles of pulp, of paper or of paperboard | 0.091       | 0.215       | 135                       |
| 65  | Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products | 13.73<br>3  | 20.04       | 46                        |
| 66  | Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes                             | 0.173       | 1.074       | 520                       |
| 67  | Iron and steel   | 0.113       | 0.197       | 75                        |
| 68  | Non-ferrous metals   | 0.002       | 0.088       | 3496                      |
| 69  | Manufactures of metals, nes  | 0.242       | 0.420       | 73                        |
| 71  | Power generating machinery and equipment                           | 0.029       | 0.125       | 330                       |
| 72  | Machinery specialized for particular industries                    | 0.122       | 0.129       | 6                         |
| 73  | Metalworking machinery   | 0.249       | 0.083       | -67                       |
| 74  | General industrial machinery and equipment, nes, and parts of, nes | 0.017       | 0.036       | 108                       |
| 75  | Office machines and automatic data processing equipment            | 0.008       | 0.004       | -50                       |
| 76  | Telecommunications, sound recording and reproducing equipment      | 0.020       | 0.048       | 141                       |
| 77  | Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, nes, and parts, nes  | 0.043       | 0.043       | 0                         |
| 78  | Road vehicles  | 0.017       | 0.029       | 71                        |
| 79  | Other transport equipment  | 0.346       | 0.030       | -91                       |
| 81  | Sanitary, plumbing, heating, lighting fixtures and fittings, nes   | 0.015       | 0.037       | 139                       |
| 82  | Furniture and parts thereof  | 0.077       | 0.418       | 441                       |
| 83  | Travel goods, handbags and similar containers                      | 0.168       | 0.194       | 15                        |
| 84  | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories                       | 2.898       | 7.573       | 161                       |
| 85  | Footwear   | 0.681       | 0.727       | 7                         |
| 87  | Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, apparatus, nes  | 0.707       | 0.523       | -26                       |
| 88  | Photographic equipment and supplies, optical goods; watches, etc   | 0.047       | 0.023       | -50                       |
| 89  | Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes                           | 0.956       | 0.952       | 0                         |
| 001 | Live animals   | 0.011       | 0.054       | 361                       |
| 011 | Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen                                     | 0.002       | 0.574       | 22097                     |
| 012 | Meat, dried, salted or smoked                                      | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 014 | Meat in airtight containers nes & meat preptns                     | 0.002       | 0.004       | 92                        |
| 022 | Milk and cream   | 0.000       | 0.382       | 198557                    |
| 023 | Butter   | 0           | 0.020       | -                         |
| 024 | Eggs   | 0           | 2.441       | -                         |
| 025 | Fish, fresh & simply preserved                                     | 0.015       | 0.071       | 353                       |
| 034 | Fish, salted, dried or smoked                                      | 0.109       | 0.333       | 205                       |
| 035 | Fish, in airtight containers, nes & fish preptns.                  | 0.086       | 0.156       | 81                        |
| 036 | Wheat including spelt and meslin, unmilled                         | 12.58       | 1.704       | -86                       |
| 037 | Rice   | 0.882       | 1.565       | 77                        |
| 041 | Barley, unmilled   | 0.092       | 7.993       | 8502                      |
| 042 | Maize corn unmilled  | 19.84       | 12.74       | -36                       |
| 043 | Cereals, unmilled excl. wheat, rice, barley & maize                | 1.342       | 0.018       | -99                       |
| 044 | Meal and flour of wheat or of meslin                               | 0.009       | 1.252       | 12475                     |
| 045 | Meal & flour of cereals, except wheat/meslin                       | 0           | 0.035       | -                         |
| 046 | Cereal preps & preps of flour of fruits & vegs                     | 0           | 43.31       | -                         |
| 047 | Fruit, fresh, and nuts excl. Oil nuts                              | 0           | 3.648       | -                         |
| 048 | Dried fruit including artificially dehydrated                      | 0.444       | 0.649       | 46                        |
| 054 | Fruit, preserved and fruit preparations                            | 0.187       | 0.300       | 60                        |

| Sr. | Description                                     | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 056 | Vegetables, roots & tubers, fresh or dried      | 0.580       | 0.146       | -75                       |
| 057 | Vegetables, roots & tubers pres or prepared nes | 1.866       | 2.772       | 49                        |
| 058 | Sugar and honey                                 | 0.008       | 0.074       | 746                       |
| 061 | Coffee  | 1.789       | 0.260       | -85                       |
| 062 | Chocolate & other food preptns cont. Cocoa, nes | 0.024       | 0.164       | 575                       |
| 071 | Tea and mate                                    | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 072 | Spices  | 0           | 8.431       | -                         |
| 073 | Feed. Stuff for animals excl.unmilled cereals   | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 074 | Margarine & shortening                          | 0.025       | 0.004       | -83                       |
| 075 | Non alcoholic beverages,nes                     | 0.295       | 0.057       | -81                       |
| 081 | Alcoholic beverages                             | 0.582       | 0.529       | -9                        |
| 091 | Tobacco, unmanufactured                         | 0           | 0.051       | -                         |
| 098 | Tobacco manufactures                            | 0.142       | 0.244       | 72                        |
| 111 | Hides & skins, exc.fur skins undressed          | 0.036       | 1.056       | 2830                      |
| 112 | Fur skins, undressed                            | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 121 | Oil seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels             | 0.299       | 1.766       | 491                       |
| 122 | Crude rubber incl.synthetic & reclaimed         | 1.398       | 0.088       | -94                       |
| 211 | Fuel wood & charcoal                            | 0.123       | 0.067       | -46                       |
| 212 | Wood in the rough or roughly squared            | 0           | 0.019       | -                         |
| 222 | Wood,shaped or simply worked                    | 0           | 0.191       | -                         |
| 223 | Cork, raw and waste                             | 11.95       | 2.067       | -83                       |
| 232 | Pulp & waste paper                              | 0           | 0.002       | -                         |
| 233 | Silk  | 0           | 0.122       | -                         |
| 244 | Wool and other animal hair                      | 0           | 0.267       | -                         |
| 245 | Cotton  | 0           | 0.008       | -                         |
| 246 | Jute  | 0           | 0.138       | -                         |
| 247 | Vegetable fibres,except cotton and jute         | 0.005       | 7.891       | -100                      |
| 248 | Synthetic and regenerated artificial fibres     | 0           | 0.001       | -                         |
| 251 | Waste materials from textile fabrics, incl.rags | 0           | 0.004       | -                         |
| 261 | Fertilizers, crude                              | 0.687       | 0.115       | -83                       |
| 263 | Stone, sand and gravel                          | 42.97       | 13.52       | -69                       |
| 264 | Sulphur & unroasted iron pyrites                | 0           | 1.828       | -                         |
| 265 | Natural abrasives incl.industrial diamonds      | 0           | 0.026       | -                         |
| 266 | Other crude minerals                            | 0.604       | 0.067       | -89                       |
| 267 | Iron and steel scrap                            | 3.161       | 0.023       | -99                       |
| 268 | Ores & concentrates of non-ferrous base metals  | 1.927       | 1.254       | -35                       |
| 269 | Non-ferrous metal scrap                         | 0.016       | 4.348       | 26704                     |
| 271 | Silver & platinum ores                          | 3.588       | 0.023       | -99                       |
| 273 | Ores & concentrates of uranium & thorium        | 1.427       | 3.685       | 158                       |
| 274 | Crude animal materials,nes                      | 0           | 0.003       | -                         |
| 277 | Crude vegetable materials,nes                   | 0           | 0.024       | -                         |
| 278 | Coal,coke & briquettes                          | 0.066       | 2.614       | 3824                      |
| 281 | Petroleum, crude and partly refined             | 0           | 0.035       | -                         |
| 282 | Petroleum products                              | 0.161       | 0.138       | -14                       |
| 286 | Gas,natural and manufactured                    | 0           | 0           | -                         |

