

A Study of Financial Development Impact on Economic Growth: A Comparison Between Egypt and Saudi Arabia

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Abstract

Economic growth is always seen as one of the chief economic goals countries try to achieve, in order to develop its economics. Economic growth takes different forms following the varying economic theories, and it's mostly defined as achieving increase in average share of individual from the real gross national income at certain time period. One of the most frequently used indexes to measure economic growth is: Measuring economic growth based on the expected – no the real – income, especially in countries that possess rich resources. And based on gross domestic product at fixed price and one year, and the average individual share from real income.

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1. Introduction

Fiscal and financial sector is aiming at raising economic indexes, through optimal assigning of financial resources and leveraging its economic revenue. As financial resources are deemed one of the factors that affect boosting productivity, savings rates, investment decisions, tech innovations and growth rates on the long run. It allows investment chances to people with financial deficit who are able to invest, thus, pushes forward the economic activity wheel. Therefore, banking sector is playing an important role in stimulating economic growth, through directing funds toward channels stimulating economic growth. There are variant opinions on basic elements shaping optimal financial structure that encourages economic growth on the long run which are bank, markets, financial services, financing and law regardless the relative importance of its different components and its development (Dolar & Meh, 2002; Levine, 2005), Some studies have focused on the importance of the role played by financial development in speeding up economic growth, and stressed on the need of liberating financial system which contributes to increasing the amount of financial saving and the assignment of capitals to more productive purposes and contributing to economic growth (Lucas Jr, 1988; Rostow, 1974). While others believe (Robinson, 1979) that economic growth is the road to financial development, thus debate on the relationship between financial development and economic growth has become a subject to several studies that have led to different conclusions.

1.1 Importance of the Research

Stems from economic plans implemented by countries to achieve the positive impact of financial development in raising contribution rates of industrial sectors in forming gross domestic product through impacting different economic variables in general and economic growth in particular, whether on the short or the long run. Thus, studying financial development and measuring its impact on economic growth is considered one of the subjects that require permanent studying and evaluation.

1.2 Research Problem

It's reflected in the main question: At what extent financial development affects economic growth rates? And this is

depending on the following hypotheses:

- 1) There's a statistically significant direct relationship on the long run between bank credit and financial development (As dependant variable).
- 2) There's a statistically significant inverse relationship on the long run between lending rate prices and financial development (As dependant variable).
- 3) There's a statistically significant direct relationship on the long run between inflation rate and financial development (As dependant variable).
- 4) There's a statistically significant direct relationship on the long run between money supply and financial development (As dependant variable).

1.3 Research Objective

The research basically targets measuring and analyzing the impact of financial development on economic growth, through measuring the short term and long-term relations between financial development and economic growth variables in a comparative study between Egyptian and Saudi economies, considering that both are different with regard to the foundations used to affect economic growth, using annual data represents the period (1980-2018).

2. Method

Autoregressive Distributed Lag Model (ARDL) methodology (Pesaran & Shin, 1995; Pesaran, Shin, & Smith, 2001) has been used, and it's considered more powerful for small samples that include 30-80 views. And it's used no matter whether decline is from rank I (0) or rank I (1), or in the case of mixing both of them. Short term and long-term relation can also be estimated at the same time, and it provides unbiased and competent evaluation. It's also more suitable for a model depending on one equation, and it helps in eliminating problems related to variable deletion and autocorrelation.

2.1 Study Variables and Data Sources

This study is concerned with realizing the impact of financial development on economic growth in both Egypt and Saudi Arabia as a comparative study between two different forms of economics during the period (1980-2018). These variables have been chosen based on economic theory and former studies, like: Economic growth (RGDP) where gross domestic product has been used (In fixed rates of local currency in 2010), bank credit (BC) where net domestic credit has been used (In current rates of local currencies), Lending interest rate (LIR), inflation rate (INF) where inflation has been used represented in rates paid by consumers (% annually), broad money where money supply is used in broad meaning (In current rates of local currency).

2.2 Description of Study Variables

Indicator {*GDP (In fixed rates of local currency)*} Gross Domestic Product is the total sum of added value from all resident producers in an economy, plus any taxes imposed on products and minus any subsidies not included in products value. It's calculated without deducting the value of depreciation of manufactured assets or imposing any deductions due to natural resources depletion or deterioration. Data are in fixed rate of local currency.

Indicator {*Net domestic credit (in current local currency rates)*} Net Local Credit is the total of net credit supplied to non-financial public sector institutions, and credit directed to private sector institutions, and other accounts. Data are in current value of local currency.

Indicator {*Lending interest rate (%)*} Lending Interest Rate is the rate received by banks on loans provided to primary clients.

Indicator {*Inflation, prices paid by consumers (annual percent)*} Inflation reflects, as measured by consumer prices index, the annual change of percentage of cost incurred by average consumer to obtain a basket of goods and services that could be fixed or variable over a specific time period; for example, every year. Laspeyres formula is used in general

Indicator {*Broad money supply (in current local currency rates)*} Broad Money (International financial statistics, row: L.Zk35) is sum of currency outside banks, demand deposits other than central governmental deposits; time deposits, savings, deposits in foreign currency for resident sectors other than central government; bank drafts and traveler's cheque; and financials items like tradable deposit certificates and trade papers.

