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## Understanding Inflation Dynamics of the Japanese Economy

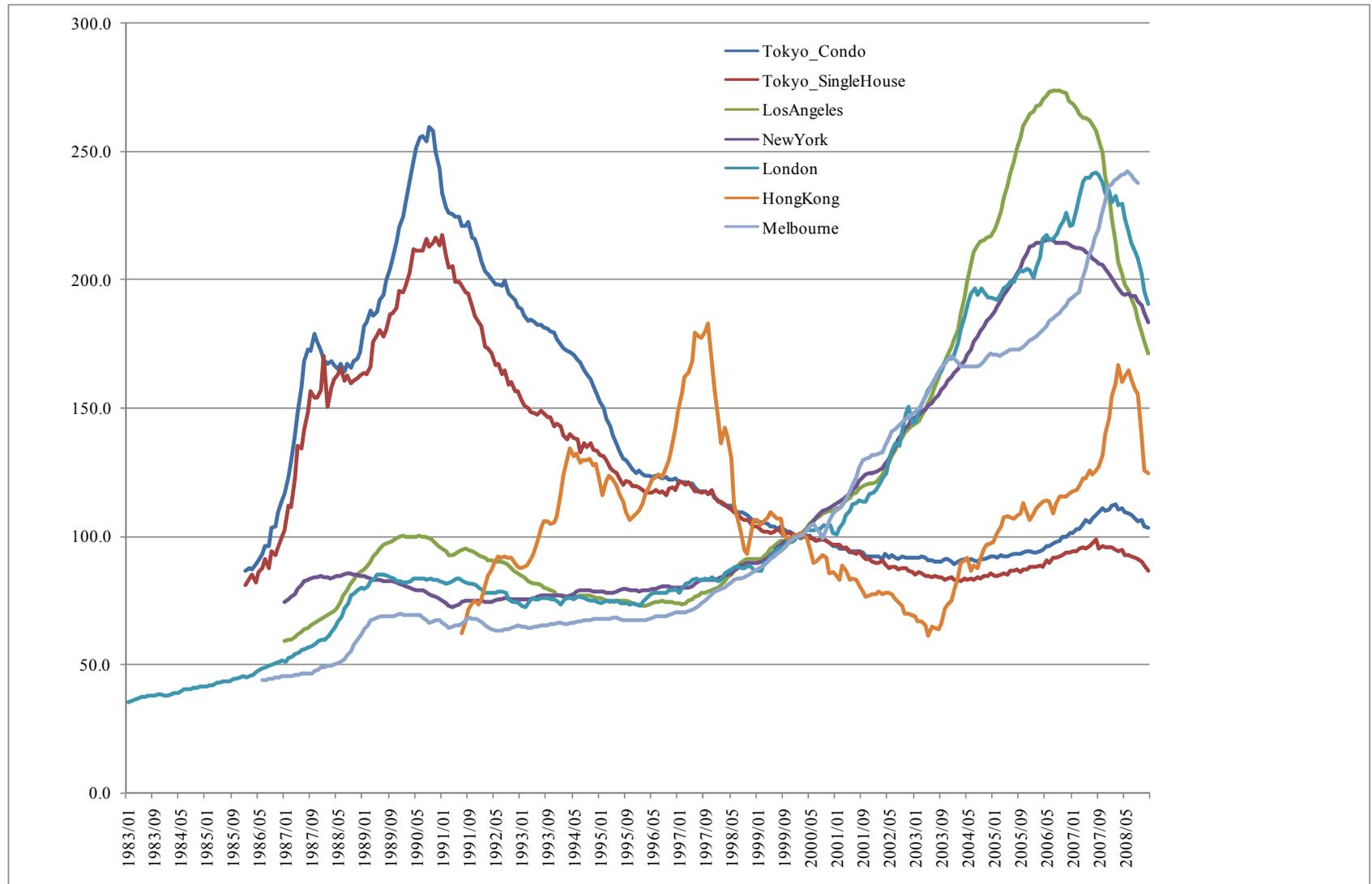
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# House Prices and Rents in Tokyo

- A Comparison of Repeat-sales and Hedonic measures-

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## 2.2.Causality of House Price index between Major Cities.



## Hedonic method and Repeat sales method

- The location, history and facilities of each house are *different* from each other in **varying degrees**.
- Houses have “*particularity with few equivalents.*”
- **Quality-Adjustment Methodology** in House Price Index
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- → Hedonic method and Repeat sales method

## Problems for the repeat sales method

- (i) there is *sample selection bias* (Clapp and Giaccotto 1992);
- (ii) the assumption that there are *no changes in property characteristics* and their parameters during the transaction period is unrealistic (Case and Shiller, 1987, 1989; Clapp and Giaccotto, 1992, 1998, 1999; Goodman and Thibodeau, 1998; Case et al. 1991).

## Problems for the hedonic method

- (i) there is an *omitted variable bias* (Case and Quigley 1991; Ekeland, Heckman and Nesheim 2004; Shimizu 2009);
- (ii) the assumption of *no structural change* is unrealistic (Case et al. 1991; Clapp et al. 1991; Clapp and Giaccotto 1992, 1998; Shimizu and Nishimura 2006, 2007, Shimizu, Takatsuji, Ono, and Nishimura 2007).

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# House Price Transaction Samples

$P_{i,t}$  : property  $i$ , transaction time  $t$ , \*Repeat Sales Samples

Time										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1*	$P_{1,1}$			$P_{1,4}$					$P_{1,9}$	
2								$P_{2,8}$		
3*		$P_{3,2}$		$P_{3,4}$			$P_{3,7}$			$P_{3,10}$
4						$P_{4,6}$				
5		$P_{5,2}$								
6					$P_{6,5}$					
7*			$P_{7,3}$				$P_{7,7}$			
8				$P_{8,4}$						
.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
n*								$P_{n,8}$		$P_{n,10}$

# Repeat Sales Method and Hedonic Method

- Traditional Hedonic Model ( pooling data )

$$\ln P_{it} = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k X_{ikt} + \sum_{s=1}^{\tau} \delta_s D_s + \varepsilon_{it} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \ln(\hat{P}_t / \hat{P}_{t-1}) = \hat{\delta}_t - \hat{\delta}_{t-1}$$

- $\hat{\delta}_t$  : *Time Dummy Parameter*  House Price Index

- Traditional Repeat Sales Model ( Bailey, Muth and Nourse 1963 A.S.A.J; RS<sub>BMN</sub> )

$$\ln P_{ht_1} = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k X_{hk} + \delta_1 + \delta_{t_1} + \varepsilon_{ht_1}$$

$$\ln P_{ht_2} = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k X_{hk} + \delta_1 + \delta_{t_2} + \varepsilon_{ht_2}$$

$$\Longrightarrow \ln(P_{ht_2} / P_{ht_1}) = \delta_{t_2} - \delta_{t_1} + (\varepsilon_{ht_2} - \varepsilon_{ht_1})$$

## Adjustment to Repeat Sales Index

- **Case-Shiller adjustment:**
- Case and Shiller (1987, 1989) have proposed a model in which a GLS estimation is performed taking account of *heteroscedasticity*.
  
- **Age-adjustment to repeat sales index:**
- The number of years for which are houses in the market is remarkably short(**Average age is under 30years!**), the *depreciation problem* is potentially significant in Japan.
- To take account of the *age effect*, we estimate Age-adjustment to repeat sales index which indicates in section 2.4.

# Adjustment to Hedonic Index

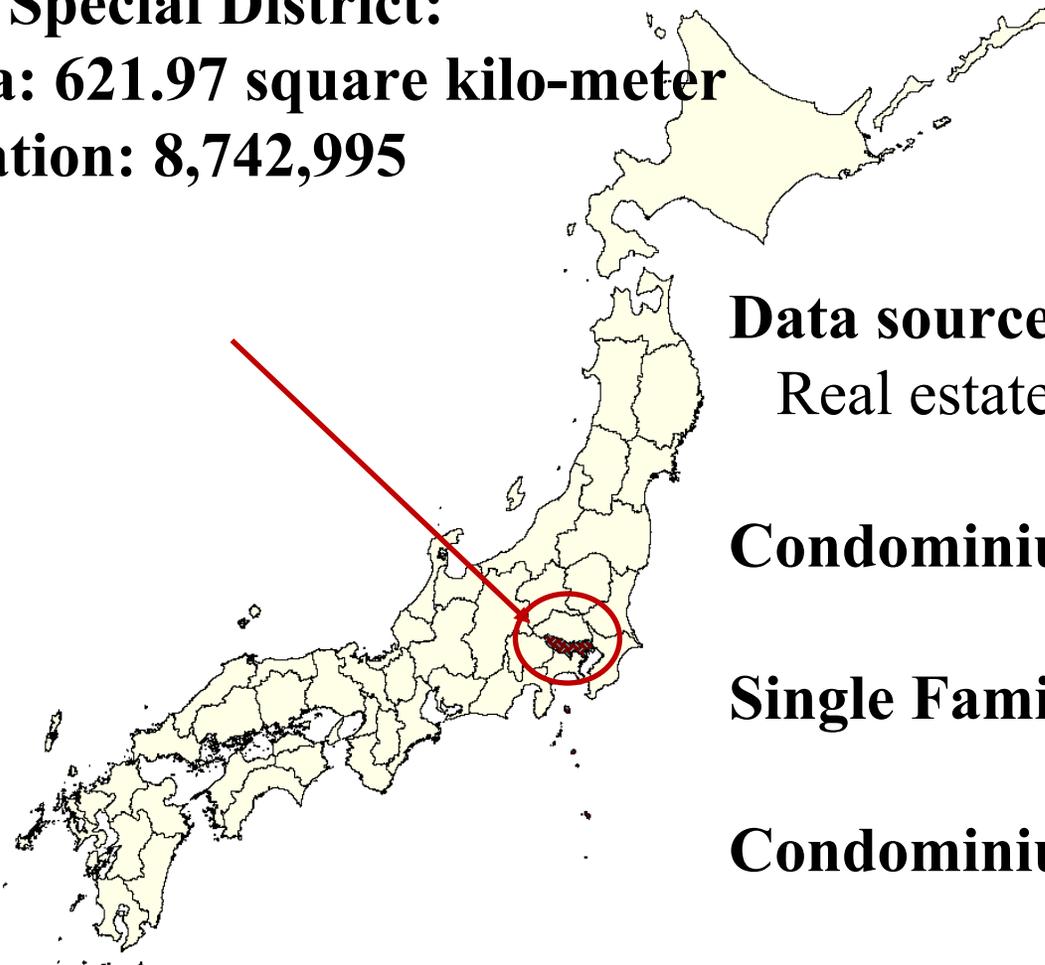
- **Structural-change adjustment to hedonic :**
- We estimated hedonic model *considering structural change* by **Overlapping Period Hedonic Model**; OPHM, proposed by Shimizu et.al(2007).
- OPHM may be more appropriate to estimate regression coefficients on the basis of a process of successive changes by taking a certain **length as the estimation “window”**, by shifting this period in a way of **rolling regressions**, in essence similar to moving averages.

## 2. Data Properties.

### Tokyo Special District:

**Area: 621.97 square kilo-meter**

**Population: 8,742,995**



### Data source:

Real estate advertisement magazine  
(1986-2008: 23 years)

### Condominium Price:

157,627 samples

### Single Family House Price:

315,791 samples

### Condominium Rent:

1,139,043 samples

**Table 2. Summary statistics of housing prices and rents.**

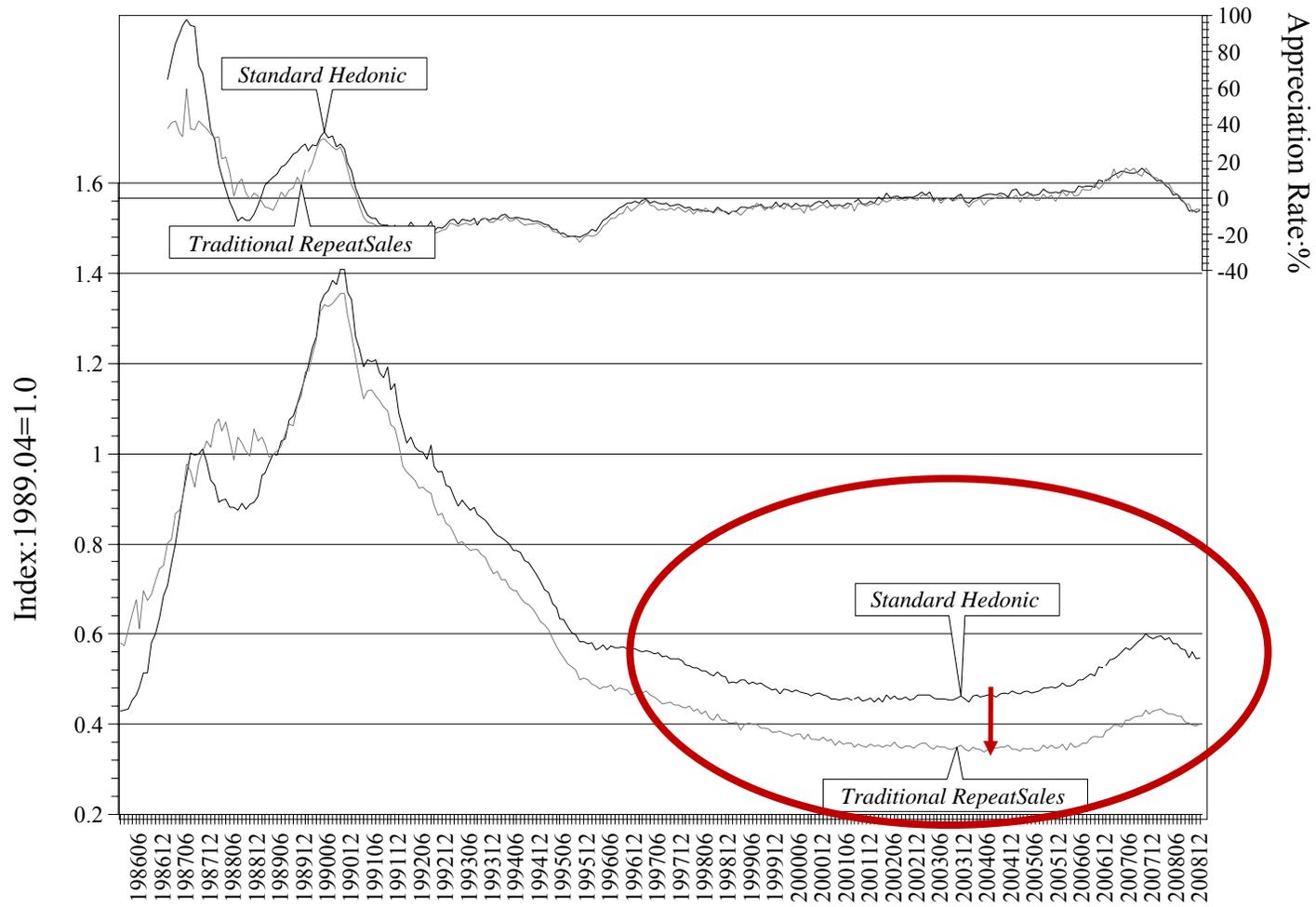
Variables	Condominium(Asset Price)		Single Family(Asset Price)		Condominium(Rent Price)	
	Hedonic	Repeat Sales	Hedonic	Repeat Sales	Hedonic	Repeat Sales
Price of Condominium/Single Family (10,000 Yen) , Rent of Condominium(Yen/month)	3,862.26 (3,190.83)	4,463.43 (4284.10)	7,950.65 (8275.04)	7,635.24 (7055.96)	136,229.50 (116,436)	156,260.13 (122366.20)
<i>FS</i> : Floor space (m <sup>2</sup> )	58.31 (21.47)	59.54 (24.09)	102.53 (43.47)	105.82 (45.60)	40.54 (26.63)	44.97 (26.84)
<i>GA</i> : Ground Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	- -	- -	108.20 (71.19)	101.41 (63.17)	- -	- -
<i>Age</i> :Age of Building(months)	166.82 (101.17)	180.20 (101.35)	162.19 (102.66)	63.79 (99.39)	134.09 (89.27)	105.35 (80.86)
<i>TS</i> : Time to the nearest station: (minutes)	7.96 (4.43)	7.77 (4.28)	9.85 (4.54)	9.60 (4.37)	7.28 (4.03)	6.92 (3.92)
<i>TT</i> : Travel Time to Central Business District (minutes)	12.58 (7.09)	10.73 (6.88)	13.23 (6.34)	11.89 (6.18)	10.20 (6.48)	9.28 (6.28)
1986/01-2008/12	n=157,627	n=67,436	n=315,791	n=19,428	n=1,139,043	n=305,557