| Sr. | Description                                     | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 287 | Electric energy                                 | 0.026       | 0.642       | 2291                      |
| 288 | Animal oils and fats                            | 0           | 1.283       | -                         |
| 289 | Fixed vegetable oils, soft                      | 0.572       | 0.009       | -98                       |
| 291 | Other fixed vegetable oils                      | 5.190       | 4.394       | -15                       |
| 292 | Anim./veg. Oils & fats,processed,and waxes      | 4.556       | 0.625       | -86                       |
| 322 | Organic chemicals                               | 0           | 0.001       | -                         |
| 323 | Inorg.chemicals elems.,oxides,halogen salts     | 1.165       | 0.016       | -99                       |
| 333 | Other inorganic chemicals                       | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 334 | Radioactive and associated materials            | 1.400       | 1.061       | -24                       |
| 335 | Crude chemicals from coal,petroleum and gas     | 0.021       | 0.008       | -61                       |
| 341 | Synth.organic dyestuffs,natural indigo & lakes  | 6.351       | 0.003       | 4773                      |
| 351 | Dyeing & tanning extracts,synth.tanning mat.    | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 411 | Pigments, paints, varnishes & related materials | 0           | 0.001       | -                         |
| 412 | Medicinal & pharmaceutical products             | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 423 | Essential oils, perfume and flavour materials   | 0           | 0.004       | -                         |
| 424 | Perfumery, cosmetics, dentifrices, etc.         | 0.114       | 0.032       | -72                       |
| 431 | Soaps,cleansing & polishing preparations        | 0.004       | 9.230       | 195661                    |
| 511 | Fertilizers manufactured                        | 0.082       | 0.039       | -53                       |
| 512 | Explosives and pyrotechnic products             | 0.361       | 3.654       | 911                       |
| 513 | Plastic materials,regenerd.cellulose & resins   | 0.016       | 0.938       | 5641                      |
| 514 | Chemical materials and products,nes             | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 515 | Leather   | 0           | 0.001       | -                         |
| 516 | Manuf.of leather or of artif.or reconst.leather | 0.278       | 0.001       | -99                       |
| 522 | Fur skins, tanned or dressed, including dyed    | 0.047       | 0.179       | 281                       |
| 523 | Materials of rubber                             | 0.287       | 0.398       | 39                        |
| 524 | Articles of rubber,nes                          | 0           | 0.009       | -                         |
| 531 | Veneers,plywood boards & other wood,worked,nes  | 0.014       | 0.309       | 1966                      |
| 532 | Wood manufactures,nes                           | 0.011       | 0.090       | 711                       |
| 533 | Cork manufactures                               | 0.131       | 0.344       | 163                       |
| 541 | Paper and paperboard                            | 0.079       | 0.198       | 148                       |
| 551 | Articles of paper, pulp, paperboard             | 0.141       | 0.023       | -83                       |
| 553 | Textile yarn and thread                         | 0.202       | 0.079       | -61                       |
| 554 | Cotton fabrics,woven ex.narrow or spec.fabrics  | 0.284       | 0.289       | 2                         |
| 562 | Text fabrics woven ex narrow, spec, not cotton  | 0           | 0.001       | -                         |
| 572 | Tulle, lace, embroidery, ribbons, trimmings     | 0.028       | 0.041       | 49                        |
| 582 | Special textile fabrics and related products    | 0.003       | 1.557       | 51670                     |
| 583 | Made up articles,wholly or chiefly of text.mat. | 0.000       | 0.497       | 55626                     |
| 584 | Floor coverings, tapestries, etc.               | 0.030       | 0.004       | -87                       |
| 585 | Lime,cement & fabr.bldg.mat. Ex glass/clay mat  | 0.034       | 6.210       | 17972                     |
| 591 | Clay and refractory construction materials      | 0           | 0.027       | -                         |
| 592 | Mineral manufactures, nes                       | 0.120       | 0.399       | 231                       |
| 598 | Glass   | 0.088       | 0.061       | -31                       |
| 611 | Glassware                                       | 20.25       | 13.89       | -31                       |
| 612 | Pottery   | 5.065       | 0.995       | -80                       |
| 613 | Pearls and precious and semi precious stones    | 0.001       | 0.164       | 8401                      |