2.3 Previous Studies

Vaithilingam, Guru, & Shanmugam (2003) explore Causality between commercial bank credit and economic growth in Malaysia, using Granger causality, the result indicates that an increase in commercial bank loans to the private sector has a direct effect on real income. **Dritsakis & Adamopoulos (2004)** empirically examines the causal relationship between the degree of openness of the economy, financial development and economic growth in Greece, using multivariate autoregressive VAR model, the result indicates that cointegrated vector among GDP, financial development and the degree of openness of the economy, moreover, not only there is a causal relationship between financial development and economic growth, but also between the degree of openness of the economy and economic growth. **Odhiambo (2005)** assessed the role of Financial Development and Economic Growth in Tanzania: A Dynamic Casualty Test, The role of financial development in economic growth in Tanzania, using Cointegration test: Johansen Method and Vector Error Correction Model (VECM)) the result shows that Bidirectional losses exist between financial development and economic growth in Tanzania. **Furqani & Mulyany (2009)** examines the dynamic interactions between Islamic banking and economic growth of Malaysia, using Cointegration test and Vector Error Model (VECM), the result shows that in short-run only fixed investment that granger cause Islamic bank to develop and in the long-run, there is evidence of a bidirectional relationship between Islamic bank and fixed investment and there is evidence to support demand following hypothesis of GDP and Islamic bank, where increase in GDP causes Islamic banking to develop and not vice versa. **Perera & Paudel (2009)** explore the causal relationship between financial development and economic growth in SriLanka, using Cointegration test: Johansen Method, Error Correction Model (VECM), the result indicates that broad money causes economic growth with two-way causality. The major finding of this study does not strongly support the view that financial development boosts economic growth. **Adamopoulos (2010)** examines the relationship between financial development and economic growth for Ireland, using Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), Cointegration test: Johansen Method and Granger causality tests, the result shows that Credit market development is a result of economic growth. There's causality relationship in the two direction between stock market development and economic growth. Thus, it can be concluded that economic growth has a positive impact on stock market development and credit market development, putting in mind the positive impact of industrial production growth on economic growth in Ireland. **Antonios (2010)** explore investigated the causal relationship between credit market development and economic growth for Ireland, using Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), the result shows that unidirectional causality between credit market development and economic growth for Ireland. **Shaheen, Awan, Waqas, & Aslam (2011)** Study examines the relationship between financial development and economic growth in the United Kingdom. Using Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), Cointegration test: Johansen Method and Granger causality tests, the result suggests that a causal relationship between financial development and economic growth in the United Kingdom. **Shaheen et al. (2011)** examines Discovery of a long-term equilibrium relationship and possible causality direction between international trade and financial development and economic growth in Pakistan, using Autoregressive Distributed Lags (ARDL) approach, the result indicates that Existence of long-term relationship between variables in Pakistan, and a one-way relationship from international trade to economic growth, and from financial development to international trade. **Leitão (2012)** explore A relationship between bank credit and economic growth in the EU. Using A Dynamic Panel Data. the result indicates that Bank credit and inflation have negative impact on economic growth, while savings boost it. **Ogunyiola (2013)** examines the relationship between financial development and economic growth, in the long and short term, in Cape Verde, Using Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), the result shows that Existence of a long-term relationship between economic growth and financial development. There're no relationships between economic growth and financial development on the short-term. A one-way relationship has been found from financial development to economic growth at money supply (M2). Existence of causality relationship in two directions between financial development and economic growth when loans are given from commercial banks. Study has also found out a one-way causality relationship from economic growth to local credit in private sector. **Judith, Ugwuegbe, & Ugwuoke (2014)** empirically examine The Impact of Bank Credit on Economic Growth in Nigeria, using Error Correction Model (VECM), the result indicates that the Long-term bank credit has a negative and significant impact on economic growth in Nigeria, the reason behind that is banking sector in Nigeria doesn't support the most active sectors in economy. While in short-term, bank credit has no impacts on economic growth, while money supply has a positive and significant impact on economic growth. **Osman (2014)** Analyzing the relationship between the two credits offered by commercial banks and economic growth in Saudi Arabia, using Autoregressive Distributed Lags (ARDL) approach, the result indicates that Existence of a significant and direct relationship between bank credits and economic growth on the long term, this is explained by good management of Saudi banks to its financial resources, through assigning it to big investments that boost economic growth. **Tabash & Dhankar (2014)** Evaluating the impact of Islamic banks financing on economic growth in UAE,

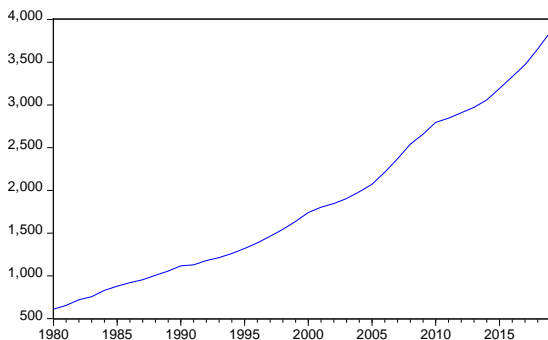
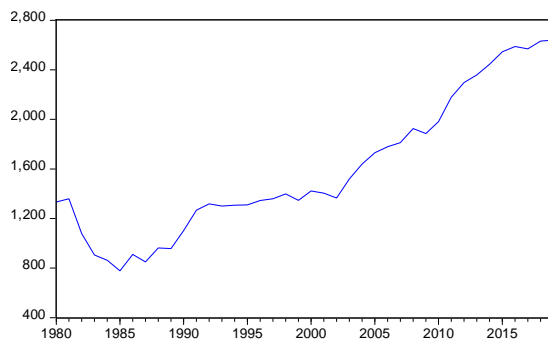
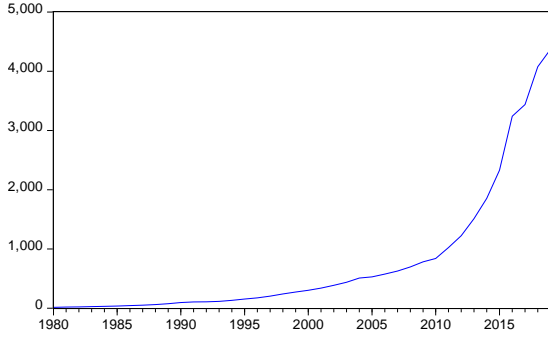
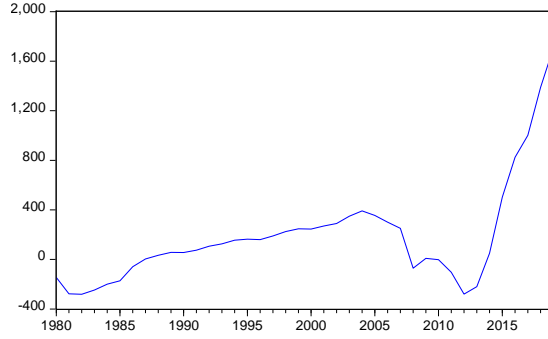
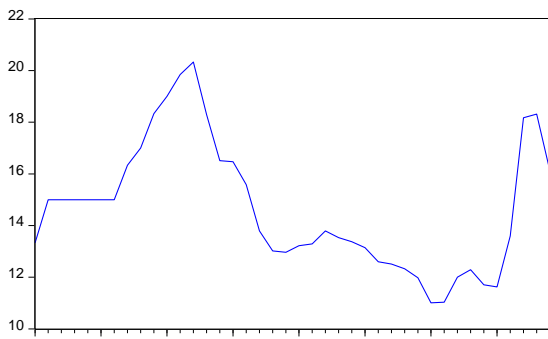
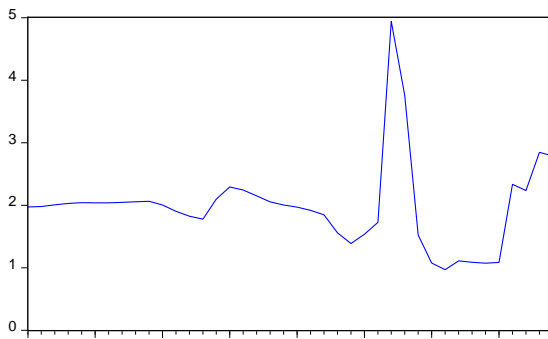
using Unit root test, Cointegration test: Johansen Method and Granger causality tests, the result shows that There's a strong positive relationship between Islamic banks financing and economic growth. There's a causality relationship occurring in one direction from Islamic bank financing to economic growth. There's a long-term stable relationship between Islamic banks financing and economic growth in UAE, which means that Islamic banks financing and economic growth move together on the long term. **Gautam (2014)** examines the relationship between economic growth and financial development in Nepal, using Unit root test, Cointegration test: Johansen Method, Granger causality tests and Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), the result suggests that Financial development is a reason of economic growth on the short run, while economic growth contributes to boosting financial development in the long run. **Musamali, Nyamongo, & Moyi (2014)** examines the relationship between financial development and economic growth, using Panel unit root tests, Causality Tests and Pooled and fixed effects estimation, the result suggests that both the financial sector and the real sector are important in influencing Africa's current and future growth trajectory. **Duican & Pop (2015)** explore the relationship between bank credit and economic growth in Romania, using A Dynamic Panel Data, the result shows that the Bank credit has a major influence on the development of real GDP. **Tahir, Shehzadi, Ali, & Ullah (2015)** examines the association among bank credit to private sector and economic growth in Pakistan, using co-integration VECUM and Granger causality tests, the result indicates that the bank credit had extensive relationship with economic progression; in short term the relationship was also significant. Regression analysis showed that there was adverse impact of bank credit on economic growth in Pakistan. **Mohanty, Kumar, & Patra (2016)** explore the effect of bank credit on economic growth in Indian states, using The Panel Causality Model and A Dynamic Panel Data, the result indicates that There's Existence of two-way relationship between bank credit and economic growth. Bank credits, capital expenditures and development expense all have positive impact on economic growth. **Guptha & Rao (2018)** about determine whether the development of the financial system in these economies is the cause for their growth, using principal component analysis and Toda-Yamamoto causality test, the result shows that There's no uniformity in finance and growth causality among the BRICS countries. **Uttam Paudel (2018)** explore the impact and direction of causality between financial development and economic growth, using Unit root test, Engle-Granger, co-integration test and Error correction model, the result shows that although finance led growth yields positive consequences, real sectors indicator like consumer price index (CPI) has more impact on real gross domestic product (GDP), a proxy of economic growth, than financial development indicators (M2Y, CPY) in Nepal. **Mwang'onda, Mwaseba, & Ngwilizi (2018)** empirically examine the impact of financial sector on economic growth of Tanzania, using Autoregressive Distributed Lags (ARDL) approach, in both long-run and short-run, financial development exerts significant but negative effect on economic growth, the result suggests that in both long-run and short-run, financial development exerts significant but negative effect on economic growth nonexistence of causality between financial development and economic growth nonexistence of causality between financial development and economic growth.