## 4 Estimation Results

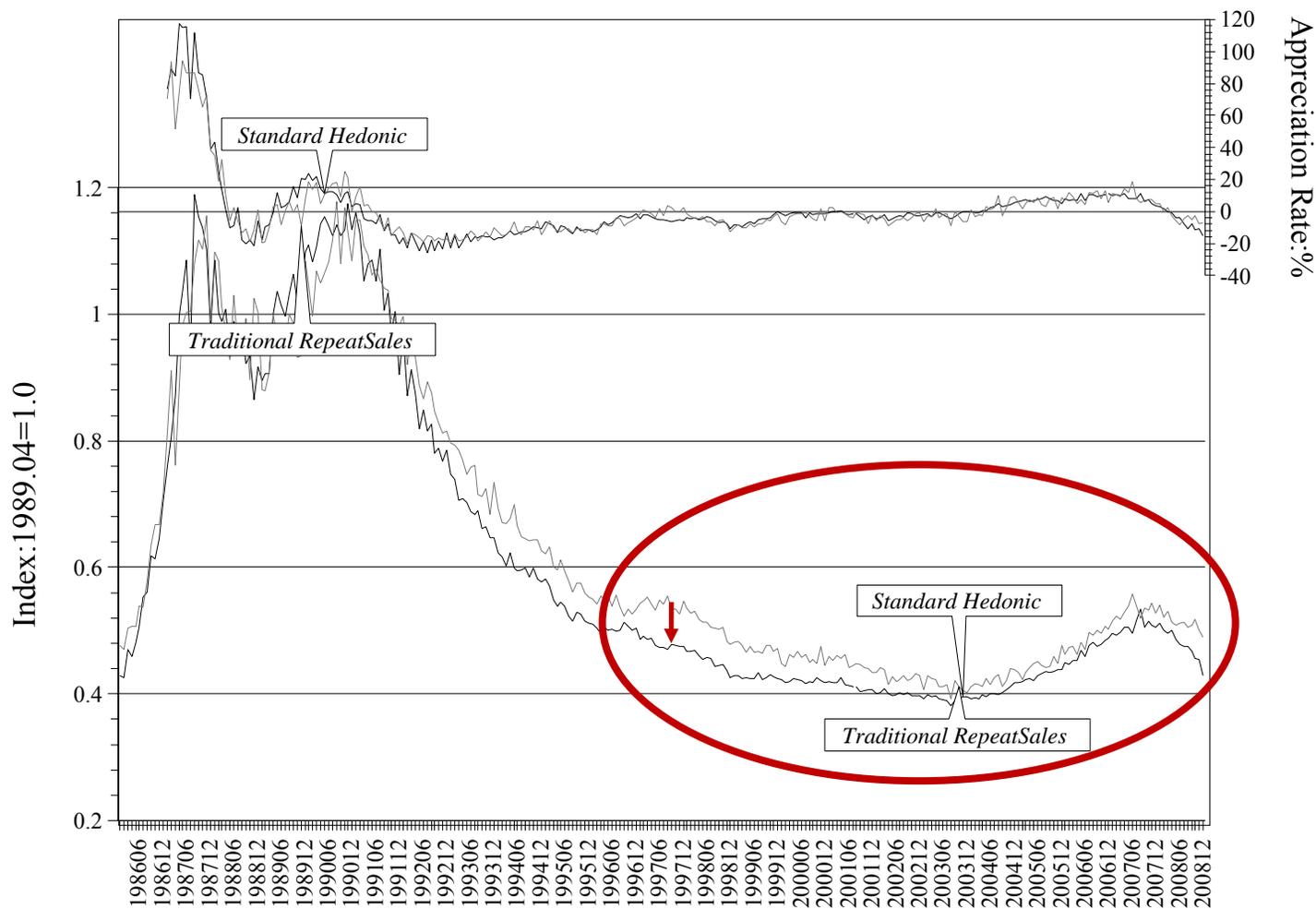
### Table 3: Results of hedonic regressions

Estimation Method	OLS					
Dependent Variable	Logarithm of Price or Rent per m <sup>2</sup>					
Independent Variables	Condominium(Price)		Single Family(Price)		Condominium(Rent)	
Variables	coefficient	t-value	coefficient	t-value	coefficient	t-value
Constant	4.470	358.778	4.615	378.620	8.951	826.498
<i>FS</i> : Floor space (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.029	25.340	0.002	125.046	-0.191	-762.560
<i>GA</i> : Ground Area (m <sup>2</sup> )			0.002	213.860	-	-
<i>Age</i> : Age of Building(months)	-0.186	-351.585	-0.011	-190.559	-0.037	-466.013
<i>TS</i> : Time to the nearest station: (minutes)	-0.069	-92.747	-0.013	-137.989	-0.052	-230.110
<i>Bus</i> : Bus Dummy	-0.137	-6.603	-0.198	-24.595	-0.010	-3.350
<i>Bus</i> × <i>TS</i>	0.007	0.815	0.002	4.300	0.018	13.690
<i>TT</i> : Travel Time to Central Business District	-0.068	-68.028	-0.009	-114.091	-0.077	-261.313
<i>Top</i> : Top of Building Before Construction Standard	0.022	5.390	-	-	-	-
<i>Steel Dummy</i>	-0.090	-80.770	-	-	-0.122	-256.050
<i>Balcony Area</i>	0.010	10.650	-	-	0.082	200.050
<i>Road Width</i>	0.022	32.950	-	-	-	-
<i>Private Road</i>	-	-	0.207	154.500	-	-
<i>Land only Dummy</i>	-	-	-0.003	-9.840	-	-
<i>Old house</i>	-	-	-0.109	-63.180	-	-
<i>New Construction</i>	-	-	-0.086	-36.020	-	-
	-	-	-0.121	-69.330	-	-
1986/01-2008/12	n=157,627		n=315,791		n=1,139,043	
Adjusted R-square=	0.876		0.861		0.895	

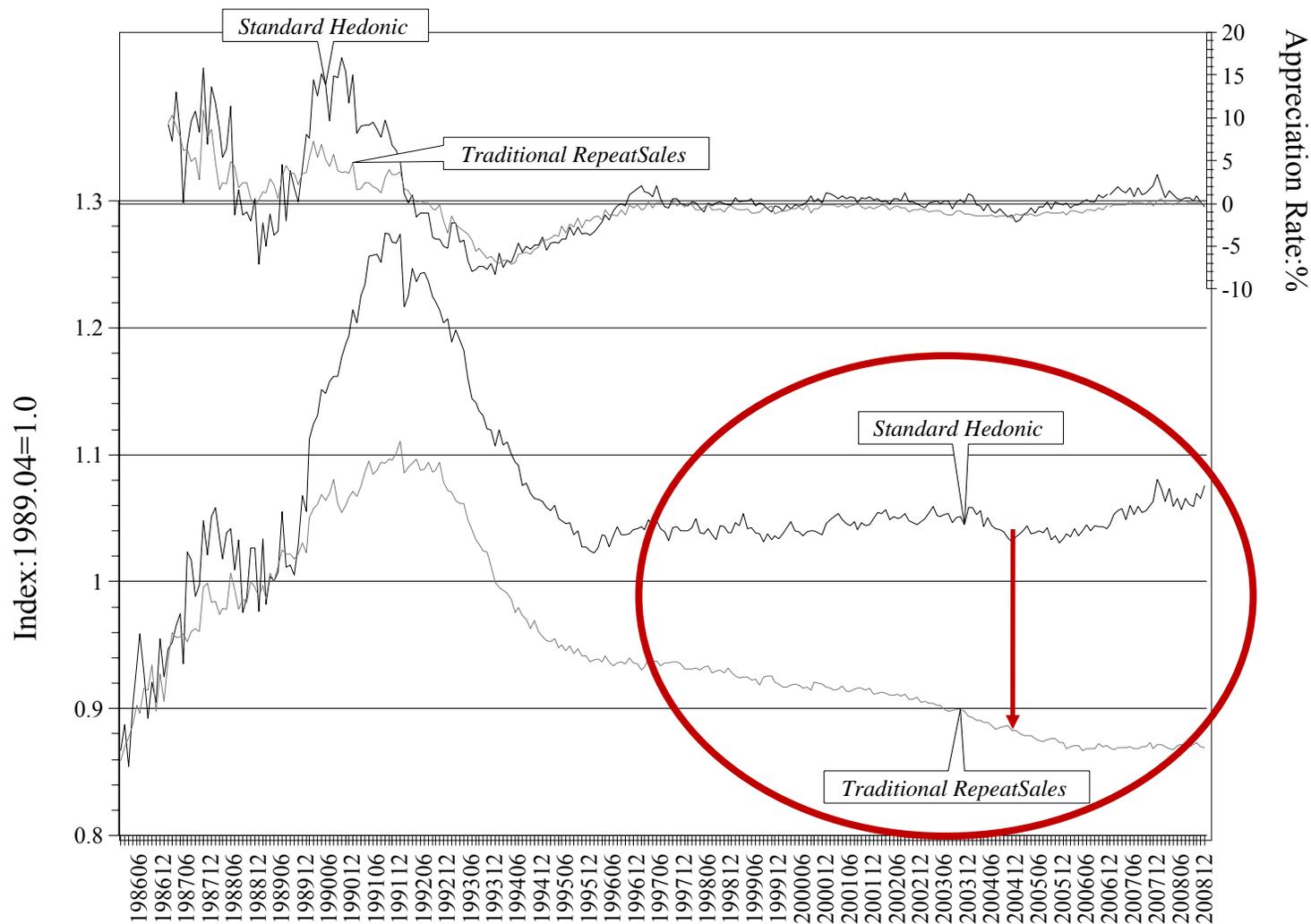
# Figure 1a. Traditional hedonic vs. Traditional Repeat Sales (Condominium price)