| Sr. | Description   | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 621 | Pig iron, spiegeleisen, sponge iron etc             | 0.560       | 0.031       | -94                       |
| 625 | Ingots & other primary forms of iron or steel       | 0.041       | 0.051       | 22                        |
| 628 | Iron and steel bars, rods, angles, shapes, sections | 0.355       | 0.012       | -97                       |
| 633 | Universals, plates and sheets of iron or steel      | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 634 | Hoop and strip of iron or steel                     | 0.014       | 0.126       | 751                       |
| 635 | Rails & rly track constr mat. Of iron or steel      | 0.035       | 0.223       | 529                       |
| 641 | Iron and steel wire, excluding wire rod             | 0.043       | 0.194       | 349                       |
| 642 | Tubes, pipes and fittings of iron or steel          | 0.275       | 0.259       | -6                        |
| 651 | Iron steel castings forgings unworked, nes          | 13.32       | 23.67       | 78                        |
| 652 | Silver and platinum group metals                    | 28.36       | 49.60       | 75                        |
| 653 | Copper  | 0.429       | 8.583       | 1897                      |
| 654 | Nickel  | 14.41       | 0.251       | -98                       |
| 655 | Aluminium   | 0.228       | 1.164       | 409                       |
| 656 | Lead  | 1.148       | 0.825       | -28                       |
| 657 | Zinc  | 0.282       | 0.601       | 113                       |
| 658 | Tin   | 40.16       | 45.52       | 13                        |
| 659 | Uranium and thorium and their alloys                | 25.23       | 5.804       | -77                       |
| 661 | Miscell.non ferrous base metals                     | 0.003       | 12.01       | 365590                    |
| 662 | Finished structural parts and structures, nes       | 0.025       | 0.102       | 307                       |
| 663 | Metal containers for storage and transport          | 0.681       | 0.280       | -59                       |
| 664 | Wire products ex electric & fencing grills          | 0.243       | 0.141       | -42                       |
| 665 | Nails, screws, nuts, bolts, rivets and sim.articles | 0.233       | 0.209       | -10                       |
| 666 | Tools for use in the hand or in machines            | 0.046       | 0.137       | 196                       |
| 667 | Cutlery   | 0.103       | 0.015       | -85                       |
| 671 | Household equipment of base metals                  | 2.733       | 0.349       | -87                       |
| 672 | Manufactures of metal, nes                          | 0           | 0.034       | -                         |
| 673 | Power generating machinery, other than electric     | 0.014       | 0.062       | 344                       |
| 674 | Agricultural machinery and implements               | 0.000       | 0.005       | 1055                      |
| 675 | Office machines                                     | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 676 | Metalworking machinery                              | 0           | 0.177       | -                         |
| 677 | Textile and leather machinery                       | 0.000       | 0.006       | 578                       |
| 678 | Machines for special industries                     | 0.000       | 0.897       | 89887                     |
| 679 | Machinery and appliances non electrical parts       | 0           | 0.032       | -                         |
| 681 | Electric power machinery and switchgear             | 0.001       | 0.003       | 151                       |
| 682 | Equipment for distributing electricity              | 0.002       | 0.149       | 5157                      |
| 683 | Telecommunications apparatus                        | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 684 | Domestic electrical equipment                       | 4.011       | 0.015       | 38409                     |
| 685 | Elec.apparatus for medic.purp.,radiological ap.     | 0.035       | 1.655       | 4546                      |
| 686 | Other electrical machinery and apparatus            | 0           | 0.059       | -                         |
| 687 | Railway vehicles                                    | 0.004       | 0           | -                         |
| 688 | Road motor vehicles                                 | 0           | 0           | -                         |
| 689 | Road vehicles other than motor vehicles             | 0           | 0.009       | -                         |
| 691 | Aircraft  | 0.004       | 0.778       | 19148                     |
| 692 | Ships and boats                                     | 0.046       | 0.207       | 350                       |
| 693 | Sanitary, plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures     | 0.051       | 0.078       | 53                        |

| Sr. | Description                                     | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 694 | Furniture                                       | 0.042       | 0.020       | -51                       |
| 695 | Travel goods, handbags and similar articles     | 0.036       | 0.161       | 337                       |
| 696 | Clothing except fur clothing                    | 4.610       | 4.605       | 0                         |
| 697 | Fur clothing and articles of artificial fur     | 0.481       | 0.915       | 90                        |
| 699 | Footwear  | 0.073       | 0.044       | -40                       |
| 711 | Scientific,medical,optical,meas./contr.instrum. | 0.004       | 0.073       | 1376                      |
| 712 | Photographic and cinematographic supplies       | 0.010       | 0.185       | 1590                      |
| 713 | Developed cinematographic film                  | 0.026       | 0.150       | 468                       |
| 714 | Watches and clocks                              | 0.001       | 0.129       | 8457                      |
| 716 | Musical instruments,sound recorders and parts   | 0.034       | 0.157       | 357                       |
| 718 | Printed matter                                  | 0.300       | 0.012       | -96                       |
| 721 | Articles of artificial plastic materials nes    | 0.014       | 0.130       | 799                       |
| 722 | Perambulators,toys,games and sporting goods     | 0.004       | 0.693       | 13957                     |
| 723 | Office and stationery supplies, nes             | 0.297       | 0.104       | -65                       |
| 724 | Works of art,collectors pieces and antiques     | 0.192       | 0.393       | 105                       |
| 725 | Jewellery and gold/silver smiths wares          | 0.001       | 0.043       | 2543                      |
| 726 | Manufactured articles, nes                      | 0.008       | 0.080       | 966                       |
| 727 | Live animals                                    | 0.049       | 0.475       | 863                       |
| 728 | Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen                  | 0.039       | 0.027       | -30                       |
| 736 | Meat, dried, salted or smoked                   | 0.166       | 0.061       | -63                       |
| 737 | Meat in airtight containers nes & meat preptns  | 0.644       | 0.232       | -64                       |
| 741 | Milk and cream                                  | 0.041       | 0.051       | 23                        |
| 742 | Butter  | 0.033       | 0.035       | 7                         |
| 743 | Eggs  | 0.000       | 0.070       | 8528                      |
| 744 | Fish,fresh & simply preserved                   | 0.013       | 0.020       | 55                        |
| 745 | Fish, salted, dried or smoked                   | 0.016       | 0.064       | 296                       |
| 749 | Fish,in airtight containers,nes & fish preptns. | 0.008       | 0.007       | -7                        |
| 751 | Wheat including spelt and meslin, unmilled      | 0.030       | 0.002       | -93                       |
| 752 | Rice  | 0.005       | 0.003       | -28                       |
| 759 | Barley, unmilled                                | 0.003       | 0.006       | 110                       |
| 761 | Maize corn unmilled                             | 0           | 0.000       | -                         |
| 762 | Cereals,unmilled excl.wheat,rice,barley & maize | 0.012       | 0.000       | -95                       |
| 763 | Meal and flour of wheat or of meslin            | 0.010       | 0.002       | -77                       |
| 764 | Meal & flour of cereals,except wheat/meslin     | 0.031       | 0.065       | 108                       |
| 771 | Cereal preps & preps of flour of fruits & vegs  | 0.516       | 0.023       | -95                       |
| 772 | Fruit, fresh, and nuts excl. Oil nuts           | 0.016       | 0.012       | -21                       |
| 773 | Dried fruit including artificially dehydrated   | 0.071       | 0.012       | -83                       |
| 774 | Fruit,preserved and fruit preparations          | 0           | 0.003       | -                         |
| 775 | Vegetables, roots & tubers, fresh or dried      | 0.035       | 0.363       | 916                       |
| 776 | Vegetables, roots & tubers pres or prepared nes | 0.000       | 0.001       | 105                       |
| 778 | Sugar and honey                                 | 0.005       | 0.057       | 880                       |
| 781 | Coffee  | 0.009       | 0.002       | -74                       |
| 782 | Chocolate & other food preptns cont. Cocoa, nes | 0.024       | 0.035       | 44                        |
| 783 | Tea and mate                                    | 0.032       | 0.084       | 161                       |
| 784 | Spices  | 0.011       | 0.047       | 319                       |