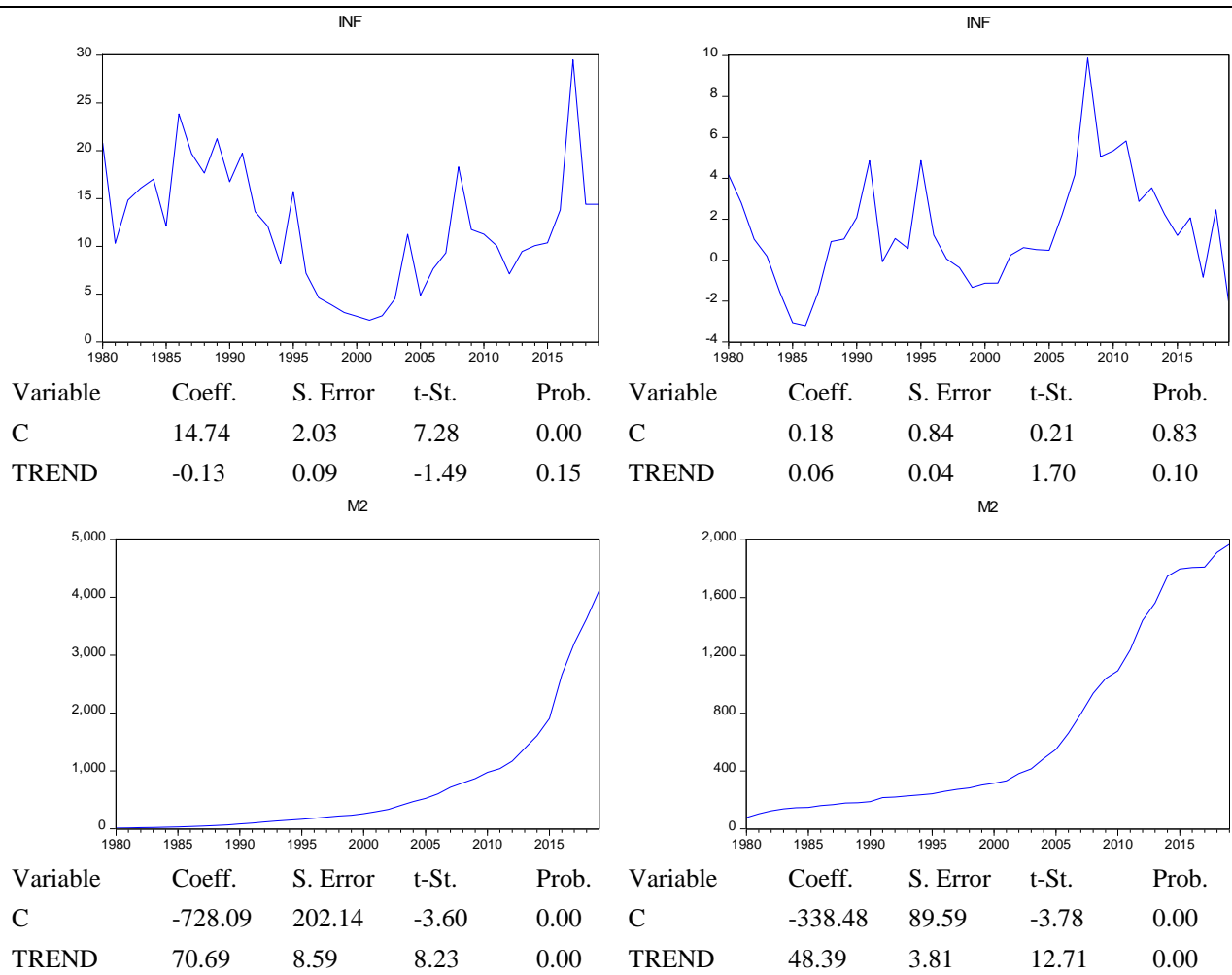
3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Trend and Graph

Table 2 that shows graph and trend of variables time series being discussed points out that they're significant for Egypt with regard to all variables except inflation rate (Significant in the intercept), in addition to the non-significance of inflation rate. Graph and trend are useful in choosing the proper formula in stationary tests whether without trend and intercept, with intercept only, or with trend and intercept. This will be done through the nature of study series based on existence of any of trend and intercept, or both (Lee & Chien, 2008).