# Figure 1b. Traditional hedonic vs. Traditional Repeat Sales (Single family house price)



## Figure 1c. Traditional hedonic vs. Traditional Repeat Sales (Condominium rent)

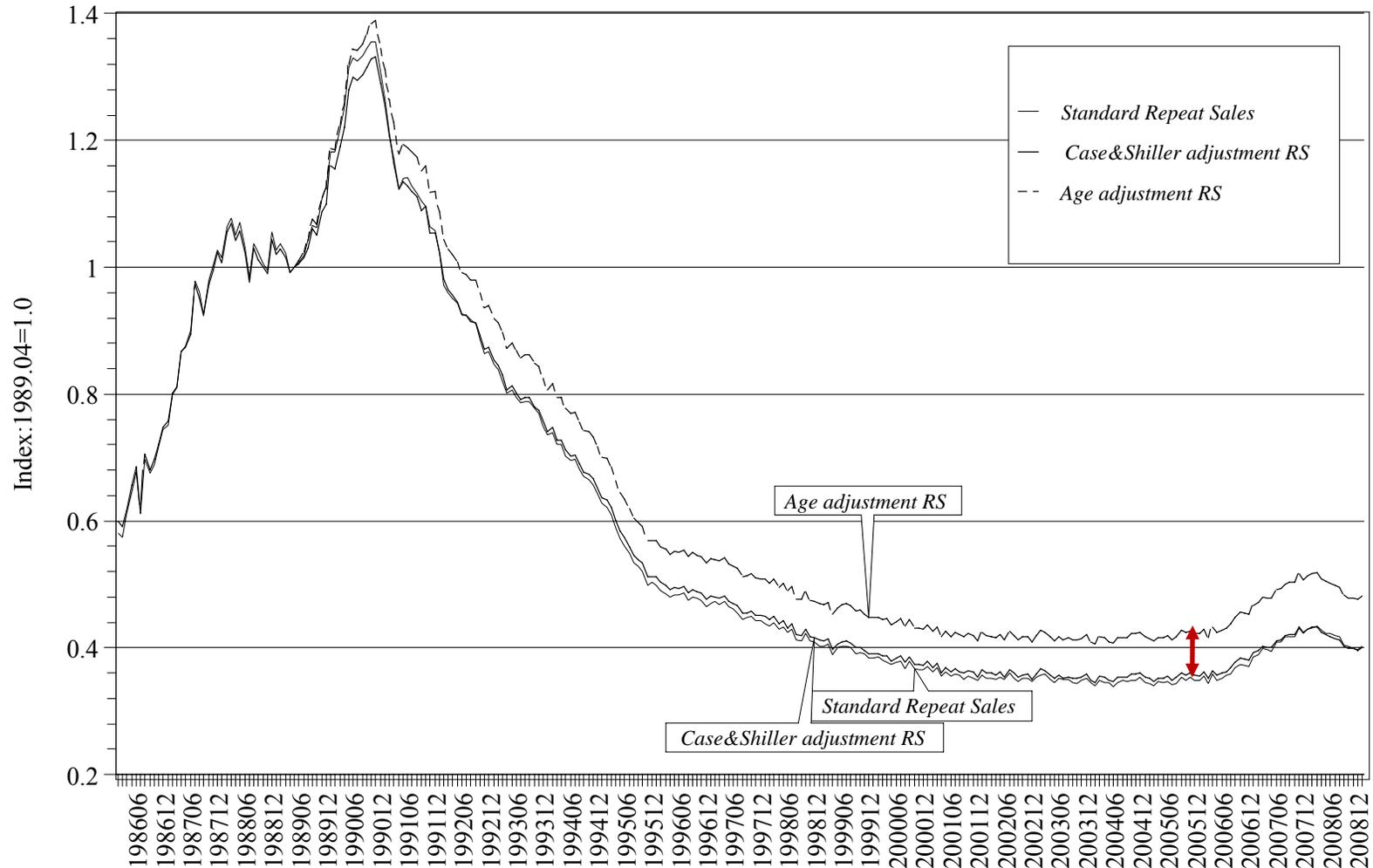


**Table 4: Age adjustment to repeat sales measure**

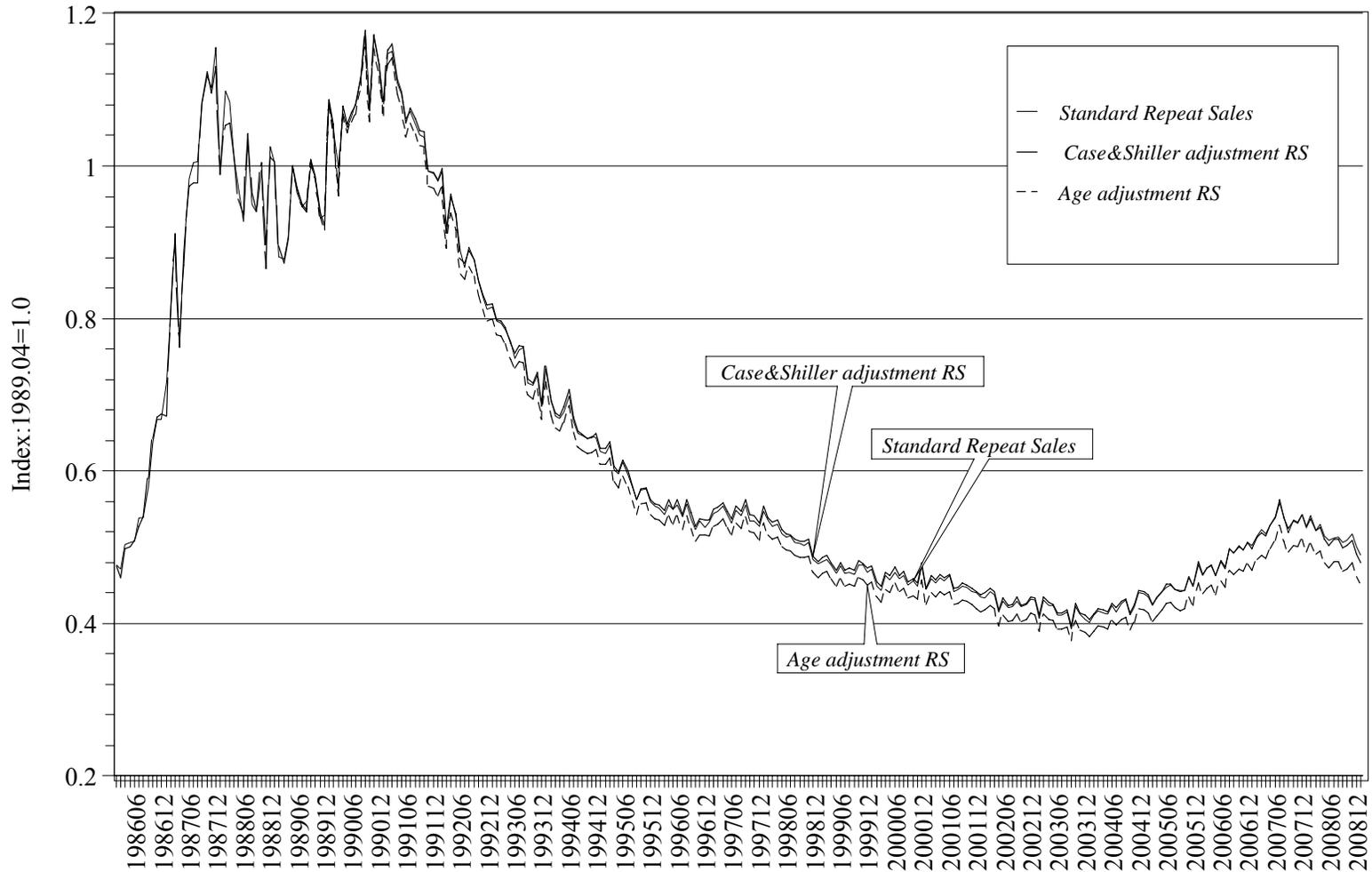
	standard error of reg.	adjusted R- square	S.B.I.C		$\theta$	$\lambda$
(Condominium Price)				Condominium Price		
Traditional_RS	0.1752	0.7494	<b>-20896.9</b>	coef.	-0.0272	0.8944
Case&Shiller	0.1914	0.7587	<b>-13583.5</b>	s.e.	0.0015	0.0113
Age-adjustment	0.0075	-	<b>-28817.2</b>	P-value	[.000]	[.000]
(Single Family House Price)				Single Family		
Traditional_RS	0.2115	0.4756	<b>-2755.8</b>	coef.	-0.0093	1.1041
Case&Shiller	0.2190	0.5093	<b>-1783.2</b>	s.e.	0.0031	0.0269
Age-adjustment	0.0244	-	<b>-3574.8</b>	P-value	[.003]	[.000]
(Condominium Rent)						
Traditional_RS	0.0627	0.1385	<b>-190929.0</b>			
Case&Shiller	0.0684	0.1454	<b>-176623.0</b>			
Age-adjustment	-	-	-			

**We cannot get the maximum value for the condominium rent data.**

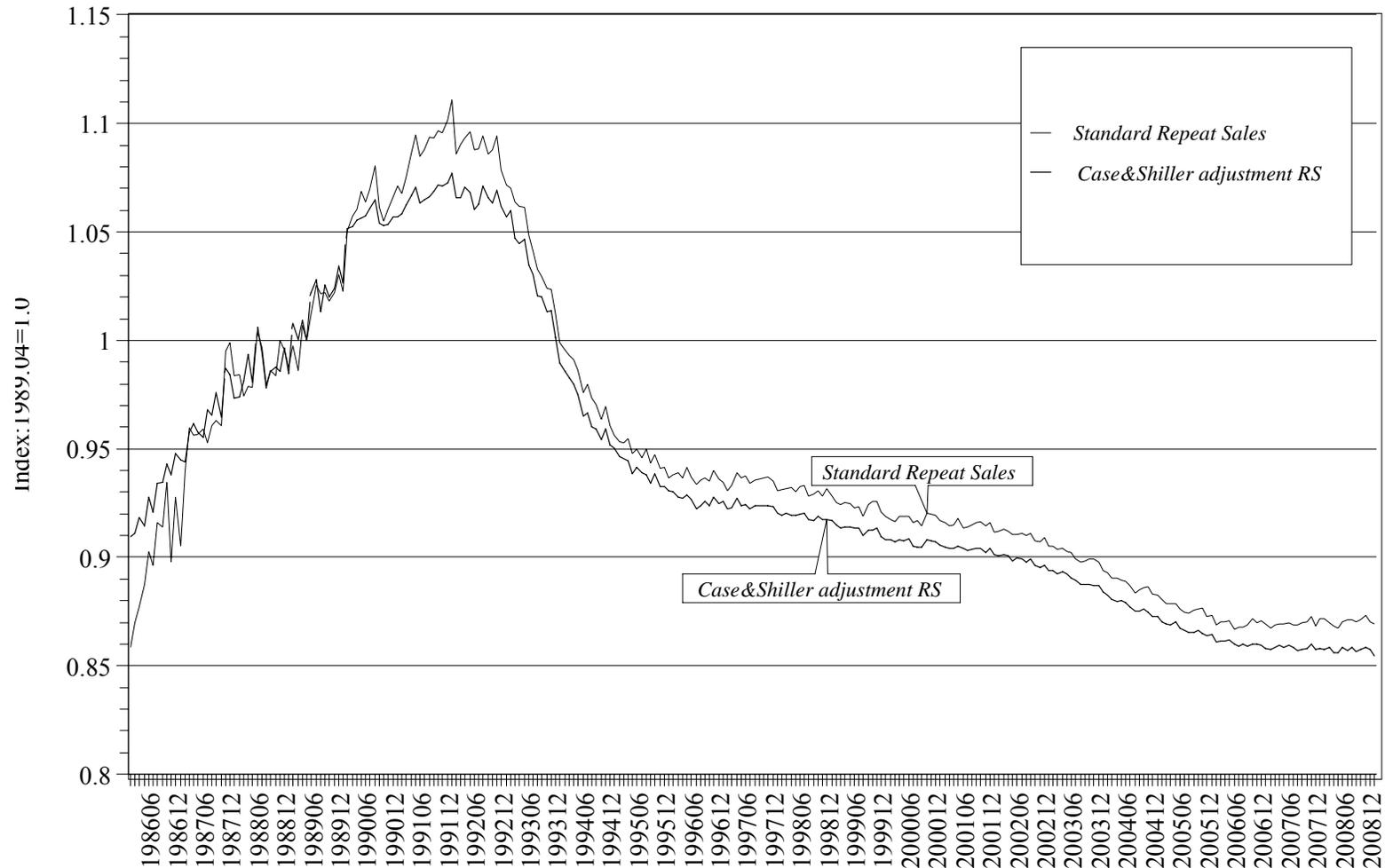
**Figure 2a. Case&Shiller adjustment vs. Age adjustment Repeat Sales (Condominium price)**



**Figure 2b. Case&Shiller adjustment vs. Age adjustment Repeat Sales  
(Single family house price)**



**Figure2c.Case&Shiller adjustment  
(Condominium rent)**

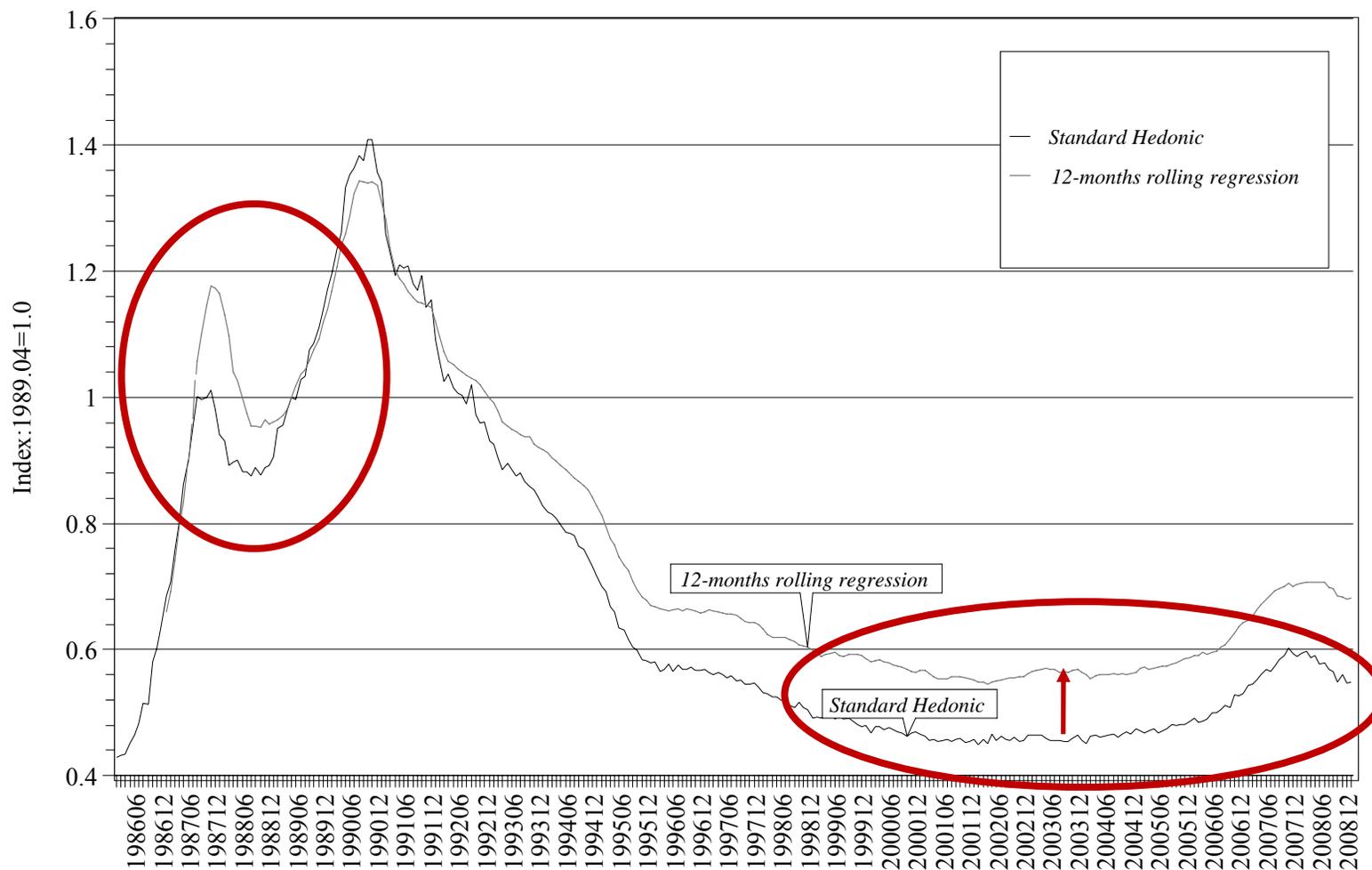


**Table 5: Hedonic estimates of key parameters**

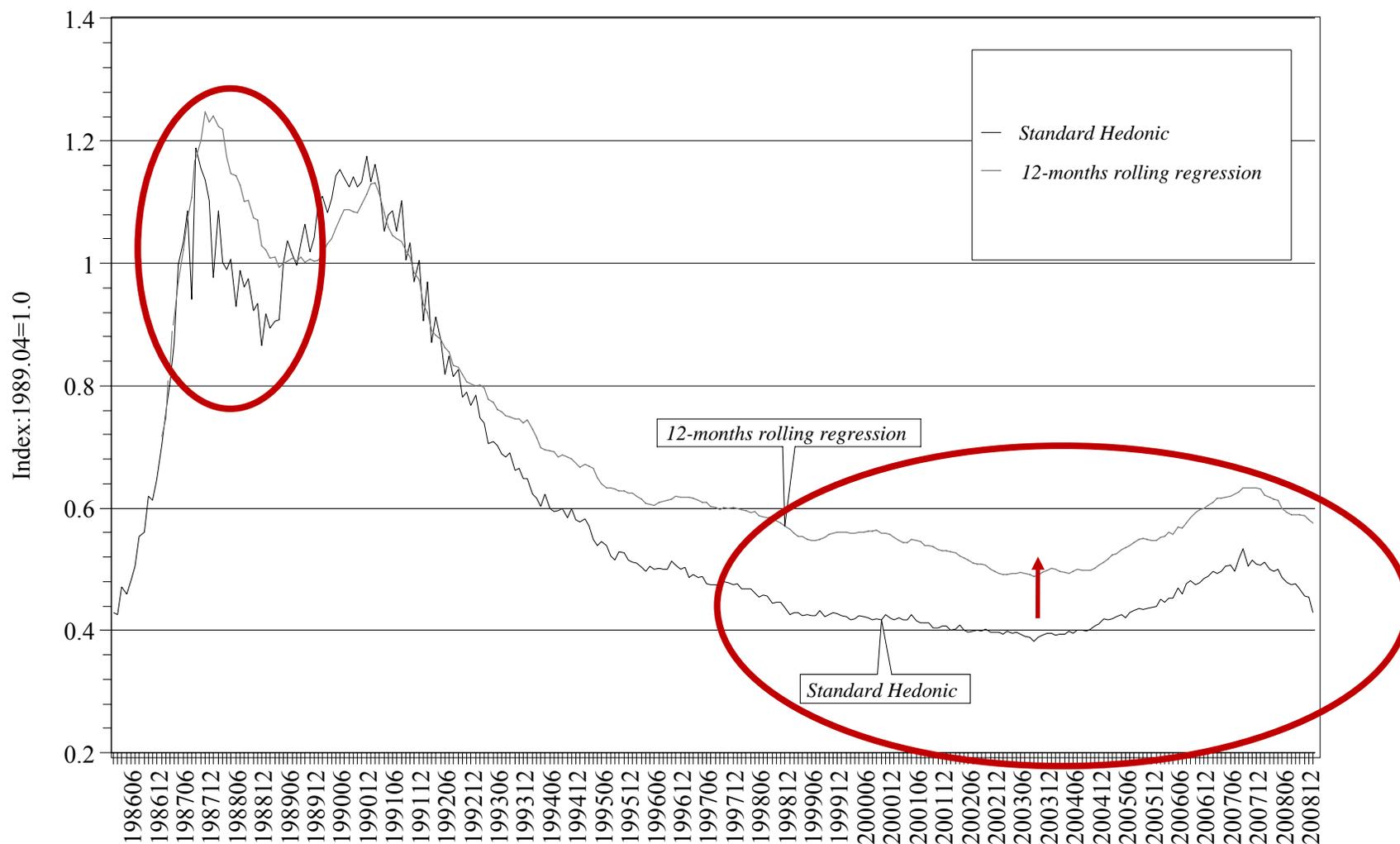
	Constant	<i>FS</i> : Floor space	<i>Age</i> : Age of Building	<i>TS</i> : Time to the nearest station:	<i>TT</i> : Travel Time to Central Business District
<b>Condominium Price</b>					
<b>Standard Hedonic model</b>	<b>4.470</b>	<b>0.029</b>	<b>-0.186</b>	<b>-0.069</b>	<b>-0.068</b>
<b>12-months rolling regression</b>					
Average	<b>4.852</b>	<b>0.047</b>	<b>-0.182</b>	<b>-0.072</b>	<b>-0.072</b>
Standard Deviation	0.629	0.078	0.029	0.010	0.031
Minimum	<b>4.193</b>	<b>-0.124</b>	<b>-0.237</b>	<b>-0.098</b>	<b>-0.130</b>
Maximum	<b>6.171</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>-0.108</b>	<b>-0.050</b>	<b>-0.022</b>
<b>Single Family Price</b>					
<b>Standard Hedonic model</b>	<b>4.615</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>-0.011</b>	<b>-0.013</b>	<b>-0.009</b>
<b>12-months rolling regression</b>					
Average	<b>4.912</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>-0.012</b>	<b>-0.013</b>	<b>-0.009</b>
Standard Deviation	0.261	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002
Minimum	<b>4.596</b>	<b>0.0006004</b>	<b>-0.015</b>	<b>-0.019</b>	<b>-0.012</b>
Maximum	<b>5.425</b>	<b>0.0032335</b>	<b>-0.009</b>	<b>-0.009</b>	<b>-0.004</b>
<b>Condominium Rent</b>					
<b>Standard Hedonic model</b>	<b>8.951</b>	<b>-0.191</b>	<b>-0.037</b>	<b>-0.052</b>	<b>-0.077</b>
<b>12-months rolling regression</b>					
Average	<b>9.132</b>	<b>-0.178</b>	<b>-0.042</b>	<b>-0.059</b>	<b>-0.081</b>
Standard Deviation	0.117	0.037	0.015	0.016	0.014
Minimum	<b>8.884</b>	<b>-0.224</b>	<b>-0.071</b>	<b>-0.090</b>	<b>-0.111</b>
Maximum	<b>9.312</b>	<b>-0.092</b>	<b>-0.018</b>	<b>-0.028</b>	<b>-0.054</b>