| Sr. | Description                                     | RCA<br>1982 | RCA<br>2011 | % age<br>change<br>in RCA |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 785 | Feed. Stuff for animals excl.unmilled cereals   | 0.106       | 0.190       | 79                        |
| 786 | Margarine & shortening                          | 0.004       | 0.051       | 989                       |
| 791 | Non alcoholic beverages,nes                     | 0.181       | 0.041       | -77                       |
| 792 | Alcoholic beverages                             | 0.165       | 0.022       | -86                       |
| 793 | Tobacco, unmanufactured                         | 0.609       | 0.035       | -94                       |
| 812 | Tobacco manufactures                            | 0.058       | 0.087       | 49                        |
| 821 | Hides & skins, exc.fur skins undressed          | 0.077       | 0.418       | 441                       |
| 831 | Fur skins, undressed                            | 0.168       | 0.194       | 15                        |
| 842 | Oil seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels             | 1.963       | 11.44       | 483                       |
| 843 | Crude rubber incl.synthetic & reclaimed         | 3.321       | 4.859       | 46                        |
| 844 | Fuel wood & charcoal                            | 8.529       | 1.861       | -78                       |
| 845 | Wood in the rough or roughly squared            | 0.539       | 4.449       | 725                       |
| 846 | Wood,shaped or simply worked                    | 3.811       | 10.30       | 170                       |
| 847 | Cork, raw and waste                             | 4.101       | 11.74       | 186                       |
| 848 | Pulp & waste paper                              | 3.951       | 13.42       | 240                       |
| 851 | Silk  | 0.681       | 0.727       | 7                         |
| 871 | Wool and other animal hair                      | 0.021       | 0.001       | -93                       |
| 872 | Cotton  | 4.198       | 2.257       | -46                       |
| 873 | Jute  | 0.002       | 3.161       | -99                       |
| 874 | Vegetable fibres,except cotton and jute         | 0.083       | 0.033       | -60                       |
| 881 | Synthetic and regenerated artificial fibres     | 0.026       | 1.110       | -100                      |
| 882 | Waste materials from textile fabrics, incl.rags | 0.001       | 0.133       | 7106                      |
| 883 | Fertilizers, crude                              | 1.010       | 0           | -                         |
| 884 | Stone, sand and gravel                          | 0.228       | 0.011       | -95                       |
| 885 | Sulphur & unroasted iron pyrites                | 0           | 0.001       | -                         |
| 892 | Natural abrasives incl.industrial diamonds      | 0.637       | 0.068       | -89                       |
| 893 | Other crude minerals                            | 0.145       | 0.453       | 212                       |
| 894 | Iron and steel scrap                            | 2.611       | 1.501       | -43                       |
| 895 | Ores & concentrates of non ferrous base metals  | 0.126       | 0.237       | 87                        |
| 896 | Non ferrous metal scrap                         | 0           | 0.358       | -                         |
| 897 | Silver & platinum ores                          | 0.098       | 2.696       | 2651                      |
| 898 | Ores & concentrates of uranium & thorium        | 0.081       | 0.096       | 19                        |
| 899 | Crude animal materials,nes                      | 3.492       | 0.319       | -91                       |