Table 1. Graph and trend of Egypt and Saudi Arabia during the period 1980 (1980-2019)

<i>Egypt</i>					<i>Saudi Arabia</i>				
RGDP					RGDP				
									
Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.	Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.
C	248.29	59.71	4.16	0.00	C	671.95	68.52	9.81	0.00
TREND	79.16	2.54	31.19	0.00	TREND	44.99	2.91	15.45	0.00
BC					BC				
									
Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.	Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.
C	-808.88	231.69	-3.49	0.00	C	-262.56	108.48	-2.42	0.02
TREND	77.32	9.85	7.85	0.00	TREND	21.92	4.61	4.75	0.00
LIR					LIR				
									
Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.	Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.
C	16.41	0.75	21.75	0.00	C	2.03	0.23	8.71	0.00
TREND	-0.09	0.03	-2.66	0.01	TREND	0.00	0.01	-0.22	0.83



Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

3.2 Stationary Test

Stationary test aims to recognize the integration of study time series in order to select the proper model to evaluate the relation between study variables, while eliminating spurious regression. Table 3 illustrates 3 tests to confirm time series stationary – in the light of trend conclusions in Table 2 – where Phillips & Perron (1988) PP test, that depends on ADF model, was used along with the use of non-parametrically modified. And ADF Augmented Dickey-Fuller (1979) test that depends on First order autoregression, and also the KPSS test got both Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (1992), (Fedorov á 2016). Tests that were used have confirmed the acceptance of null hypotheses with stability of variables that've been studied at the different levels of significance, whether at Level I(0) or at First Difference I(1) with difference for some variables in case of Egypt and Saudi Arabia. This leads to a conclusion that time series of study variables is a mixture of integrated series from level zero I(0), and other integrated from level one I(1), consequently Autoregressive Distributed Lag Model (ARDL) is the most proper one to estimate the relation among variables (Pesaran et al., 2001).

Table 2. UNIT ROOT TEST Results

		Egypt					Saudi Arabia				
At Level		RGDP ^(a)	BC ^(a)	LIR ^(a)	INF ^(b)	M2 ^(a)	RGDP ^(a)	BC ^(a)	LIR ^(b)	INF ^(c)	M2 ^(a)
PP	t-St.	0.57	3.90	-1.88	-3.30	6.82	-3.31	-0.45	-2.95	-2.75	-0.71
	Prob.	1.00	1.00	0.65	0.02	1.00	0.08	0.98	0.05	0.01	0.97
		n0	n0	n0	**	n0	*	n0	**	***	n0
ADF	t-St.	0.70	2.96	-1.92	-3.28	1.59	-3.35	-3.75	-4.21	-2.72	-1.29
	Prob.	1.00	1.00	0.63	0.02	1.00	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.88
		n0	n0	n0	**	n0	*	**	***	***	n0
KPSS	t-St.	0.21	0.18	0.11	0.24	0.20	0.19	0.09	0.04		0.19
	Prob.	**	**	n0	n0	**	**	n0	n0		**
At First Difference		d(RGDP)	d(BC)	d(LIR)	d(INF)	d(M2)	d(RGDP)	d(BC)	d(LIR)	d(INF)	d(M2)
PP	t-St.	-2.53	-4.68	-3.12	-10.5	-2.07	-5.07	-2.78	-9.19	-8.15	-3.17
	Prob.	0.31	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.11
		n0	***	n0	***	n0	***	n0	***	***	n0
ADF	t-St.	-3.83	-6.07	-4.58	-9.75	3.38	-4.98	-2.78	-5.87	-8.15	-3.20
	Prob.	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.10
		**	***	***	***	n0	***	n0	***	***	*
KPSS	t-St.	0.07	0.17	0.12	0.24	0.17	0.10	0.13	0.31		0.10
	Prob.	n0	**	*	n0	**	n0	*	n0		n0

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

Model specification: (a) With Constant & Trend, (b) With Constant, (c) Without Constant & Trend

(*) Significant at the 10%, (**) Significant at the 5%, (***) Significant at the 1%. and (no) Not Significant

- MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values for PP and ADF.

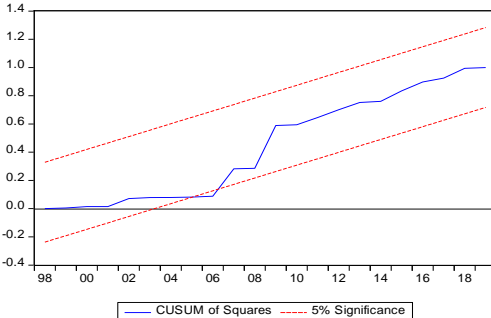
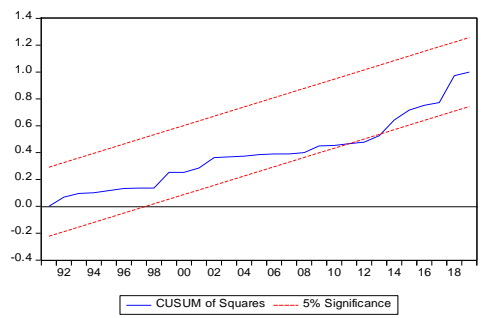
- Lag Length based on SIC, Probability based on Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (1992, Table 1) for KPSS.

3.3 Model Initial Estimation and Validity Test

Model initial estimation has been made at four degrees of auto delay. And in order to test the estimated model with regard to instability and misspecification, two tests have been considered, Ramsey RESET Test, CUSUM of Squares (Ramsey, 1969). It turned out that estimated model suffers from instability and misspecification problem, as per Table 4 and according to CUSUM of Squares test for Egypt and Saudi Arabia, there are regression residuals outside critical limits of random error. Consequently, model parameters were unstable, add to that – in case of Saudi Arabia – the significance of Ramsey RESET Test. As a result, the estimated model suffers from a misconception problem.