number of models= 265

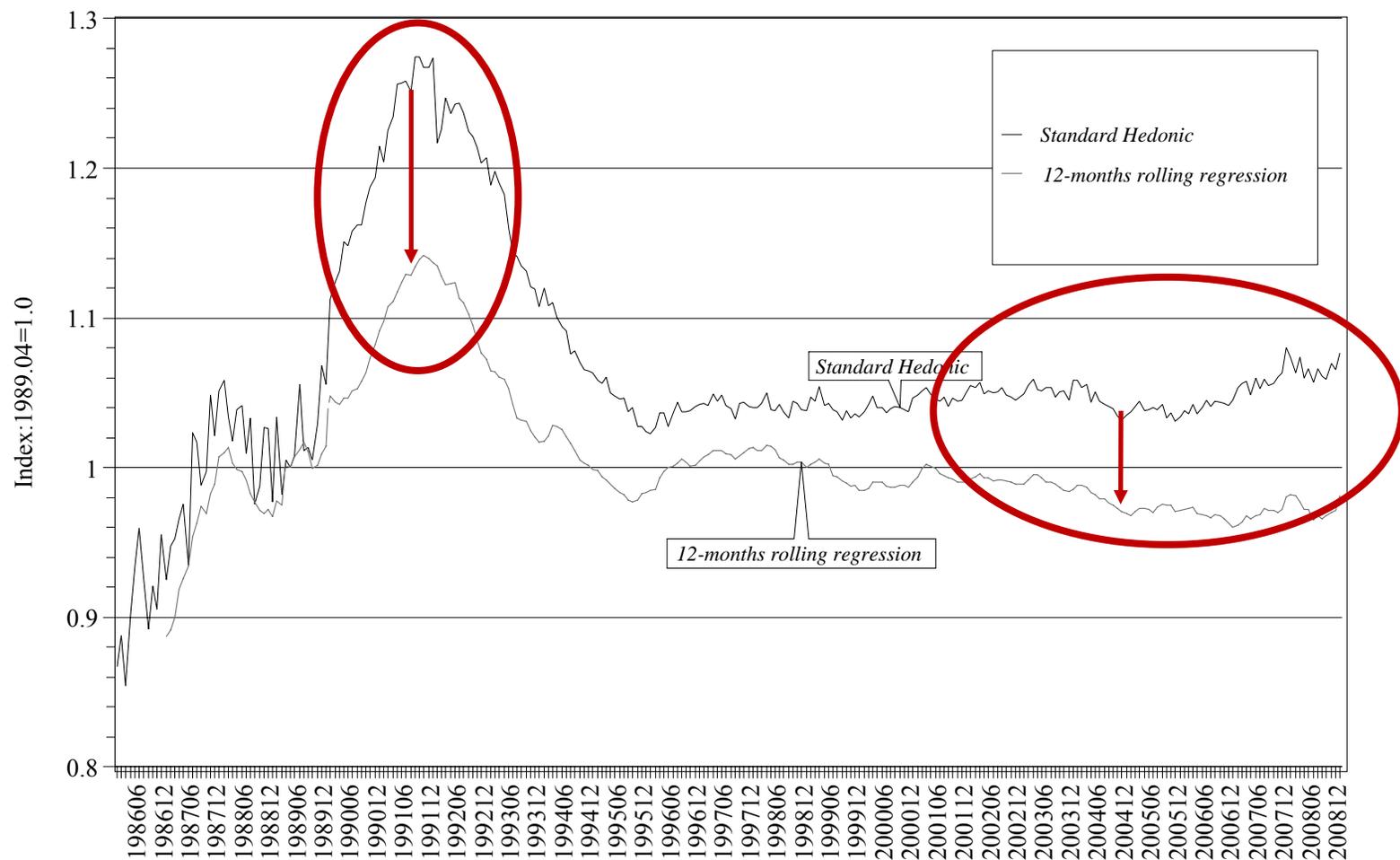
## Figure 3a. Traditional hedonic vs. 12-months rolling regression (OPHM): Condominium price



## Figure 3b. Traditional hedonic vs. 12-months rolling regression (OPHM): Single family house price

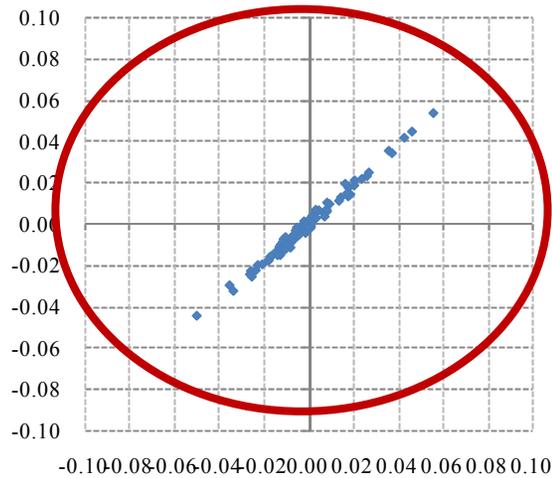


## Figure 3c. Traditional hedonic vs. 12-months rolling regression (OPHM): Condominium rent

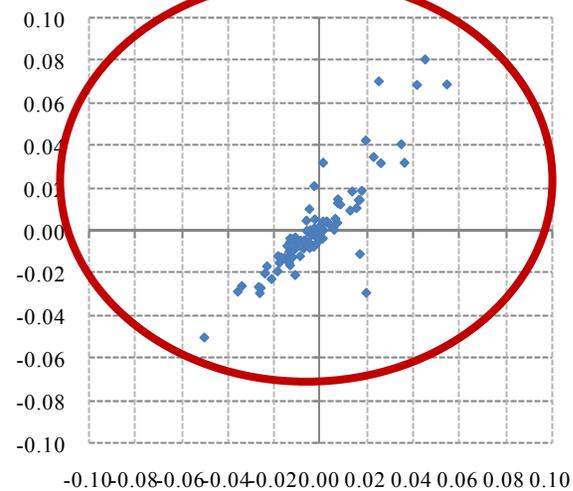


## 4.4 How much can the difference be reconciled?

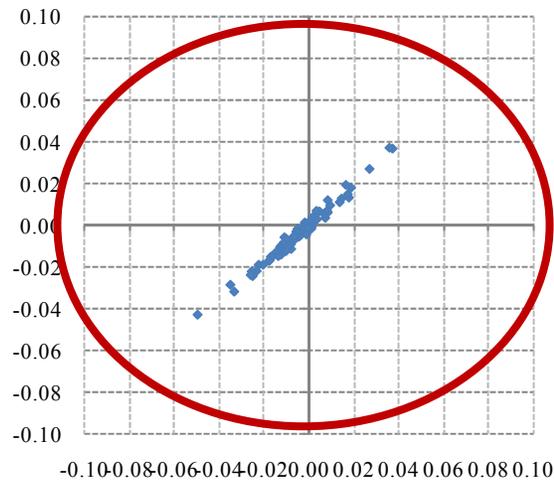
Case-Shiller vs. Traditional repeat sales



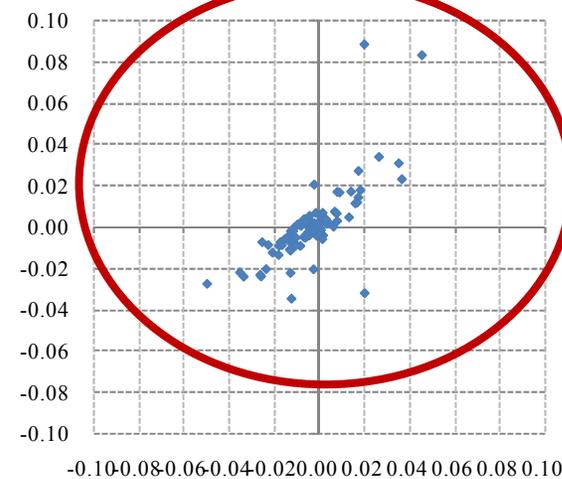
Traditional hedonic vs. Traditional repeat sales



Age-adjusted repeat sales vs. Traditional repeat sales



Rolling hedonic vs. Traditional repeat sales

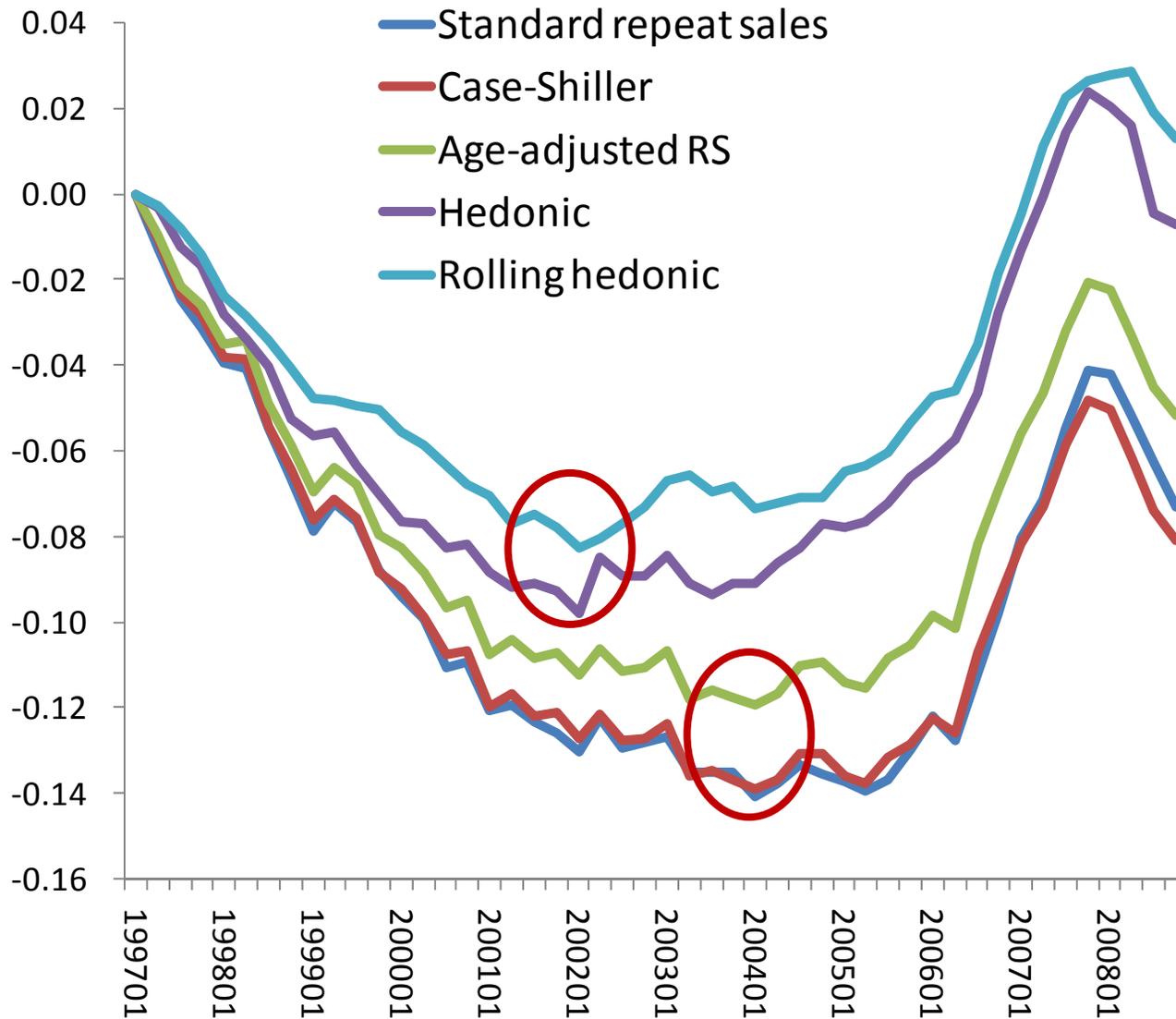


**Table 6: Pairwise Granger-causality tests**

<b>Condominium</b>	Standard repeat sales	Case-Shiller repeat sales	Age-adjusted Repeat sales	Standard hedonic	Rolling hedonic
Standard repeat sales		0.0120	0.0019	0.0037	0.0000
Case-Shiller RS	0.2018		n.a.	0.0411	0.0000
Age-adjusted RS	0.0568	n.a.		0.1067	0.0000
Standard hedonic	0.0005	0.0001	0.0000		0.0000
Rolling hedonic	0.0067	0.0095	0.0025	0.2209	

<b>Single family house</b>	Standard repeat sales	Case-Shiller repeat sales	Age-adjusted Repeat sales	Standard hedonic	Rolling hedonic
Standard repeat sales		0.2726	0.4345	0.2119	0.0040
Case-Shiller RS	0.2397		n.a.	0.1714	0.0098
Age-adjusted RS	0.3275	n.a.		0.1622	0.0078
Standard hedonic	0.0028	0.0025	0.0023		0.0018
Rolling hedonic	0.0705	0.0642	0.0709	0.1642	

Note: The number in each cell represents the p-value associated with the null hypothesis that the variable on the column does not Granger-cause the variable on the row. Cells shaded by blue color indicate that the p-value is smaller than 0.01, and thus the null hypothesis is rejected.

**Figure 5: When did the condominium price hit bottom?**

## 5. Conclusions:

- **Which one performs better, the repeat-sales measure or the hedonic measure?**
- We find that there remains a *substantial discrepancy* between **the repeat sales measure and the hedonic measure**, even though we have made various adjustments to both indexes.
- Especially, we find a substantial discrepancy in terms of turning points: **the repeat sales measure tends to exhibit a delayed turn compared with the hedonic measure.**
  - For example, the hedonic measure of condominium prices hit bottom at **the beginning of 2002**, while the corresponding repeat-sales measure exhibits reversal only in **the spring of 2004**.
  - The lead-lag relationships between the two indices may come from *the omitted variable problem* in **the hedonic measure** and/or the problem of *non-random sampling* in **the repeat sales measure**.