TABLE A2

Total Share of Trade-Exports of Particular Sector in Total Exports of Pakistan

|      | Food and live animals | Beverages and tobacco | Crude materials (except fuels) | Mineral fuels and lubricants | Animal and vegetable oils and fats | Chemical products | Manufactured goods classified by material | Machinery and transport equipment | Miscellaneous manufactured articles |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|      | 0                     | 1                     | 2                              | 3                            | 4                                  | 5                 | 6   | 7                                 | 8                                   |
| 1982 | 19.40                 | 0.42                  | 14.56                          | 5.88                         | 0.02                               | 0.59              | 45.13                                     | 2.42                              | 10.17                               |
| 1983 | 20.75                 | 0.29                  | 12.99                          | 1.86                         | 0.00                               | 0.99              | 49.04                                     | 1.15                              | 11.64                               |
| 1984 | 21.30                 | 0.52                  | 7.96                           | 0.99                         | 0.00                               | 2.30              | 47.67                                     | 2.53                              | 15.41                               |
| 1985 | 16.66                 | 0.32                  | 18.34                          | 1.42                         | 0.00                               | 3.37              | 43.31                                     | 1.99                              | 13.67                               |
| 1986 | 14.77                 | 0.43                  | 16.55                          | 0.73                         | 0.00                               | 0.80              | 45.44                                     | 2.92                              | 18.01                               |
| 1987 | 13.10                 | 0.28                  | 13.32                          | 0.69                         | 0.08                               | 0.41              | 52.07                                     | 1.31                              | 18.51                               |
| 1988 | 13.47                 | 0.31                  | 19.13                          | 0.51                         | 0.00                               | 0.46              | 46.93                                     | 0.86                              | 18.06                               |
| 1989 | 11.29                 | 0.13                  | 17.45                          | 0.94                         | 0.00                               | 0.55              | 48.97                                     | 0.90                              | 19.40                               |
| 1990 | 8.73                  | 0.12                  | 10.82                          | 1.27                         | 0.00                               | 0.44              | 54.28                                     | 1.00                              | 23.11                               |
| 1991 | 9.89                  | 0.12                  | 9.15                           | 1.47                         | 0.01                               | 0.37              | 54.07                                     | 1.02                              | 23.58                               |
| 1992 | 9.56                  | 0.13                  | 9.98                           | 1.22                         | 0.00                               | 0.46              | 53.28                                     | 0.89                              | 24.20                               |
| 1993 | 9.21                  | 0.08                  | 4.75                           | 0.98                         | 0.04                               | 0.46              | 55.26                                     | 0.74                              | 28.18                               |
| 1994 | -                     | -                     | -                              | -                            | -                                  | -                 | -   | -                                 | -                                   |
| 1995 | 11.41                 | 0.06                  | 4.27                           | 0.98                         | 0.00                               | 0.67              | 56.19                                     | 0.54                              | 25.63                               |
| 1996 | 8.78                  | 0.02                  | 6.43                           | 0.76                         | 0.00                               | 0.78              | 56.30                                     | 0.59                              | 26.18                               |
| 1997 | 9.85                  | 0.04                  | 2.98                           | 0.86                         | 0.00                               | 0.55              | 56.27                                     | 1.26                              | 28.04                               |
| 1998 | 13.12                 | 0.07                  | 2.24                           | 0.32                         | 0.10                               | 0.72              | 53.66                                     | 1.05                              | 28.57                               |
| 1999 | 12.56                 | 0.06                  | 1.76                           | 0.92                         | 0.23                               | 0.82              | 53.60                                     | 1.21                              | 28.60                               |
| 2000 | 10.05                 | 0.07                  | 3.24                           | 1.43                         | 0.25                               | 1.59              | 52.40                                     | 1.04                              | 29.75                               |
| 2001 | 10.34                 | 0.09                  | 2.12                           | 2.13                         | 0.14                               | 1.75              | 52.54                                     | 1.16                              | 29.52                               |
| 2002 | 10.32                 | 0.08                  | 1.79                           | 1.92                         | 0.17                               | 2.05              | 52.59                                     | 1.13                              | 29.84                               |
| 2003 | 10.17                 | 0.14                  | 1.82                           | 2.29                         | 0.37                               | 2.36              | 52.35                                     | 1.30                              | 29.04                               |
| 2004 | 9.07                  | 0.16                  | 2.38                           | 2.71                         | 0.42                               | 2.17              | 49.69                                     | 3.86                              | 29.49                               |
| 2005 | 11.17                 | 0.17                  | 1.94                           | 4.20                         | 0.61                               | 3.03              | 48.70                                     | 1.82                              | 28.29                               |
| 2006 | 10.94                 | 0.19                  | 1.82                           | 4.97                         | 0.59                               | 2.56              | 48.52                                     | 1.91                              | 28.43                               |
| 2007 | 10.96                 | 0.11                  | 2.15                           | 5.57                         | 0.61                               | 2.58              | 46.79                                     | 4.47                              | 26.53                               |
| 2008 | 16.73                 | 0.09                  | 2.47                           | 6.06                         | 0.83                               | 3.54              | 42.15                                     | 2.82                              | 25.24                               |
| 2009 | 15.53                 | 0.14                  | 2.77                           | 4.06                         | 0.55                               | 3.76              | 43.99                                     | 2.34                              | 26.81                               |

|             | Food and live animals | Beverages and tobacco | Crude materials (except fuels) | Mineral fuels and lubricants | Animal and vegetable oils and fats | Chemical products | Manufactured goods classified by material | Machinery and transport equipment | Miscellaneous manufactured articles |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2010</b> | 15.86                 | 0.15                  | 3.15                           | 5.60                         | 0.40                               | 3.81              | 42.94                                     | 2.64                              | 25.40                               |
| <b>2011</b> | 18.24                 | 0.23                  | 3.64                           | 5.18                         | 0.76                               | 4.43              | 41.82                                     | 1.76                              | 23.92                               |

TABLE A3  
No of RCA of Pakistan over the sample period 1982-2011

|      | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | C.V |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| < 1  | 47   | 44   | 48   | 54   | 51   | 45   | 47   | 47   | 48   | 44   | 46   | 48   | 0    | 47   | 47   | 46   | 48   | 50   | 54   | 52   | 52   | 57   | 60   | 56   | 56   | 60   | 59   | 65   | 67   | 56   | .09 |
| < 2  | 34   | 34   | 38   | 41   | 37   | 34   | 34   | 35   | 35   | 34   | 33   | 37   | 0    | 36   | 33   | 34   | 37   | 41   | 41   | 38   | 38   | 38   | 39   | 42   | 42   | 41   | 42   | 40   | 40   | 40   | .04 |
| < 3  | 28   | 28   | 30   | 34   | 26   | 25   | 30   | 26   | 26   | 26   | 25   | 33   | 0    | 28   | 25   | 26   | 29   | 29   | 31   | 25   | 28   | 30   | 33   | 31   | 31   | 31   | 33   | 30   | 30   | 32   | .07 |
| < 4  | 22   | 22   | 24   | 25   | 22   | 22   | 24   | 24   | 22   | 19   | 18   | 19   | 0    | 21   | 20   | 20   | 21   | 19   | 22   | 20   | 21   | 25   | 26   | 27   | 27   | 25   | 28   | 25   | 27   | 27   | .12 |
| < 5  | 16   | 16   | 22   | 19   | 17   | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18   | 17   | 17   | 17   | 0    | 19   | 16   | 16   | 20   | 18   | 20   | 18   | 20   | 22   | 24   | 22   | 21   | 21   | 24   | 22   | 24   | 22   | .09 |
| < 10 | 12   | 10   | 11   | 10   | 11   | 11   | 10   | 11   | 12   | 11   | 11   | 11   | 0    | 9    | 11   | 10   | 10   | 9    | 11   | 12   | 10   | 11   | 10   | 12   | 13   | 12   | 15   | 12   | 13   | 13   | .14 |
| < 20 | 5    | 4    | 4    | 6    | 5    | 5    | 6    | 4    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 0    | 4    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 5    | 7    | 6    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 6    | 7    | 6    | 6    | 5    | 5    | 5    | .22 |
| < 30 | 2    | 2    | 1    | 3    | 3    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 0    | 2    | 4    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | .09 |
| < 40 | 2    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | .19 |
| < 50 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 0    | .54 |