As it's shown in table 5 that's concerned with conclusions of tests of residuals series, represented in Serial Correlation LM test (Breusch, 1978), Heteroskedasticity Test (Breusch & Pagan, 1979) (Engle, 1982), and Normality Test (Breusch & Pagan, 1979), that Egypt model suffers from an autocorrelation problem due to the statistical significance of Breusch-Godfrey test. That indicates the rejection of null hypotheses, so the residuals series suffers from the autocorrelation problem. While Saudi model suffers from a heteroscedasticity problem due to significance of ARCH test, which indicates the rejection of null hypotheses. So, the residuals series suffers from a heteroscedasticity problem. Thus, the two models do not have the characteristic of Econometric Robustness.

Table 3. Stability tests

		Egypt			Saudi Arabia		
Ramsey	Value	df	Probability	Value	df	Probability	
RESET Test							
t-statistic	0.097942	21	0.9229	4.418739	28	0.0001	
F-statistic	0.009593	(1, 21)	0.9229	19.52526	(1, 28)	0.0001	
CUSUM of Squares							

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

Table 4. Residuals Diagnostics tests

		Egypt			Saudi Arabia			
Breusch-Godfrey Serial	F-statistic	3.27	Prob.F (2,20)	0.06	F-statistic	0.557	Prob. F (2,27)	0.579
Correlation LM Test	Obs*R-squared	8.87	Prob. Chi-Square(2)	0.01	Obs*R-squared	1.507	Prob. Chi- ² (2)	0.47
Heteroskedasticity	F-statistic	1.104	Prob.F (13,2)	0.41	F-statistic	0.853	Prob. F (8,29)	0.565
Test: Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey	Obs*R-squared	14.21	Prob. Chi- ² (13)	0.35	Obs*R-squared	7.242	Prob. Chi- ² (8)	0.51
	Scaled explained SS	5.33	Prob. Chi- ² (13)	0.96	Scaled explained SS	4.333	Prob. Chi- ² (8)	0.825
Heteroskedasticity Test:	F-statistic	0.35	Prob.F (1,33)	0.55	F-statistic	4.281	Prob. F (1,35)	0.046
ARCH	Obs*R-squared	0.37	Prob. Chi- ² (1)	0.54	Obs*R-squared	4.033	Prob. Chi- ² (1)	0.044
Jarque-Bera	0.623032	Prob.	0.732336		Jarque-Bera	2.076	Prob.	0.354

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

So, there's a possibility that time series contain Structural Break, which makes previous unit root tests insufficient to determine the stability degree of the series. As existence of structural break leads to test leaning to accept null hypothesis with existence of unit root, despite correctness of alternative hypothesis (Amsler & Lee, 1995). ADF with Structural Break test will be used to recognize the existence of structural break (Perron & Vogelsang, 1992), as table 6 shows time series stability in Egypt to all variables (Sometimes in consistency with tests mentioned in table 3) at level I(0), with the exclusion of inflation rate that stayed stable at first variation I(1). While it was the opposite in the case of Saudi Arabia, which points out that both have structural breaks for different reasons. Egyptian economy has different activities (Agriculture, industry, etc.), while Saudi economy depends mainly on oil.

Table 5. ADF with Structural Break test

	Egypt			Saudi Arabia		
	t-Statistic	Prob*	Break	t-Statistic	Prob*	Break
At Level						
RGDP	-4.231772	0.3751	2000	-5.935627	< 0.01	1998
BC	-1.683197	> 0.99	2004	-5.186612	< 0.01	2000
LIR	-3.706901	0.7031	2016	-7.849649	< 0.01	2007
INF	-5.295011	0.0366	1996	-3.351603	0.4723	2005
M2	-0.450624	> 0.99	2017	-5.517252	< 0.01	2002
At First Difference						
RGDP	-4.882723	0.0180	2018			
BC	-7.408442	< 0.01	1996			
LIR	-6.099809	< 0.01	1993			
INF				-9.806142	< 0.01	2008
M2	-5.877592	< 0.01	2008			

*Vogelsang (1993) asymptotic one-sided p-values.

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

3.4 Specifying Structural Breaks

These structural breaks could be the main reason of the problems facing that model. And in order to specify the years of structural breaks, Bai-Perron (2003) Multiple Breakpoint test (Bai & Perron, 2003) will be used. As table 7 illustrates, and according to Schwarz Criterion, the model of Egypt and Saudi Arabia contains 5 structural breaks that have taken place during the years 1986, 1992, 2001, 2008 and 2014 for Egypt. And during the years 1987, 1993, 1999, 2007 and 2013 for Saudi Arabia. It well noted that years of structural breaks starts in Egypt in 1986, followed by Saudi Arabia in 1987. Then in Egypt 1992 followed by Saudi Arabia. Afterwards, the case was reversed at the beginnings the millennial, when it's started in Saudi Arabia in 1999 then in Egypt in 2001, etc. As if test is pointing at a hidden link between Egypt & Saudi Arabia economies, and which one is taking the lead at certain period.

Table 6. Bai-Perron Multiple Breakpoint test

Breaks	Egypt					Saudi Arabia			
	# of Coefs.	Sum of Sq. Resids.	Log-L	Schwarz* Criterion	LWZ* Criterion	Sum of Sq. Resids.	Log-L	Schwarz* Criterion	LWZ* Criterion
0	5	3273162	-283.00	11.774	12.025	632414.8	-250	10.130	10.381
1	11	205762.6	-227.67	9.560	10.142	115281.5	-216	8.981	9.563
2	17	34431.8	-191.91	8.326	9.282	65491.37	-204	8.969	9.925
3	23	11472.76	-169.93	7.780	9.180	31278.05	-190	8.783	10.183
4	29	4747.364	-152.28	7.451	9.429	19129.36	-180	8.845	10.822
5	35	4037.188	-149.04	7.842	10.750	9518.701	-166	8.700	11.608
Estimated break dates									
1		2011				1991			
2		1989, 2011				1990, 2004			

3	1986, 2001, 2013	1989, 1996, 2007
4	1986, 2001, 2008, 2014	1989, 1996, 2007, 2013
5	1986, 1992, 2001, 2008, 2014	1987, 1993, 1999, 2007, 2013