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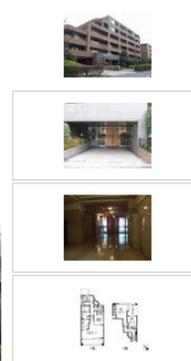
# House Price and House Rent in Tokyo

- Additional version -

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# 1.Data- RECRUIT Data Base-週刊住宅情報- “Housing Information Weekly”

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物件概要	
価格	7680万円 <a href="#">※払いシミュレーション</a>
専有面積	96.05m <sup>2</sup>
バルコニー面積	10m <sup>2</sup>
間取り	3LDK
完成時期	1998年10月
交通	東急田園都市線『二子玉川』徒歩11分 東急大井町線『上野毛』徒歩6分 <a href="#">※乗り換え案内</a>
所在地	東京都世田谷区上野毛2 <a href="#">※周辺環境を見る</a>
物件特徴	2wayキッチン テラス 玄関ポーチ 南向き
関連リンク	<a href="#">【会社サイト】</a> <a href="#">会社ホームページ</a>

管理費等 <sup>①</sup>	2万1200円/月	修繕積立金	9600円/月
管理 <sup>②</sup>	日勤	構造/総戸数	RC / 29戸
階/階建	2階/6階建	リフォーム	
向き <sup>③</sup>	南西	敷地権利 <sup>④</sup>	所有権
駐車場	無		
特記事項	施工清水建設株式会社 担当/堀越 用途地域/一種中高層		

First Week

Successful Sale

Last listed

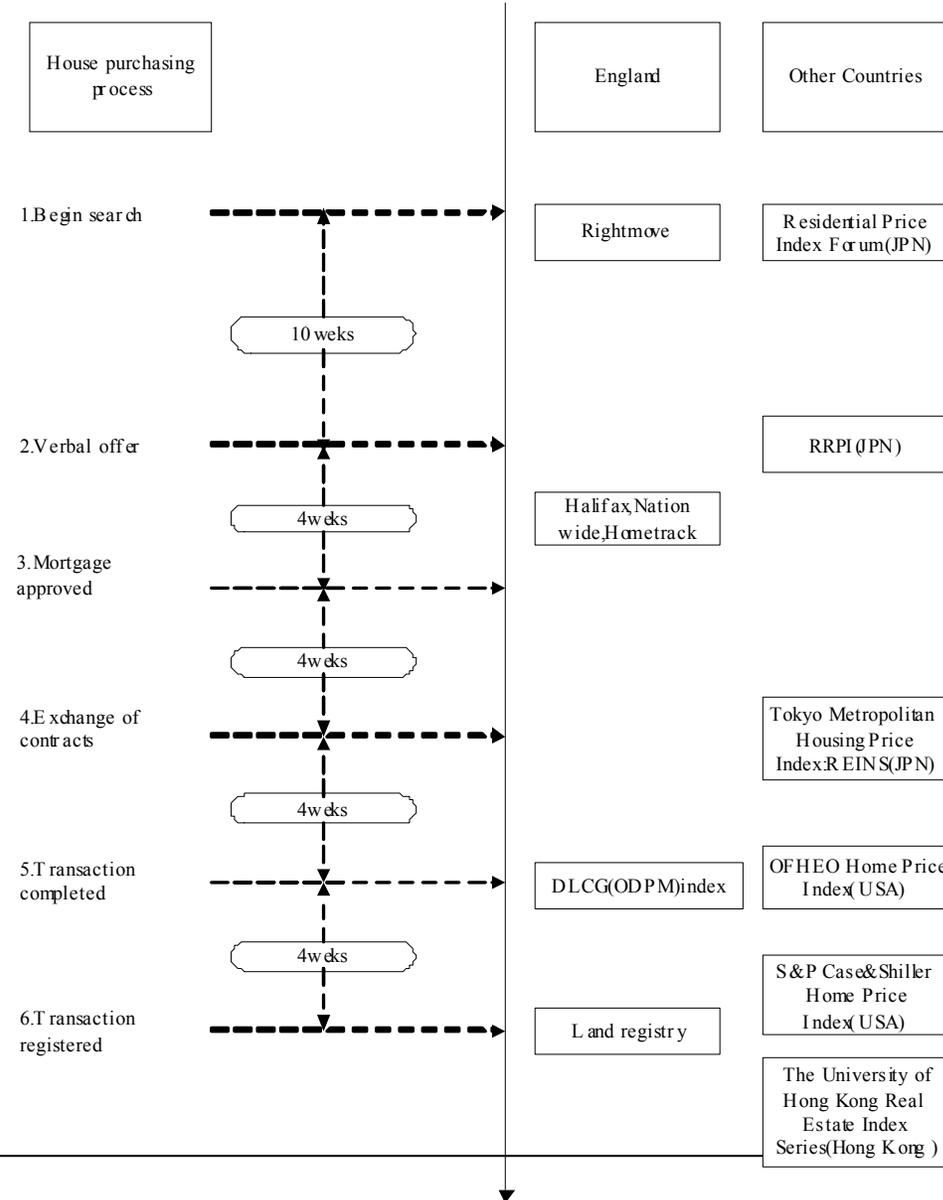
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# Time Line of Housing Data

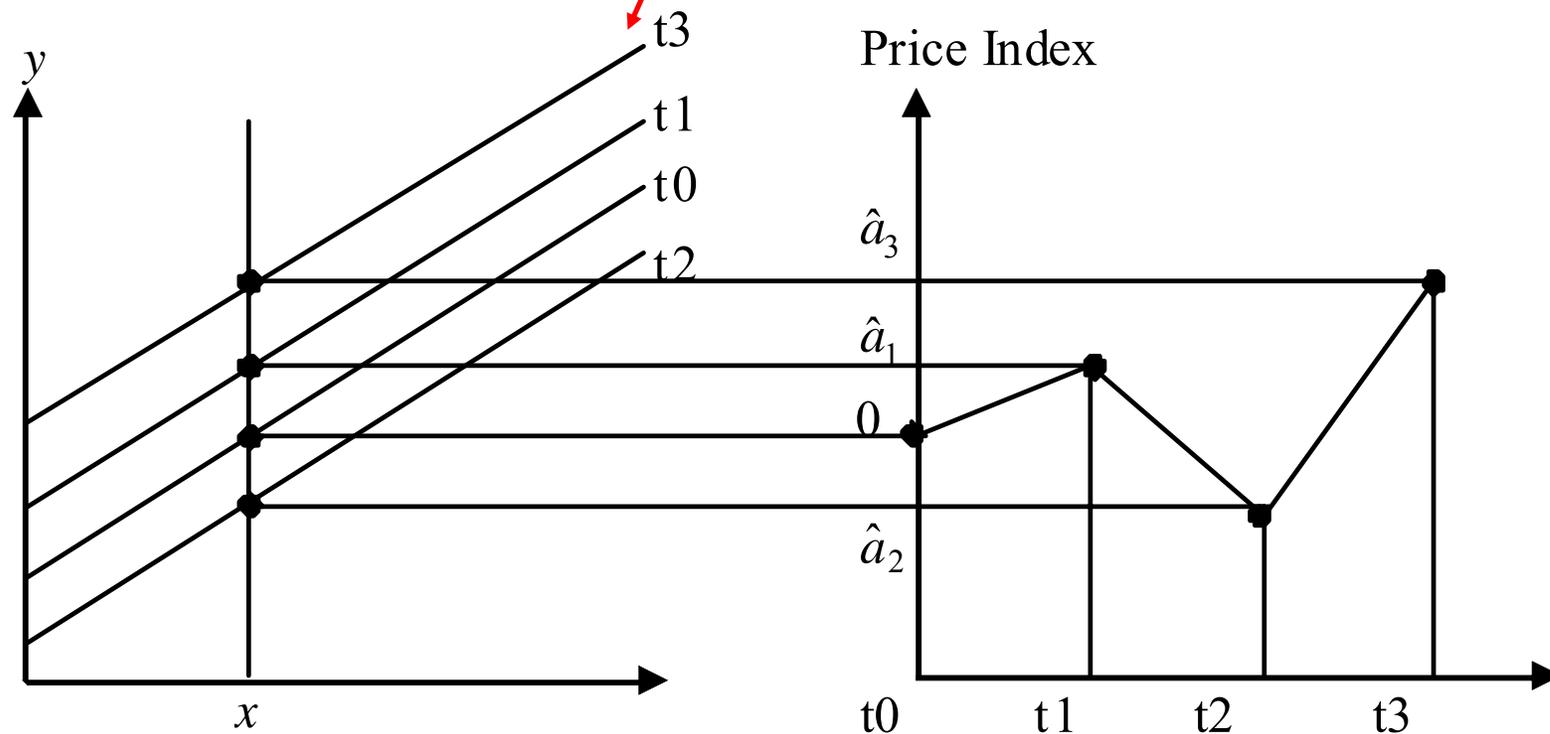


**Source : BOE(2003)**

## 2. Hedonic Models;

### Structurally restricted hedonic housing price index: RHI

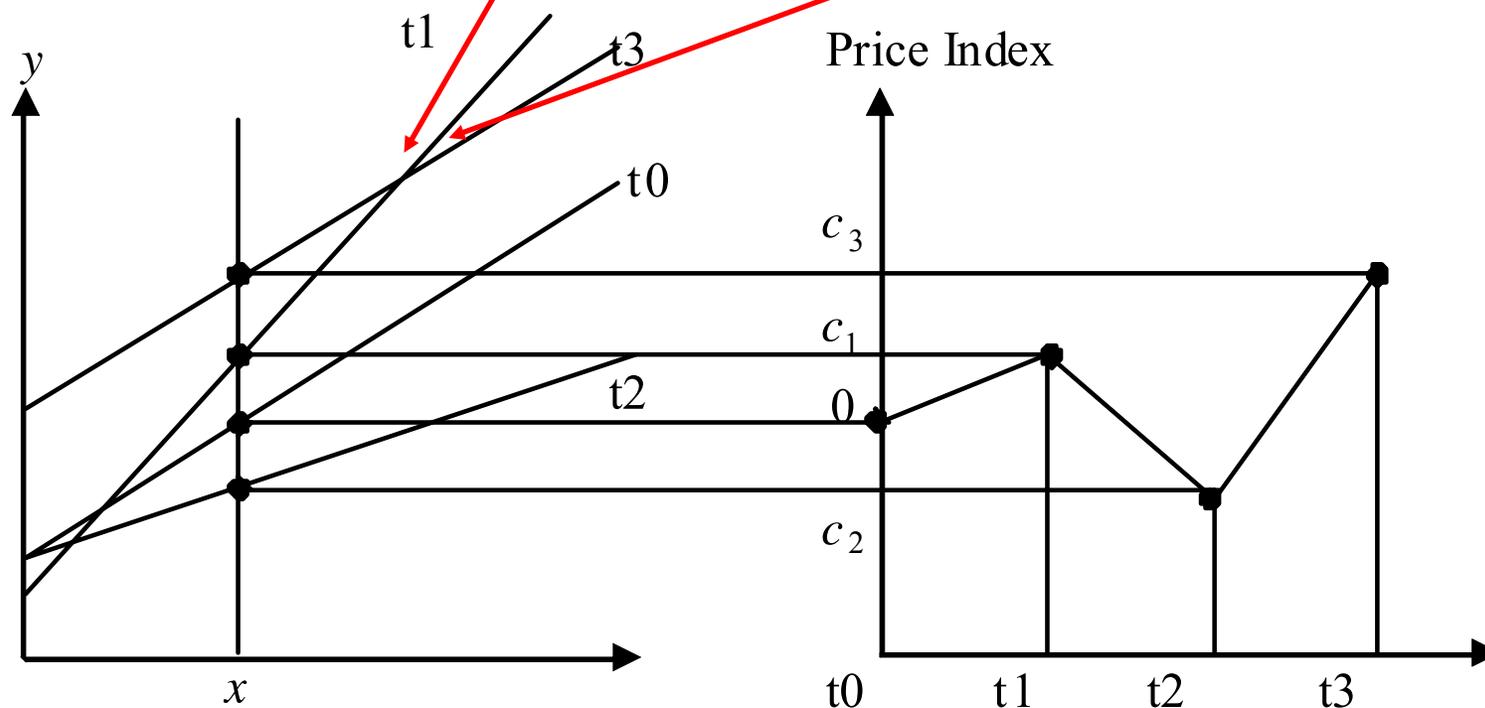
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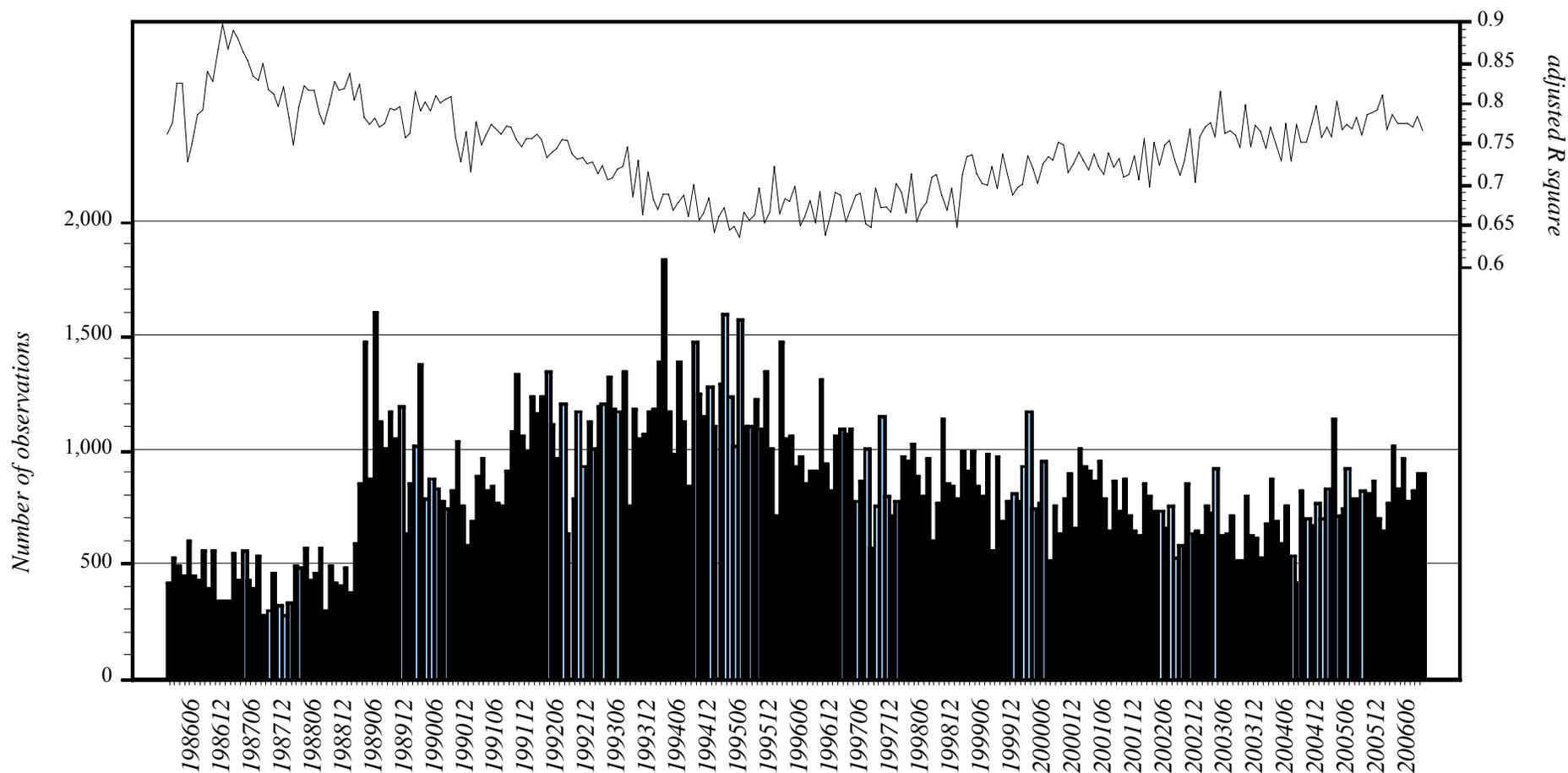
# Structurally unrestricted hedonic housing price index