TABLE A4  
OECD (Consortium economies): Aggregated and disaggregated level having comparative advantage (Indices >1)

| Country\Year | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Belgium      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| France       | 139  | 130  | 134  | 153  | 139  | 135  | 124  | 130  | 130  | 131  | 128  | 135  | 132  | 131  | 137  |
| Germany      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 131  | 123  | 121  | 120  | 120  | 113  |
| Italy        | 105  | 106  | 109  | 118  | 109  | 105  | 102  | 106  | 99   | 103  | 101  | 102  | 99   | 108  | 114  |
| Netherlands  | 88   | 86   | 87   | 110  | 115  | 119  | 118  | 118  | 119  | 118  | 116  | 119  | 128  | 119  | 121  |
| U.K.         | 170  | 152  | 153  | 177  | 163  | 176  | 168  | 170  | 173  | 156  | 163  | 157  | 167  | 159  | 163  |
| Norway       | 41   | 45   | 40   | 41   | 48   | 54   | 57   | 53   | 50   | 47   | 46   | 39   | 39   | 39   | 37   |
| Sweden       | 101  | 92   | 95   | 102  | 102  | 99   | 92   | 88   | 92   | 93   | 97   | 98   | 96   | 83   | 79   |
| Japan        | 89   | 85   | 87   | 85   | 73   | 73   | 75   | 75   | 75   | 75   | 73   | 73   | 75   | 76   | 78   |

| Cont...      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Country\Year | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Belgium      | 0    | 0    | 124  | 127  | 120  | 116  | 114  | 128  | 118  | 120  | 118  | 133  | 130  | 131  | 105  |
| France       | 132  | 126  | 130  | 135  | 132  | 132  | 131  | 131  | 131  | 135  | 138  | 141  | 132  | 137  | 114  |
| Germany      | 116  | 113  | 117  | 121  | 111  | 123  | 114  | 110  | 123  | 131  | 120  | 125  | 122  | 123  | 117  |
| Italy        | 112  | 109  | 118  | 131  | 120  | 126  | 125  | 126  | 129  | 135  | 129  | 134  | 141  | 148  | 138  |
| Netherlands  | 126  | 127  | 124  | 107  | 101  | 106  | 115  | 103  | 110  | 107  | 108  | 108  | 108  | 106  | 0    |
| U.K.         | 173  | 177  | 167  | 152  | 136  | 142  | 123  | 118  | 112  | 102  | 85   | 68   | 60   | 65   | 0    |
| Norway       | 36   | 42   | 45   | 32   | 34   | 35   | 33   | 30   | 28   | 25   | 29   | 23   | 33   | 29   | 22   |
| Sweden       | 81   | 85   | 95   | 91   | 101  | 101  | 98   | 97   | 96   | 97   | 94   | 103  | 108  | 103  | 91   |
| Japan        | 76   | 78   | 82   | 79   | 82   | 77   | 80   | 74   | 80   | 79   | 79   | 78   | 91   | 80   | 78   |

TABLE A5  
Asian economies: Aggregated and disaggregated level having comparative advantage (Indices >1)

| Country\Year | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pakistan     | 47   | 44   | 48   | 54   | 51   | 45   | 47   | 47   | 48   | 44   | 46   | 48   | 0    | 47   | 47   |
| Azerbaijan   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 37   |
| Armenia      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Bahrain      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 24   | 26   | 39   |
| Bangladesh   | 31   | 29   | 23   | 32   | 31   | 31   | 29   | 35   | 31   | 29   | 36   | 33   | 33   | 33   | 32   |
| Bhutan       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 23   | 30   | 32   | 27   | 0    | 0    |
| Brunei       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 6    | 6    | 6    | 7    | 7    | 0    | 0    |
| Cambodia     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| China        | 0    | 0    | 21   | 59   | 57   | 105  | 105  | 110  | 113  | 107  | 122  | 123  | 124  | 116  | 120  |
| India        | 76   | 69   | 66   | 86   | 72   | 69   | 75   | 83   | 86   | 86   | 86   | 86   | 87   | 89   | 99   |
| Indonesia    | 25   | 27   | 29   | 40   | 51   | 55   | 58   | 62   | 62   | 66   | 69   | 72   | 72   | 76   | 79   |
| Iran         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Iraq         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Israel       | 64   | 68   | 69   | 72   | 72   | 77   | 68   | 67   | 86   | 65   | 65   | 58   | 66   | 65   | 65   |
| Jordan       | 66   | 51   | 52   | 51   | 48   | 58   | 49   | 49   | 54   | 65   | 50   | 59   | 53   | 63   | 0    |
| Kazakhstan   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 62   | 55   |
| Kuwait       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 80   | 78   | 78   | 9    | 16   | 6    | 6    | 10   | 8    | 9    |
| Kyrgyzstan   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 72   | 91   |
| Lebanon      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Malaysia     | 35   | 38   | 39   | 40   | 52   | 65   | 53   | 57   | 56   | 60   | 61   | 58   | 56   | 53   | 52   |
| Maldives     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 17   | 16   |

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|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| Mongolia     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 32 |
| Nepal        | 27 | 40 | 36 | 48 | 52 | 37 | 39 | 39 | 35 | 37 | 36  | 32 | 38 | 40 | 39 |
| North Korea  | 82 | 76 | 69 | 75 | 75 | 73 | 74 | 77 | 76 | 73 | 78  | 81 | 76 | 74 | 72 |
| Oman         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 62 | 47 | 80 | 88  | 92 | 90 | 85 | 93 |
| Philippines  | 47 | 50 | 49 | 67 | 98 | 62 | 63 | 67 | 67 | 78 | 67  | 66 | 67 | 66 | 66 |
| Qatar        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 17 | 17 | 17 | 15  | 18 | 21 | 19 | 17 |
| Saudi Arabia | 5  | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  | 0  | 25 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 19  | 17 | 13 | 18 | 18 |
| Singapore    | 49 | 57 | 51 | 57 | 59 | 47 | 67 | 72 | 59 | 61 | 64  | 57 | 50 | 48 | 44 |
| Sri Lanka    | 46 | 38 | 36 | 45 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 53 | 50 | 52 | 51  | 53 | 57 | 0  | 0  |
| Syria        | 31 | 31 | 31 | 26 | 34 | 35 | 0  | 43 | 42 | 0  | 34  | 0  | 0  | 46 | 36 |
| Tajikistan   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Thailand     | 62 | 65 | 63 | 80 | 74 | 81 | 0  | 86 | 89 | 90 | 87  | 93 | 90 | 89 | 93 |
| Turkey       | 0  | 0  | 0  | 96 | 83 | 83 | 88 | 88 | 7  | 81 | 102 | 86 | 84 | 91 | 96 |
| Turkmenistan | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| UAE          | 0  | 0  | 78 | 86 | 84 | 0  | 83 | 38 | 87 | 31 | 30  | 30 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Vietnam      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Yemen        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 15 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 13 | 11 |