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

Breaking variables: BC LIR INF M2 C

Break test options: Trimming 0.15, Max. breaks 5

Schwarz criterion selected breaks: 4 for Egypt & 5 for Saudi Arabia

LWZ criterion selected breaks: 3 for Egypt & 1 for Saudi Arabia

* Minimum information criterion values displayed with shading

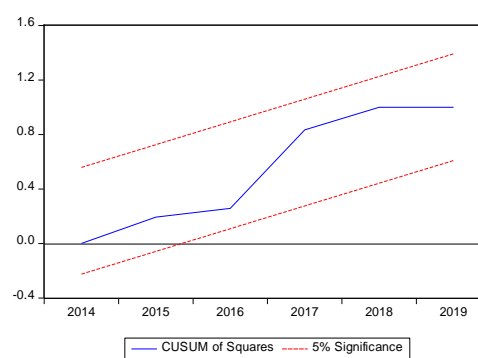
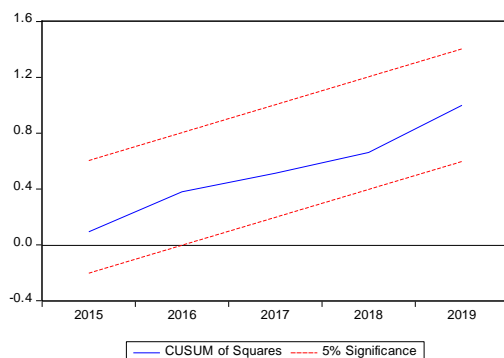
3.5 Estimation of Final Model and Validity Test

By estimating the model in its final form at three degrees of auto delay after adding five dummy variables to the years that witnessed structural breaks in order to control its effects, so it takes the value Zero (0) in previous years and the value One (1) in the year of change and the following year, considering these variables as fixed variables in order to eliminate the possibility of time delays. It turned out, with regard to instability and misspecification problem, that the estimated model doesn't have the problem of instability and misspecification. As it's shown in table 8 and according to CUSUM of Squares test for Egypt and Saudi Arabia that no regression residuals exist outside critical limits of random error. Thus, the model parameter are stable at recurrent reviews, also the insignificance of Ramsey RESET Test. Thus, the estimated model doesn't have the problem of mathematical misspecification. Table 9 of test results of residuals series of Egypt and Saudi Arabia models shows that the models don't suffer from autocorrelation and heteroscedasticity, and both follow the normal distribution. Thus, both are clear of standard problems related to random limit characteristics. And both have Econometric Robustness, so model can be used in estimating the relation between variables on both the short and long term.

Table 7. Stability tests for final model

	Egypt			Saudi Arabia		
	Value	df	Probability	Value	df	Probability
RESET Test						
t-statistic	1.067739	12	0.3066	1.716986	23	0.0994
F-statistic	1.140067	(1, 12)	0.3066	2.948039	(1, 23)	0.0994

CUSUM of Squares



Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

Table 8. Residuals Diagnostics tests for final model

		Egypt			Saudi Arabia				
Breusch-Godfrey Serial Correlation	F-statistic	0.517	Prob. F(2,11)	0.61	F-statistic	1.783	Prob. F(2,22)	0.192	
	LM Test	Obs*R-squared	3.178	Prob. Chi ⁻² (2)	0.20	Obs*R-squared	5.299	Prob. Chi ⁻²	0.071
Heteroskedasticity Test: Breusch- Pagan-Godfrey	F-statistic	0.787	Prob. F(23,13)	0.70	F-statistic	0.637	Prob. F(13,24)	0.800	
		Obs*R-squared	21.53 6	Prob. Chi ⁻² (23)	0.55	Obs*R-squared	9.750	Prob. Chi ⁻² (13)	0.714
		Scaled explained SS	2.285	Prob. Chi ⁻² (23)	1.00	Scaled explained SS	5.022	Prob. Chi ⁻² (13)	0.975
Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH	F-statistic	0.517	Prob. F(1,34)	0.48	F-statistic	0.051	Prob. F(1,35)	0.823	
		F-statistic	0.517	Prob. F(1,34)	0.48	Obs*R-squared	0.054	Prob. Chi ⁻² (1)	0.816
Jarque-Bera	1.033	Prob.	0.596		Jarque-Bera	2.458	Prob.	0.292	

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

3.6 Cointegration Test Using Bound Test

Using cointegration between dependent and independent variables according to autoregression model for Autoregressive-Distributed Lag, using the bound test, Table (10) F-Bound Test shows that calculated F value is higher than maximum Critical Values if the test at different significance levels. Thus, the null hypotheses is rejected due to absence of a long-run equilibrium relationship between study variables, while the alternative hypotheses is accepted. Thus, study variables are linked through cointegration relation that moves from independent variables jointly to dependent variable.

Table 9. F-Bounds Test for final model

Egypt	Saudi Arabia	Signif.	I(0)	I(1)
Value	Value			
5.718944	13.55159	10%	2.68	3.53
		5%	3.05	3.97
		2.5%	3.4	4.36
		1%	3.81	4.92

Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

3.7 Estimating Relationship Between Long-Run Model Variables

By estimating parameters of independent variables relation with dependent variables in the long run, table 11 shows the statistical significance of the relation between lending interest rate at 5% level for Egypt model, which has a statistically significant and inverse relation with dependent variable that represent economic growth level. Parameter value has been estimated by around -63.84, which means that the increase in lending interest rate by around 1% leads to a decrease in gross domestic product with fixed prices of approximately 63.84 billion EGP. While Saudi Arabia has fixed statistic significance of lending interest rate, and inflation rate at 5%, as lending interest rate has an statistically significance and inverse relationship with dependent variable that represent economic growth level, in the long-run. Parameter value has been estimated by around -240.36, which means that the increase in lending

interest rate by around 1% will lead to decrease in gross domestic product in fixed rates with approximately 240.36 billion SAR. Inflation rate variable has a statistically significant and direct relationship with dependent variable representing economic growth. Parameter value has been estimated by around 28.50, which means that the increase in lending interest rate by around 1% will lead to an increase in gross domestic product in fixed rates with approximately 28.50 billion SAR.

And explains inverse relationship of lending interest rate effect, where its increase leads to a decrease in investors' lending because of the increase in capital Marginal Efficiency of Capital, then a relapse in various sectors development then a decrease in real gross domestic product and a shrinking in economic growth. As investor compares the lending interest rate with ponds and stocks prices, that way they pull away from expanding in production. While it explains the direct relationship between inflation rate and economic growth to fiscal policy, where expansive fiscal policy to an increase in banks credits that offers loans to investors in order to encourage them to invest, thus increases production which in turn triggers economic growth. These conclusions go in line with perspective of economic theory and numerous previous studies.