- $$\ln P_{it} = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{kt} X_{kit} + \delta_t + \varepsilon_{it}$$

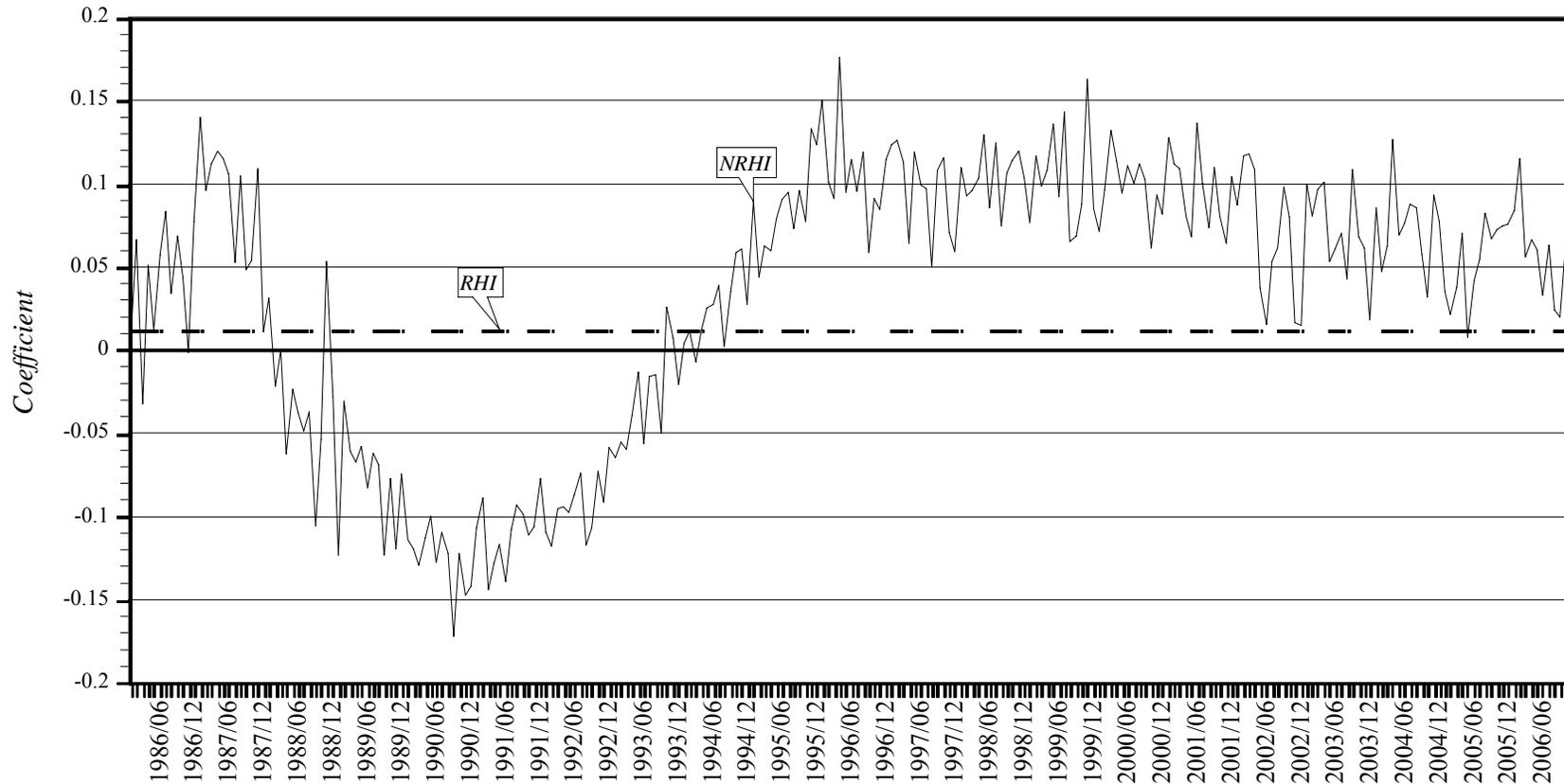
$$\ln(\hat{P}_t / \hat{P}_{t-1}) = \sum_{k=1}^K (\hat{\beta}_{kt} - \hat{\beta}_{k,t-1}) X_k + (\hat{\delta}_t - \hat{\delta}_{t-1})$$



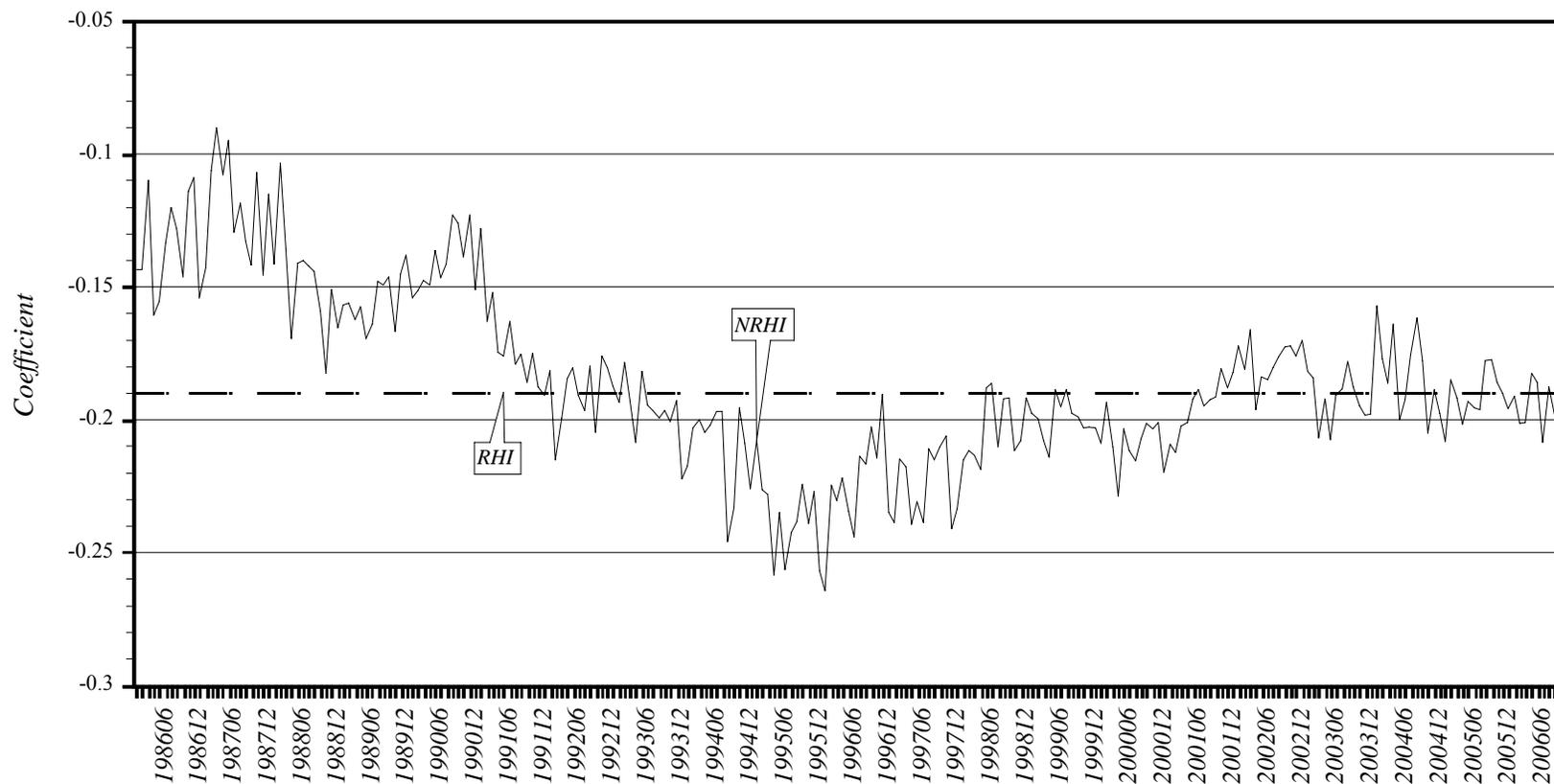
# Estimation accuracy of the URHM



# Time profile of regression coefficient of the URHM, Floor Space



# Time profile of regression coefficient of the URHM, age of building

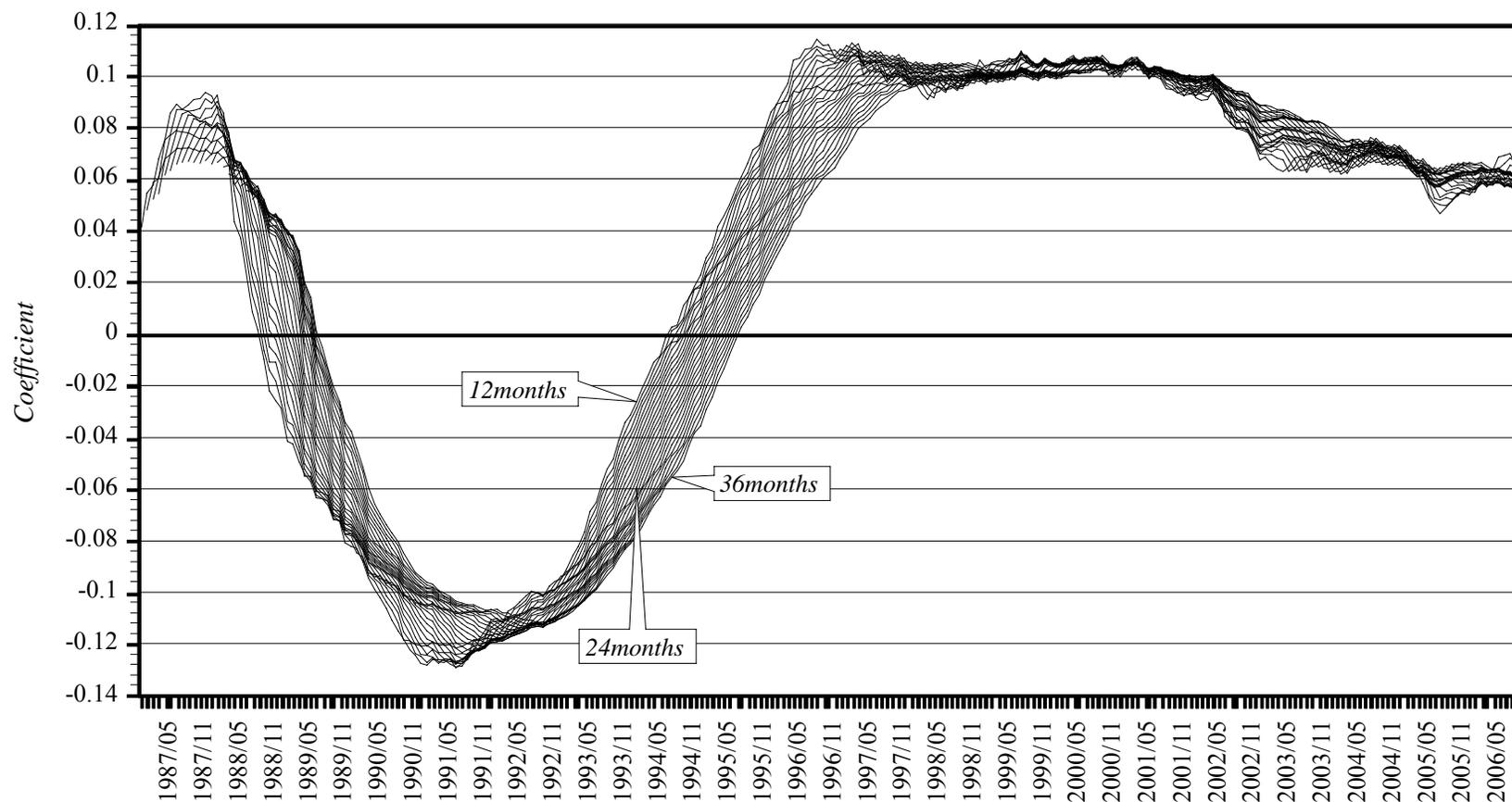


## Overlapping Period Hedonic Method :Rolling Regression

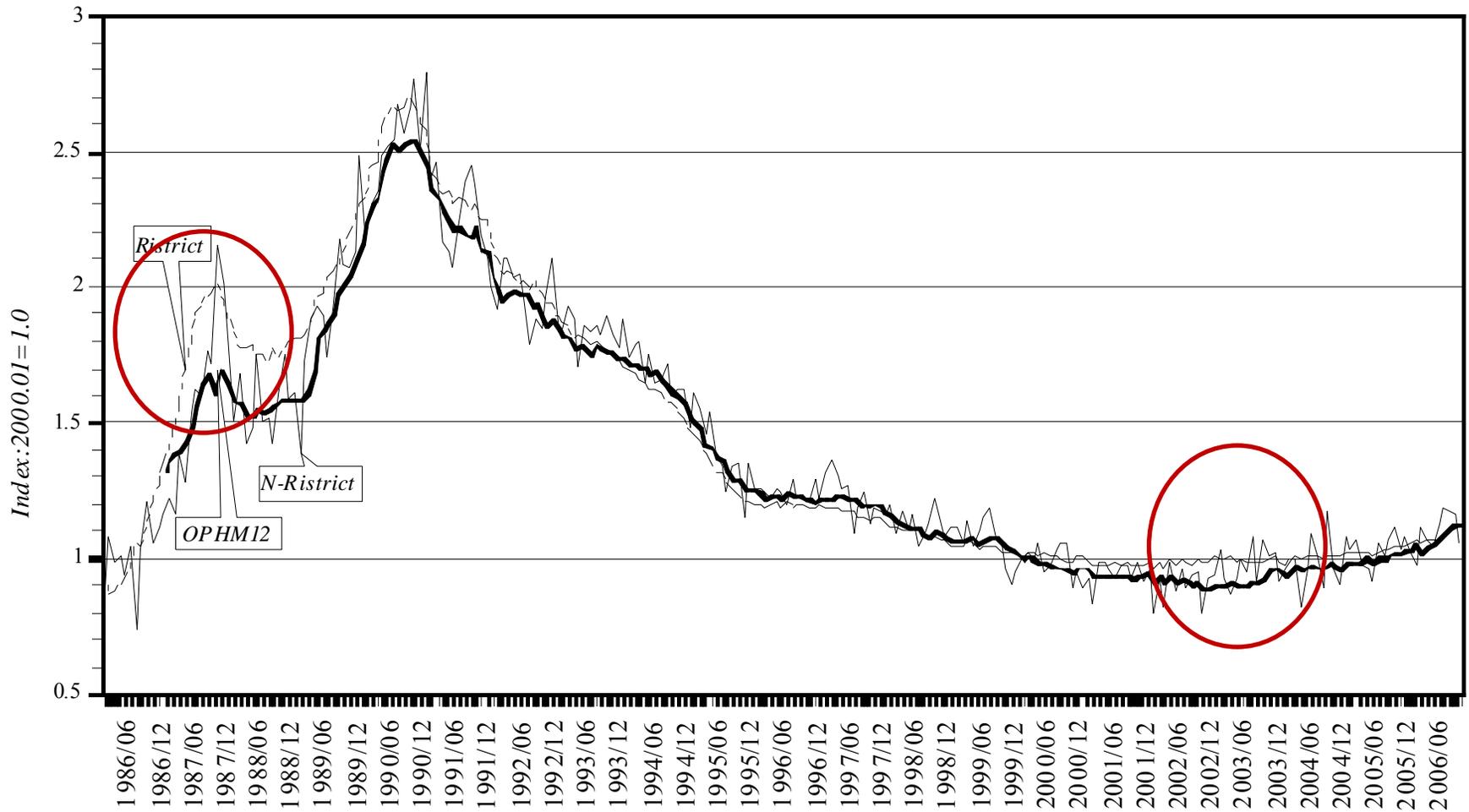
$$\ln P_{it} = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k X_{ikt} + \sum_{s=1}^{\tau} \delta_s D_s + \varepsilon_{it}$$

OPHM is obtained by applying the above restricted hedonic model to periods  $[1, \tau]$ ,  $[2, \tau + 1]$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $[r, r + \tau - 1]$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $[T - \tau + 1, T]$  successively.