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| Country\Year | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pakistan     | 46   | 48   | 50   | 54   | 52   | 52   | 57   | 60   | 56   | 56   | 60   | 59   | 65   | 67   | 56   |
| Azerbaijan   | 43   | 38   | 31   | 23   | 18   | 22   | 29   | 32   | 35   | 29   | 27   | 8    | 15   | 13   | 11   |
| Armenia      | 18   | 0    | 57   | 51   | 49   | 42   | 44   | 42   | 42   | 44   | 46   | 49   | 47   | 46   | 37   |
| Bahrain      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 16   | 20   | 20   | 17   | 15   | 14   | 11   | 11   | 25   | 25   | 19   | 32   |
| Bangladesh   | 31   | 32   | 0    | 30   | 33   | 30   | 31   | 33   | 43   | 40   | 40   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Bhutan       | 0    | 33   | 36   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 42   | 37   | 36   | 12   | 24   | 28   | 0    |
| Brunei       | 9    | 9    | 0    | 0    | 9    | 8    | 8    | 8    | 0    | 5    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Cambodia     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 13   | 14   | 12   | 6    | 10   | 9    | 10   | 11   | 11   | 11   | 14   | 0    |
| China        | 114  | 115  | 119  | 123  | 118  | 112  | 110  | 110  | 110  | 110  | 112  | 117  | 111  | 112  | 112  |
| India        | 97   | 91   | 97   | 112  | 111  | 107  | 111  | 113  | 111  | 117  | 129  | 119  | 98   | 109  | 87   |
| Indonesia    | 68   | 74   | 92   | 96   | 95   | 95   | 92   | 93   | 86   | 90   | 85   | 82   | 78   | 79   | 71   |
| Iran         | 17   | 27   | 23   | 19   | 30   | 22   | 21   | 15   | 22   | 28   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 38   | 0    |
| Iraq         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 6    | 7    | 6    | 0    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 0    | 0    |
| Israel       | 62   | 61   | 60   | 53   | 47   | 50   | 51   | 47   | 52   | 51   | 70   | 0    | 60   | 58   | 55   |
| Jordan       | 65   | 64   | 74   | 111  | 81   | 70   | 71   | 71   | 74   | 72   | 68   | 70   | 78   | 73   | 62   |
| Kazakhstan   | 55   | 47   | 44   | 42   | 43   | 43   | 49   | 47   | 41   | 39   | 39   | 40   | 40   | 35   | 0    |
| Kuwait       | 12   | 17   | 15   | 11   | 11   | 13   | 13   | 11   | 0    | 10   | 10   | 10   | 12   | 0    | 0    |
| Kyrgyzstan   | 0    | 54   | 52   | 50   | 48   | 58   | 57   | 58   | 61   | 67   | 63   | 48   | 45   | 46   | 37   |

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|--------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Lebanon      | 99 | 98 | 96 | 97  | 96  | 104 | 97  | 97  | 97  | 97  | 100 | 100 | 91  | 83  | 68 |
| Malaysia     | 49 | 46 | 43 | 44  | 50  | 46  | 46  | 51  | 54  | 54  | 53  | 61  | 69  | 66  | 70 |
| Maldives     | 16 | 15 | 17 | 15  | 15  | 16  | 14  | 19  | 16  | 10  | 11  | 10  | 13  | 11  | 10 |
| Mongolia     | 30 | 32 | 32 | 27  | 25  | 26  | 28  | 31  | 28  | 25  | 22  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| Nepal        | 40 | 39 | 57 | 41  | 0   | 0   | 26  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 78  | 77  | 0  |
| North Korea  | 71 | 69 | 73 | 74  | 73  | 64  | 63  | 59  | 64  | 66  | 65  | 67  | 72  | 70  | 64 |
| Oman         | 90 | 89 | 92 | 89  | 84  | 83  | 93  | 96  | 94  | 102 | 105 | 105 | 99  | 11  | 96 |
| Philippines  | 63 | 49 | 37 | 43  | 45  | 42  | 45  | 46  | 51  | 56  | 51  | 55  | 54  | 50  | 48 |
| Qatar        | 0  | 16 | 13 | 15  | 9   | 15  | 14  | 17  | 12  | 14  | 15  | 11  | 12  | 0   | 16 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0  | 20 | 17 | 10  | 15  | 23  | 17  | 16  | 15  | 14  | 15  | 14  | 14  | 15  | 0  |
| Singapore    | 48 | 48 | 46 | 44  | 47  | 54  | 54  | 50  | 45  | 44  | 44  | 48  | 43  | 46  | 44 |
| Sri Lanka    | 0  | 0  | 51 | 53  | 50  | 52  | 57  | 69  | 62  | 71  | 68  | 67  | 62  | 62  | 53 |
| Syria        | 39 | 38 | 36 | 32  | 19  | 34  | 41  | 51  | 51  | 63  | 63  | 75  | 72  | 65  | 0  |
| Tajikistan   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 30  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| Thailand     | 90 | 96 | 96 | 102 | 102 | 109 | 108 | 107 | 107 | 105 | 100 | 111 | 104 | 105 | 90 |
| Turkey       | 96 | 0  | 94 | 100 | 108 | 96  | 93  | 94  | 99  | 101 | 103 | 107 | 106 | 108 | 99 |
| Turkmenistan | 26 | 29 | 26 | 24  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| UAE          | 0  | 0  | 37 | 29  | 33  | 21  | 22  | 19  | 23  | 26  | 24  | 20  | 19  | 17  | 0  |
| Vietnam      | 56 | 49 | 55 | 65  | 71  | 69  | 66  | 63  | 69  | 79  | 81  | 78  | 82  | 90  | 0  |
| Yemen        | 16 | 21 | 16 | 14  | 12  | 14  | 10  | 19  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 20  | 21  | 30  | 21 |