Table 10. Long Run Form for final model

Variable	Egypt				Saudi Arabia				
	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
BC	2.755	1.776	1.551	0.145	0.203	0.143	1.418	0.169	
LIR	-63.843	24.813	-2.573	0.023	-240.361	96.538	-2.490	0.020	
INF	46.339	21.981	2.108	0.055	28.496	10.263	2.777	0.011	
M2	-2.621	1.835	-1.428	0.177	-0.198	0.382	-0.520	0.608	
@TREND	102.376	25.042	4.088	0.001	67.093	18.834	3.562	0.002	
EC = RGDP - (2.7549*BC -63.8428*LIR + 46.3393*INF-2.6206*M2+102.3756					EC = RGDP - (0.2034*BC -240.3612*LIR + 28.4965*INF-0.1984*M2+ 67.0926				
*@TREND)					*@TREND)				

Source: Prepared by researchers using EViews 10.

3.8 Estimating Unrestricted Error Correction Model (UECM)

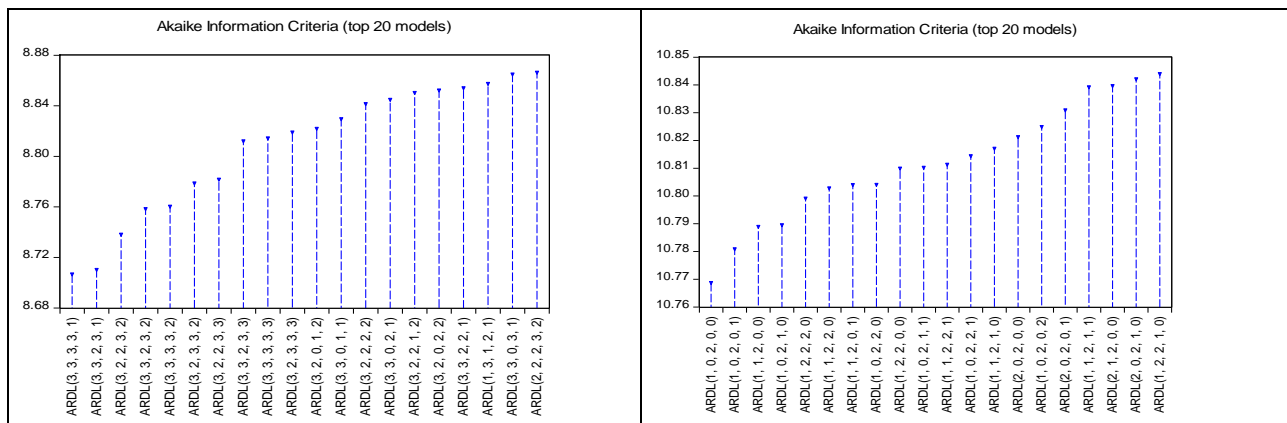
Depending on SB Schwarz criterion, which is favored in Autoregressive-Distributed Lag for being suitable for small samples, lag durations have been auto distributed among study variables. Model (3,3,3,1) has been chosen as the best model for Egypt, while (1,0,2,0,0) was chosen as the best model for Saudi Arabia. Table 12 shows, for Egypt, the statistic significance for first variance of gross domestic product variable in two delay periods, banking credit, first variance of banking credit in one delay period, first variance of banking credit in two delay periods, lending interest rate, first variance of lending interest rate in one delay period, inflation rate, first variance of inflation rate in one delay period and first variance of inflation rate in two delay periods, this is on the short run. While dummy variables that represent structural breaks had a statistically significant and inverse relation for the years 1986 and 2001. Error correction term has been estimated by -0.30, which is negative and statistically significant. Thus, 30% of short-term errors were corrected during one time unit, so short-term errors are corrected in 3.33 years.

As for Saudi Arabia, statistically significance has been proven for both first variance of lending interest rate variable, first variance of lending interest rate variable with one delay period, on the short term. While dummy variables that represent structural breaks had an inverse and statistically significant relationship for the years 1993 and 1999, and a direct relationship for 2007. Error correction term has been estimated by -0.48, which is negative and statistically significant. Thus, 48% of short-term errors were corrected during one time unit, so short-term errors are corrected in 2.08 years.

It must be put in mind that the relationship between variables may not represent causal relationship, as it could be a synchronous movement, unless it is proved by a causality test.

Table 11. ARDL Error Correction Regression for final model

Egypt				Saudi Arabia					
Variable	Coeff.	S. Error	t-St.	Prob.	Variable	Coeff	Std. Error	t-St.	Prob.
C	244.91	33.46	7.32	0.00	C	570.447	69.18	8.245	0.00
D(RGDP(-1))	0.05	0.12	0.44	0.66					
D(RGDP(-2))	0.43	0.14	3.01	0.01					
D(BC)	-0.22	0.09	-2.36	0.03					
D(BC(-1))	-0.74	0.12	-6.48	0.00					
D(BC(-2))	-0.20	0.05	-3.74	0.00					
D(LIR)	-18.20	5.95	-3.06	0.00	D(LIR)	-50.773	10.97	-4.62	0.00
D(LIR(-1))	15.94	5.79	2.75	0.01	D(LIR(-1))	54.403	11.07	4.912	0.00
D(LIR(-2))	-6.23	4.35	-1.43	0.17					
D(INF)	5.79	1.10	5.27	0.00					
D(INF(-1))	-5.13	1.28	-4.02	0.00					
D(INF(-2))	-3.209	1.060	-3.02	0.01					
D(M2)	0.140	0.128	1.088	0.29					
DUM1986	-94.55	17.142	-5.51	0.000	DUM1987	-66.878	33.972	-1.96	0.061
DUM1992	13.538	14.089	0.961	0.354	DUM1993	-96.126	24.494	-3.92	0.001
DUM2001	-53.22	13.049	-4.07	0.001	DUM1999	-126.21	27.801	-4.54	0.000
DUM2008	25.081	15.716	1.596	0.135	DUM2007	110.471	23.696	4.662	0.000
DUM2014	41.593	28.606	1.454	0.170	DUM2013	-3.875	23.982	-0.16	0.873
CointEq(-1)	-0.296	0.043	-6.89	0.000	CointEq(-1)	-0.477	0.048	-9.91	0.000



Source: Prepared by researchers using EVIEWS 10.

3.9 Testing for Long-Run Causality

In order to test causality relationship between study variables in the long-run, Toda & Yamamoto (1995) (Toda & Yamamoto, 1995) methodology has been used. Which depends on Augmented VAR model to know the Maximal integration order "dmax" of the time series, then number of optimal delay periods for study variables is specified depending on the normal VAR model. According to table 13 and Schwarz criterion, the number of optimal delays for study variables equals P=5, then Augmented VAR model is estimated under some limits on parameters matrix (P+dmax).