## Changing in time of OPHM coefficient : Floor Space



# RHI, URHI and OPHM12 in Condominium Price



### 3. Omitted variables bias; in Shimizu(2009).

$$\log DP/GA = a_0 + \sum_h a_{1h} X_h + \sum_i a_{2i} Z_i + \sum_j a_{3j} \cdot LD_j + \sum_k a_{4k} \cdot RD_k$$

$$+ \sum_l a_{5l} \cdot TD_l + \sum_m a_{6m} \log V_m + \sum_{h,m} a_{7h,m} X_h \cdot V_m + a_8 u + a_9 v + \varepsilon$$

$V_n$  : Neighborhood Effect Variables

$V_1$  : *FR* / Floor Area Ratio/**FAR** per 500m mesh

$V_2$  : *LR* / Lot Area Ratio/**LAR** per 500m mesh

$V_3$  : *ZD* / Zoning Dummy

$V_4$  : *LU* / Land Use Condition per 500m mesh

$V_5$  : *HC* / Household Characteristics per 500m mesh

$V_6$  : *NOi* / Noise per property

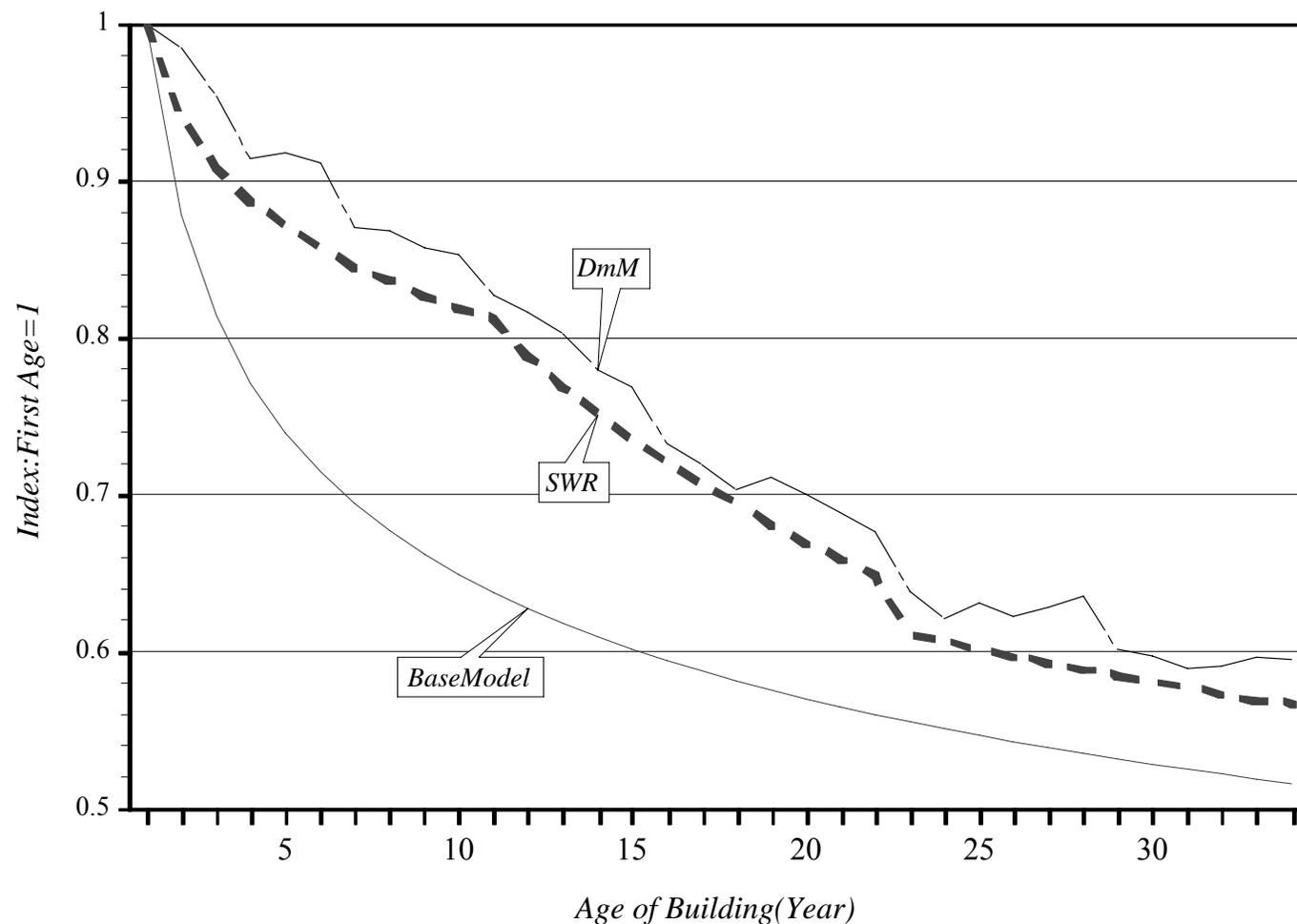
$u, v$  : Longitude, latitude

In UK , Nationwide uses **ACORN Classification**

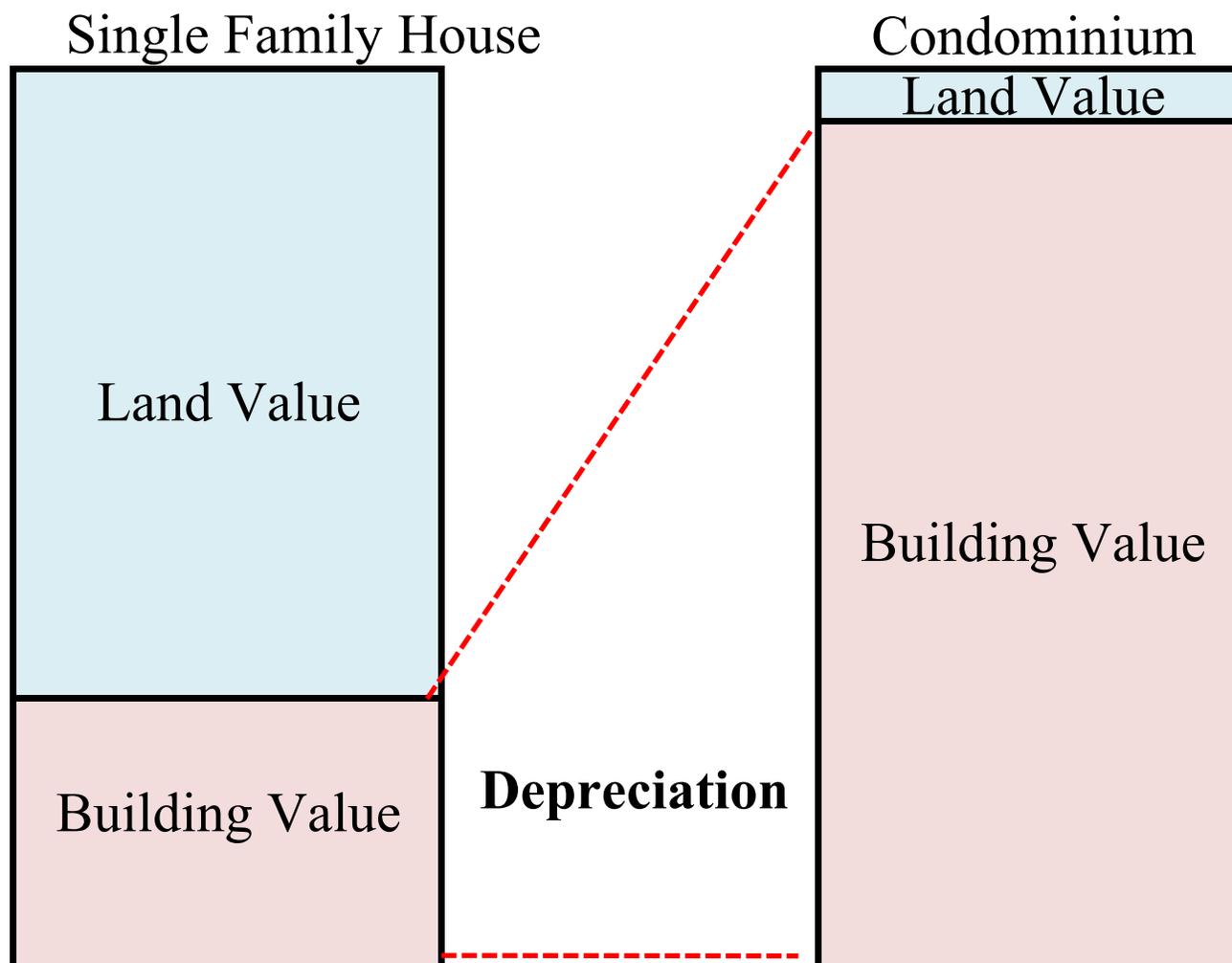
## Considering Neighborhood Effects in Hedonic Model

- *Hedonic estimates of Single family house price:*
- *Road Width:*
  - Simple Model (0.017) / Expanded Model (0.010);
- *Time to nearest stations:*
  - Simple Model (-0.009) / Expanded Model (-0.007);
- *Bus dummy:*
  - Simple Model (-0.141) / Expanded Model (-0.134);
- *Time to terminal station:*
  - Simple Model (-0.011) / Expanded Model (-0.007); and
- *Age of building:*
  - Simple Model (-0.011) / Expanded Model (-0.009).

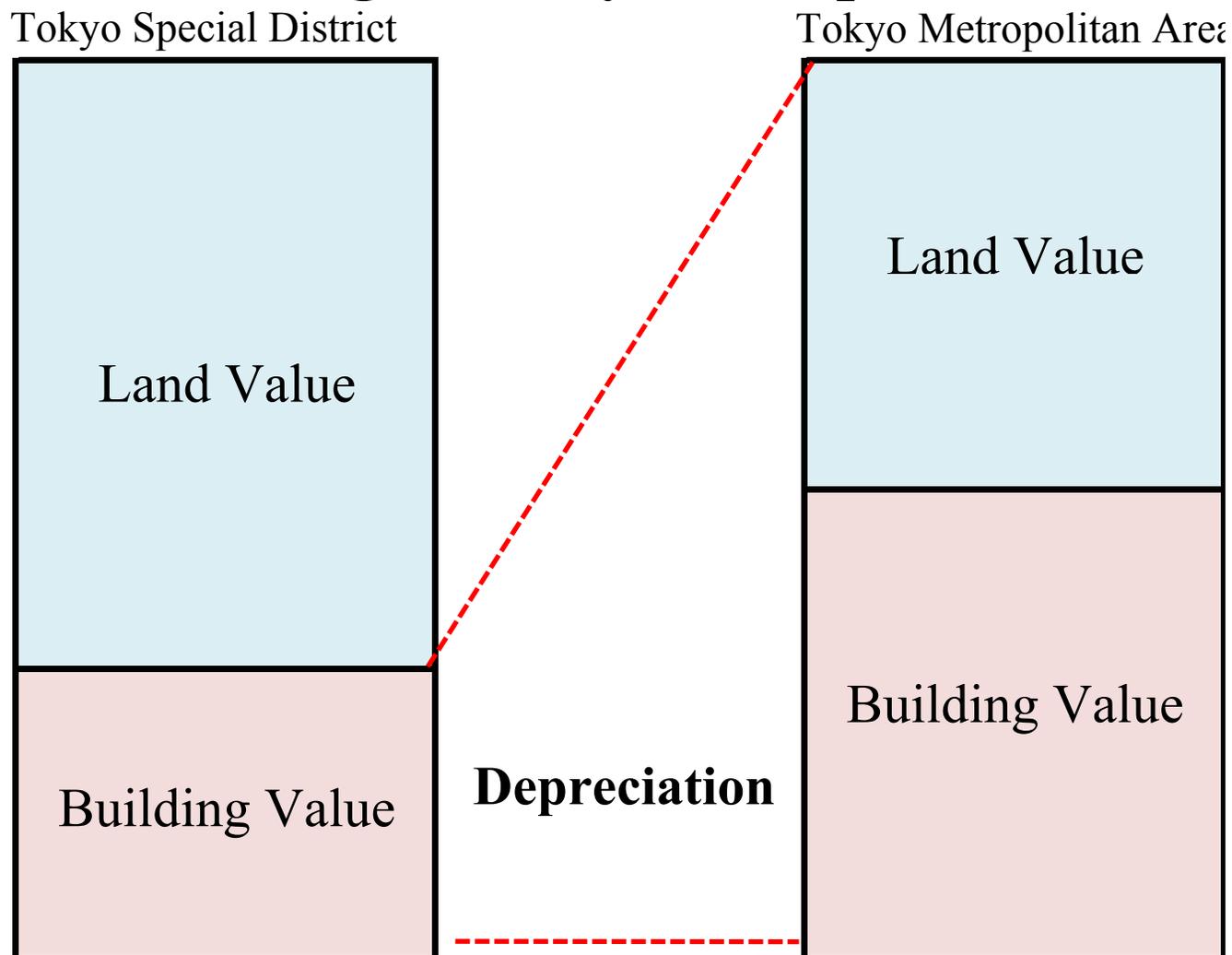
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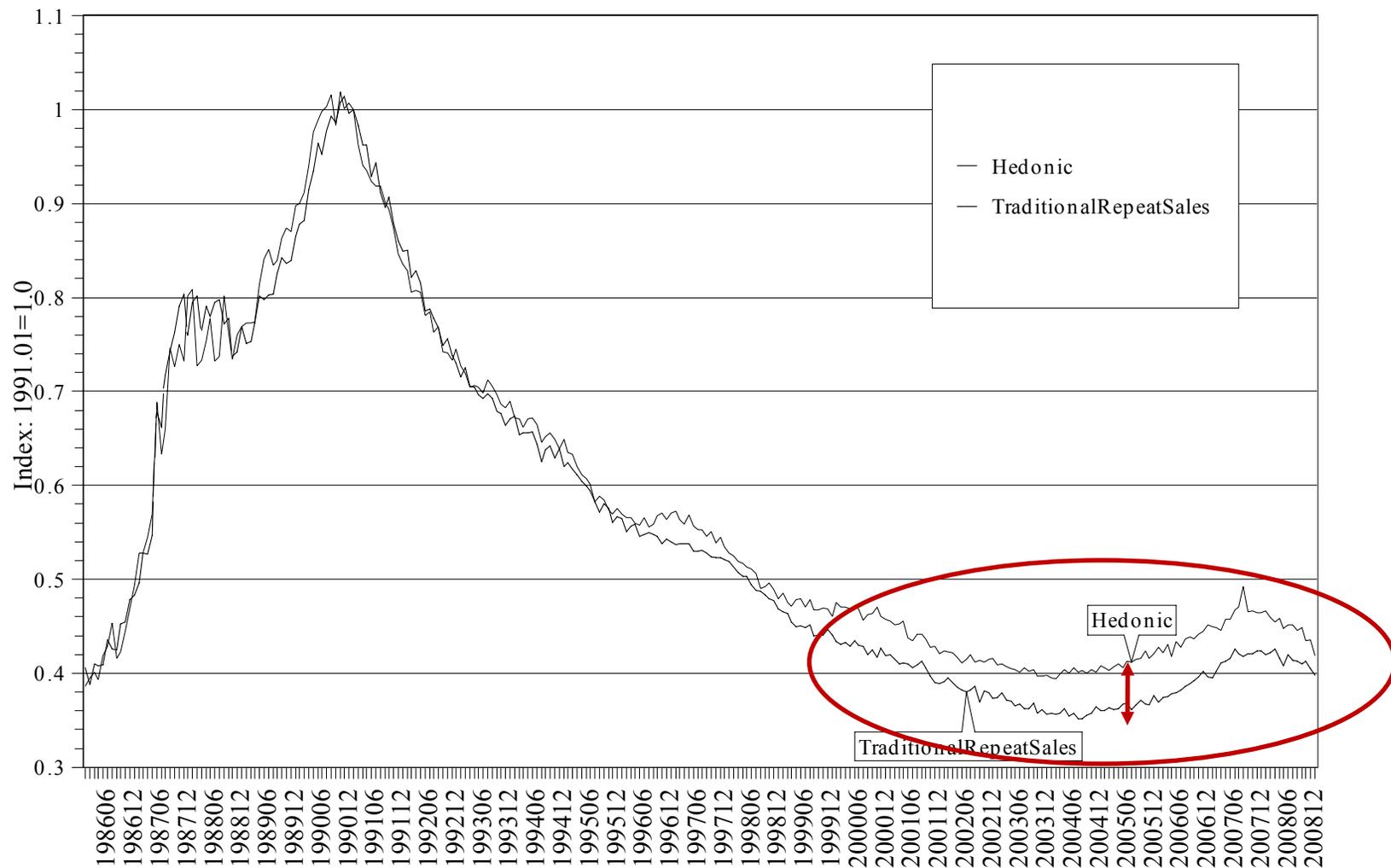
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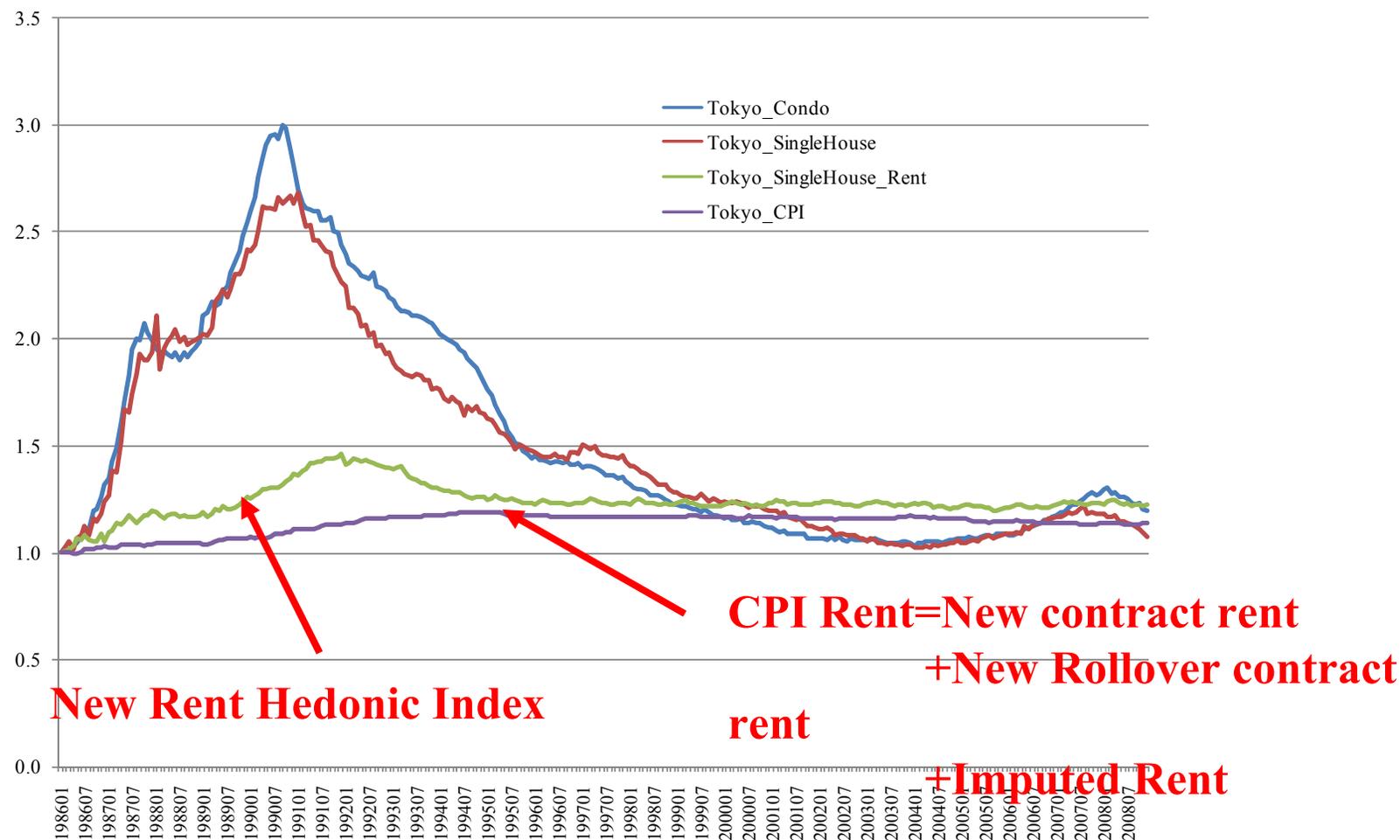