**TABLE A6**  
Latin economies: Aggregated and disaggregated level having comparative advantage (Indices >1)

| <b>Country\Year</b> | <b>1982</b> | <b>1983</b> | <b>1984</b> | <b>1985</b> | <b>1986</b> | <b>1987</b> | <b>1988</b> | <b>1989</b> | <b>1990</b> | <b>1991</b> | <b>1992</b> | <b>1993</b> | <b>1994</b> | <b>1995</b> | <b>1996</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Argentina           | 46          | 38          | 40          | 58          | 63          | 69          | 70          | 75          | 78          | 69          | 67          | 73          | 77          | 89          | 74          |
| Belize              | 0           | 62          | 64          | 75          | 79          | 76          | 82          | 77          | 84          | 89          | 90          | 94          | 92          | 95          | 95          |
| Chile               | 0           | 32          | 31          | 41          | 46          | 47          | 46          | 49          | 45          | 47          | 50          | 59          | 61          | 55          | 57          |
| Colombia            | 43          | 39          | 33          | 46          | 38          | 42          | 47          | 50          | 49          | 61          | 67          | 63          | 59          | 65          | 61          |
| Costa Rica          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 50          | 49          | 57          | 58          | 64          | 60          | 69          | 70          | 65          | 62          | 68          |
| Cuba                | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Dominican Republic  | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 48          | 49          | 51          | 47          | 16          |
| Ecuador             | 19          | 11          | 16          | 24          | 24          | 23          | 22          | 25          | 22          | 25          | 26          | 28          | 28          | 30          | 33          |
| El Salvador         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 32          | 40          | 34          | 50          | 52          | 62          | 78          | 73          | 70          | 75          | 74          |
| Guadeloupe          | 27          | 22          | 20          | 32          | 23          | 30          | 24          | 26          | 27          | 24          | 31          | 28          | 28          | 27          | 0           |
| Guatemala           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 49          | 64          | 66          | 66          | 67          | 72          | 79          | 79          | 74          | 67          | 71          |
| Guyana              | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |

|                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Haiti               | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 39          | 40          | 34          | 45          | 39          | 38          | 38          | 38          | 40          |
| Honduras            | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 31          | 31          | 41          | 47          | 46          | 45          | 50          | 45          | 51          | 39          | 58          |
| Jamaica             | 31          | 34          | 31          | 43          | 42          | 41          | 44          | 40          | 38          | 39          | 39          | 38          | 38          | 38          | 37          |
| Mexico              | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 71          | 59          | 65          | 63          | 61          | 70          | 76          | 75          | 74          | 76          | 73          |
| Nicaragua           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Paraguay            | 0           | 30          | 27          | 28          | 36          | 37          | 38          | 38          | 38          | 36          | 38          | 40          | 50          | 45          | 48          |
| Peru                | 41          | 38          | 42          | 49          | 47          | 49          | 47          | 61          | 56          | 56          | 55          | 57          | 53          | 55          | 58          |
| Uruguay             | 0           | 52          | 55          | 64          | 58          | 71          | 73          | 79          | 80          | 74          | 73          | 65          | 70          | 71          | 75          |
| Venezuela           | 8           | 6           | 8           | 20          | 12          | 8           | 15          | 14          | 16          | 23          | 22          | 24          | 20          | 28          | 23          |
| USA                 | 114         | 111         | 108         | 119         | 108         | 101         | 104         | 101         | 107         | 111         | 107         | 107         | 116         | 115         | 117         |
| <b>Cont...</b>      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Country\Year</b> | <b>1997</b> | <b>1998</b> | <b>1999</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>2001</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2003</b> | <b>2004</b> | <b>2005</b> | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2011</b> |
| Argentina           | 85          | 85          | 96          | 98          | 96          | 93          | 85          | 94          | 94          | 99          | 87          | 84          | 85          | 82          | 63          |
| Belize              | 95          | 91          | 98          | 104         | 101         | 94          | 100         | 99          | 98          | 95          | 99          | 86          | 93          | 86          | 62          |
| Chile               | 56          | 63          | 62          | 59          | 63          | 64          | 63          | 59          | 59          | 54          | 51          | 60          | 61          | 59          | 48          |
| Colombia            | 62          | 67          | 68          | 72          | 81          | 80          | 78          | 84          | 72          | 76          | 79          | 75          | 64          | 44          | 31          |
| Costa Rica          | 70          | 70          | 59          | 65          | 70          | 68          | 66          | 74          | 82          | 72          | 69          | 81          | 59          | 80          | 63          |
| Cuba                | 0           | 0           | 36          | 33          | 33          | 36          | 38          | 40          | 34          | 27          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Dominican Republic  | 18          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 66          | 55          | 55          | 49          | 54          | 59          | 64          | 77          | 77          | 80          | 70          |
| Ecuador             | 36          | 40          | 44          | 47          | 56          | 49          | 51          | 44          | 44          | 42          | 45          | 45          | 50          | 48          | 33          |
| El Salvador         | 76          | 83          | 91          | 46          | 42          | 44          | 45          | 55          | 66          | 75          | 74          | 78          | 73          | 72          | 0           |
| Guadeloupe          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Guatemala           | 68          | 75          | 77          | 81          | 91          | 81          | 89          | 90          | 86          | 89          | 85          | 86          | 84          | 85          | 69          |
| Guyana              | 21          | 25          | 25          | 28          | 34          | 37          | 39          | 36          | 39          | 38          | 41          | 34          | 34          | 31          | 31          |
| Haiti               | 40          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Honduras            | 54          | 60          | 68          | 66          | 61          | 69          | 70          | 68          | 68          | 61          | 69          | 0           | 73          | 0           | 0           |
| Jamaica             | 39          | 37          | 36          | 39          | 39          | 36          | 36          | 33          | 32          | 32          | 31          | 32          | 44          | 46          | 0           |
| Mexico              | 77          | 80          | 72          | 70          | 66          | 69          | 72          | 76          | 78          | 69          | 71          | 74          | 79          | 74          | 57          |
| Nicaragua           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Paraguay            | 52          | 51          | 50          | 56          | 52          | 51          | 46          | 47          | 51          | 58          | 56          | 45          | 50          | 51          | 43          |
| Peru                | 61          | 61          | 61          | 60          | 67          | 58          | 58          | 57          | 55          | 53          | 53          | 58          | 59          | 58          | 44          |
| Uruguay             | 77          | 81          | 78          | 79          | 81          | 69          | 72          | 77          | 79          | 83          | 83          | 75          | 70          | 0           | 0           |
| Venezuela           | 26          | 36          | 31          | 20          | 25          | 34          | 26          | 25          | 18          | 9           | 0           | 8           | 6           | 7           | 1           |
| USA                 | 118         | 114         | 113         | 123         | 128         | 130         | 130         | 135         | 135         | 140         | 130         | 132         | 126         | 137         | 110         |