Table 12. VAR Lag Order Selection Criteria for final model

Lag	Egypt					Saudi Arabia						
	LogL	LR	FPE	AIC	SC	HQ	LogL	LR	FPE	AIC	SC	HQ
0	-930.0498	NA	1.10e+17	53.43	53.65	53.51	-860.1968	NA	2.04e+15	49.43982	49.66201	49.51652
1	-687.2	402.4	4.40e+11	40.98	42.32	41.44	-666.7	320.7	1.36e+11	39.81	41.14	40.27
2	-634.8	71.9	1.01e+11	39.42	41.86	40.26	-640.2	36.3	1.37e+11	39.73	42.17	40.57
3	-591.7	46.8	4.62e+10	38.38	41.94	39.61	-607.1	36.0	1.12e+11	39.26	42.82	40.49
4	-546.5	36.1	2.57e+1	37.23	41.89	38.84	-538.3	54.99*	1.61e+10	36.76	41.43	38.37
5	-454.4	47.35*	1.86e+09*	33.39*	39.17*	35.38*	-479.5	30.3	7.79e+09*	34.82*	40.60*	36.82*

* indicates lag order selected by the criterion

LR: sequential modified LR test statistic (each test at 5% level), FPE: Final prediction error, AIC: Akaike information criterion, SC: Schwarz information criterion & HQ: Hannan-Quinn information criterion

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Afterwards, causality relation between study variables is tested, as shown in table 14, lending interest offer and money supply are linked with a long-term causality relationship in one direction with gross domestic product as representative to economic growth. And in consequence, they both cause economic growth, but economic growth does not cause them or any of the other variables in the case of Egypt, and lending interest rate is linked with gross domestic product as representative to economic growth in a long-term causality relationship. And in consequence, it causes economic growth, but economic growth does not cause it or any of the other variables ion the case of Saudi Arabia. In light of conclusions of Tables 11 & 14, lending interest rate is the only variable that affects gross domestic product (Inverse relationship) with is linked to it with a causality relationship. So, It's the only variable that can trigger economic growth for both Egypt and Saudi Arabia, despite the differences in structure and economic variety for both countries.

Table 13. Residuals Diagnostics tests for final model

	Egypt				Saudi Arabia			
	Excluded	Chi-sq	df	Prob.	Chi-sq	df	Prob.	
Dependent variable:	BC	2.446083	2	0.2943	4.778376	2	0.0917	
RGDP	LIR	10.40283	2	0.0055	10.48279	2	0.0053	
	INF	3.404484	2	0.1823	5.097230	2	0.0782	
	M2	7.068302	2	0.0292	4.387391	2	0.1115	
	All	13.81195	8	0.0868	19.03273	8	0.0147	
Dependent variable:	RGDP	1.547263	2	0.4613	5.690681	2	0.0581	
BC	LIR	2.328645	2	0.3121	58.43233	2	0.0000	
	INF	6.848669	2	0.0326	12.69983	2	0.0017	
	M2	27.16952	2	0.0000	0.819786	2	0.6637	
	All	42.47797	8	0.0000	71.15547	8	0.0000	
Dependent variable:	RGDP	0.942820	2	0.6241	2.192619	2	0.3341	
LIR	BC	4.233138	2	0.1204	1.118279	2	0.5717	
	INF	2.021705	2	0.3639	0.741060	2	0.6904	
	M2	2.013727	2	0.3654	0.296676	2	0.8621	

	All	18.03807	8	0.0209	7.845719	8	0.4487
Dependent variable:	RGDP	4.295053	2	0.1168	4.408704	2	0.1103
	BC	2.991005	2	0.2241	3.548125	2	0.1696
INF	LIR	0.193793	2	0.9077	3.245271	2	0.1974
	M2	8.615019	2	0.0135	9.690639	2	0.0079
	All	29.00821	8	0.0003	20.87079	8	0.0075
Dependent variable:	RGDP	2.079559	2	0.3535	1.888058	2	0.3891
	BC	25.88800	2	0.0000	15.56220	2	0.0004
M2	LIR	1.762901	2	0.4142	8.584673	2	0.0137
	INF	4.681815	2	0.0962	2.928516	2	0.2312
	All	47.41391	8	0.0000	22.88815	8	0.0035

Source: Prepared by researchers using EViews 10.

4. Discussion

The research is basically aiming at measuring and analyzing the effect of financial development on economic growth, through measuring the short-term and long-term relation among financial development variables and economic growth in a comparative study between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Considering that both countries are different with regard to the pillars they depend on to affect economic growth, using annual data represent the period (1980-2018). Autoregressive Distributed Lag Model (ARDL) methodology has been used after being processed from structural breaks by adding 5 dummy variables that represent that dates in which changes have taken place, with affirmation on model's standard sturdiness. Bounds test has proven the existence of long-term equilibrium relation, this way study variables are connected through cointegration relationship that moves from independent variables to dependent variable all at one time. It turned out there's a statistically significant inverse relationship at level 5% between lending interest rate and dependent variable that represents the level of Egypt's model economic growth. It was estimated by around -63.84, which means that any increase in lending interest rate by around 1% leads to a decrease in gross domestic product in fixed rates by around 36.84 billion EGP. As for Saudi Arabia, statistic significance has been proven for lending interest rate and inflation rate at level 5%, where lending interest rate is linked to dependent variable representing economic growth level through an inverse relationship, it was estimated by around -240.36. Which means, any increase in lending interest rate by 1% leads to a drop in gross domestic product with fixed rates by around 240.36 billion SR. While inflation rate variable is linked with dependent variable representing economic growth by a direct relationship that was estimated by 28.50. This means that any increase in inflation rate by around 1% leads to an increase in gross domestic product with fixed rates by around 28.50 billion SR. Egypt's error correction limit was estimated by around -0.30, which is statistically significant and negative, this way 30% of short-term errors are corrected in one time unit, so short-term errors are corrected in 3.33 years. Also, Saudi Arabia's error correction limit was estimated by -0.48, which is statistically significant and negative, this way 48% of short-term errors are corrected during one time unit, so short-term errors should be corrected in 2.08 years. The final and important conclusion of the research is that lending interest rate is the only variable affecting gross domestic product (Inverse relationship) which is linked to it through a causality relationship. Thus, it's the only variable that can lead economic growth in both Egypt and Saudi Arabia, despite the difference in structure and economic variety of both countries. The research recommends:

- Lending interest rate must be decreased in order to encourage investors to take loans to spend in investments, which triggers the economic growth.
- Not to depend on one actual variable, which is lending interest rate, in affecting and guiding economic growth. Instead, several other tools must be considered.

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