# Single Family House Price Index : Tokyo Metro

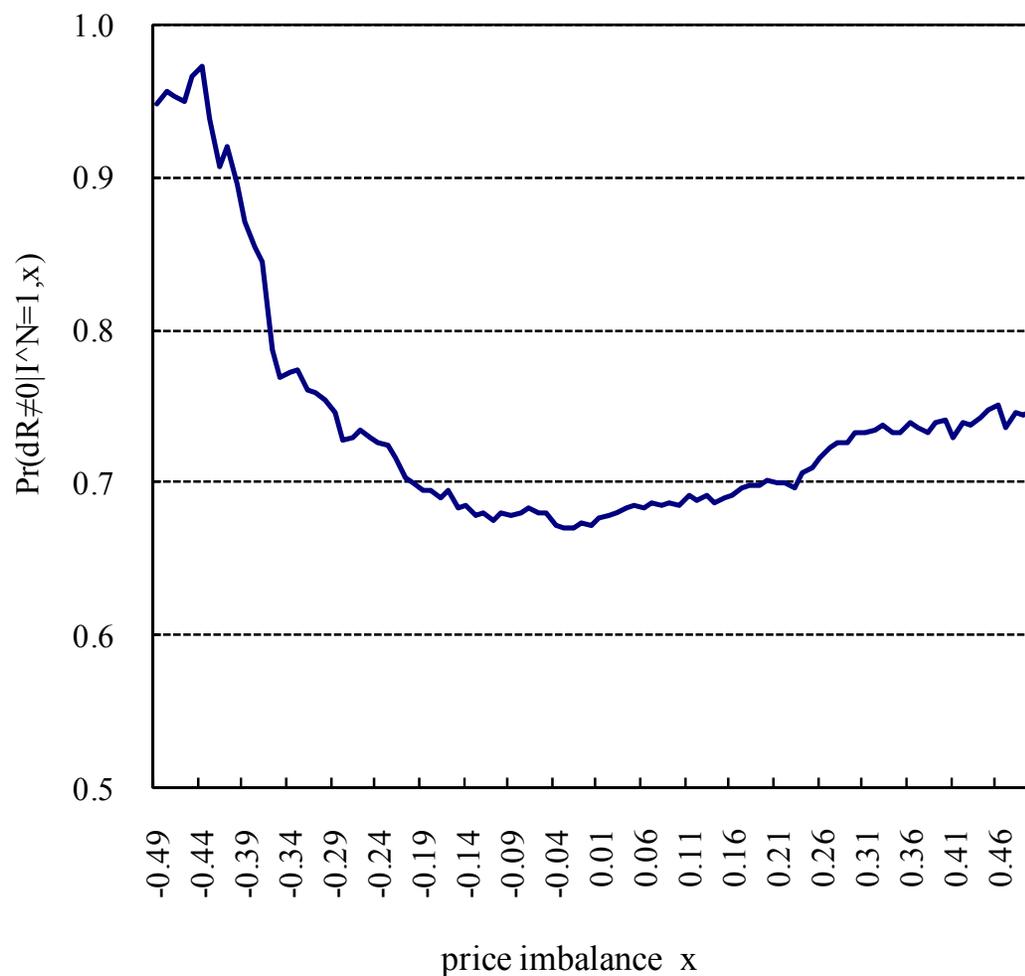


# 6. House Price and House Rent:

## Comparison House Price and CPI-house in Tokyo

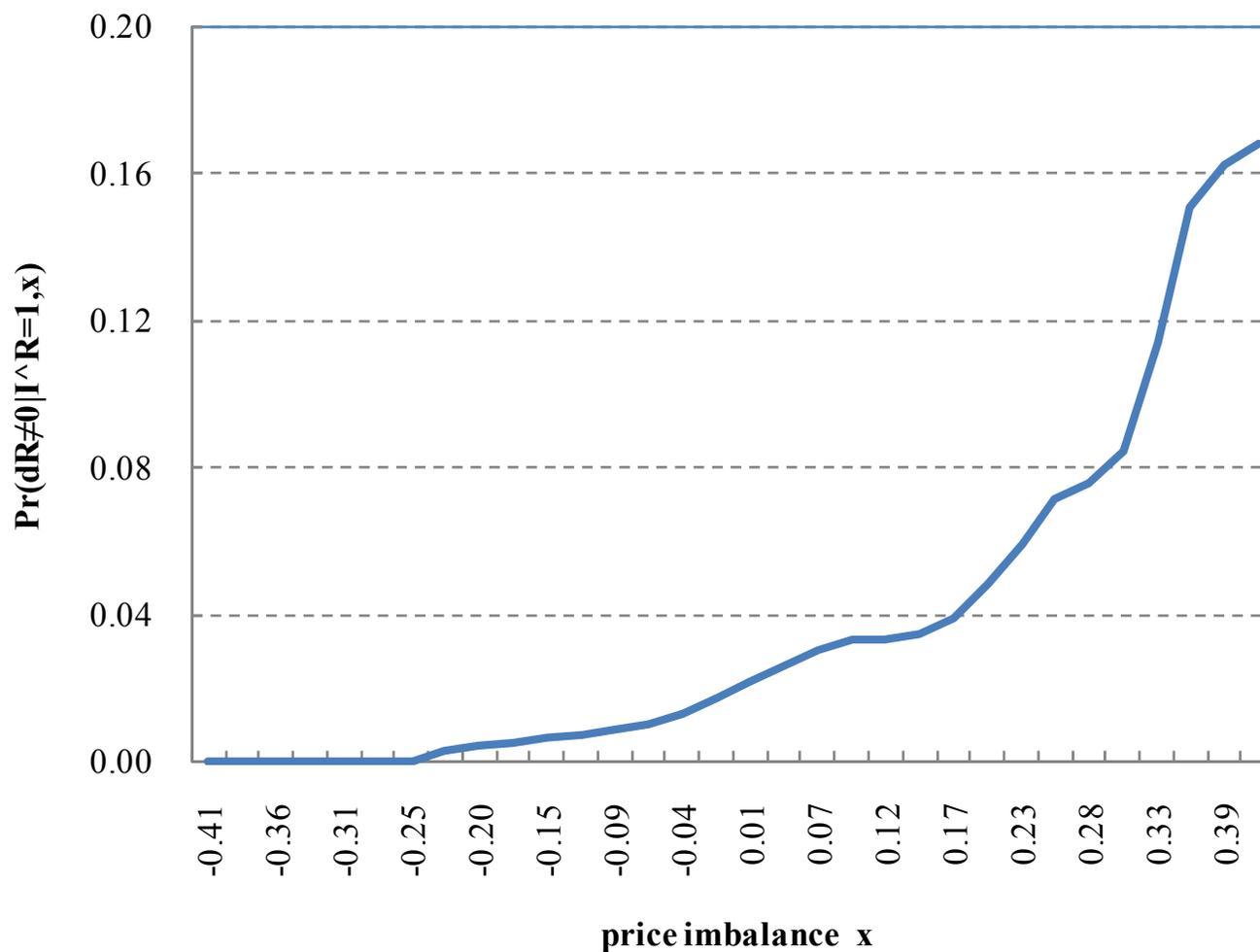


# Adjustment Hazard Function for Turnover Units

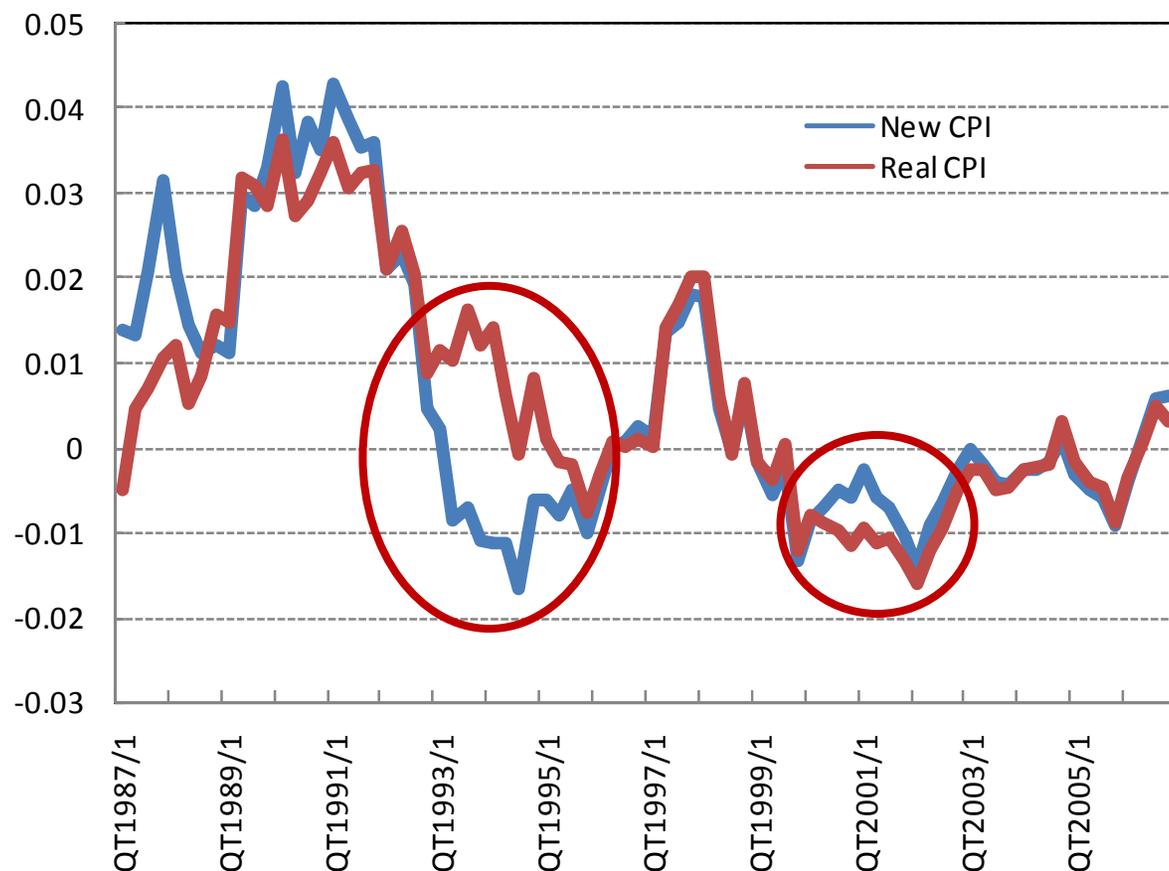


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# Re-estimates of CPI Inflation



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