

# Pro-Poor Growth, Social Policies and Labour Market Linkages

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## Social Welfare Function

What is your favorite inequality measure? (and social welfare function?)

- Money-metric social welfare function is derived as:

$$W = u(x^*) = \int_0^{\infty} u(x)w(x)f(x)dx$$

where

- $x^*$  is the equally distributed equivalent level of income
- $u(x)$  is the utility function, increasing in  $x$  and concave
- $w(x)$  is the weight given to the utility of individual with income  $x$ 
  - captures the relative deprivation suffered by individuals (decreasing function of  $x$ )

- should satisfy:  $\int_0^{\infty} w(x)f(x)dx = 1$

- Define  $w(x) = 2[1 - F(x)]$  and  $u(x) = \log(x)$

- Social Welfare Function used in this paper is thus

$$\log(x^*) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F(x)] \log(x) f(x) dx$$

where  $x^*$  is the money-metric social welfare.

-  $\mu = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$  is the mean income

-  $(\mu - x^*)$  is a loss of social welfare caused by inequality.

## Inequality Measure

Decomposition a la Atkinson (1970)

$$\log(x^*) = \log(\mu) - \log(I)$$

Derived Inequality Measure) has a log utility and  
Weights a la Gini = Lini - a new inequality measure

$$\log(I) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F(x)] [\log(\mu) - \log(x)] f(x) dx$$

- Remember the Social Welfare Function used in this paper was

$$\log(x^*) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F(x)] \log(x) f(x) dx$$

### Pro-Poor Growth (or today Inclusive Growth)

- Growth rate of mean income:  $\gamma = \Delta \ln(\mu)$

- Growth rate of social welfare:  $\gamma^* = \Delta \log(x^*)$

- Growth rate of inequality:  $g = \Delta \log(I)$

where g has a direct intuitive interpretation as the

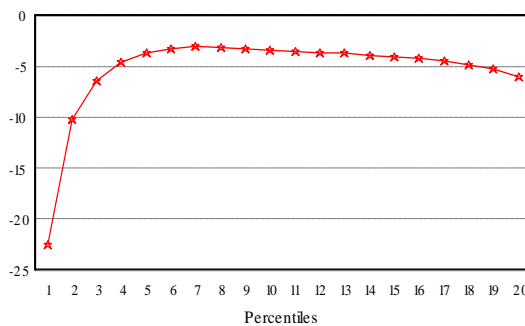
- Pro-poor growth rate (or inclusive growth rate):

- gain (or loss) of social welfare growth rate due to an increase (or decrease) in inequality.  $\gamma^{pc} = \gamma - g$

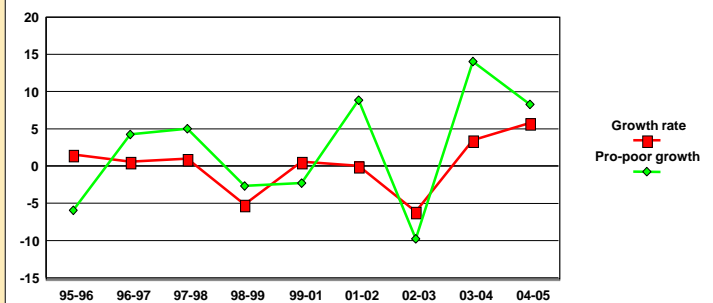
- For example, if mean growth rate is 5% but the pro-poor growth rate is 3%, 2% social welfare growth rate is lost due to an increase in inequality.

- It measures inequality changes using social welfare changes as its numeraire – convenient.

Growth rate of per capita real income, 2002-03



Pro-poor growth and Growth in Brazil: 1995-2005

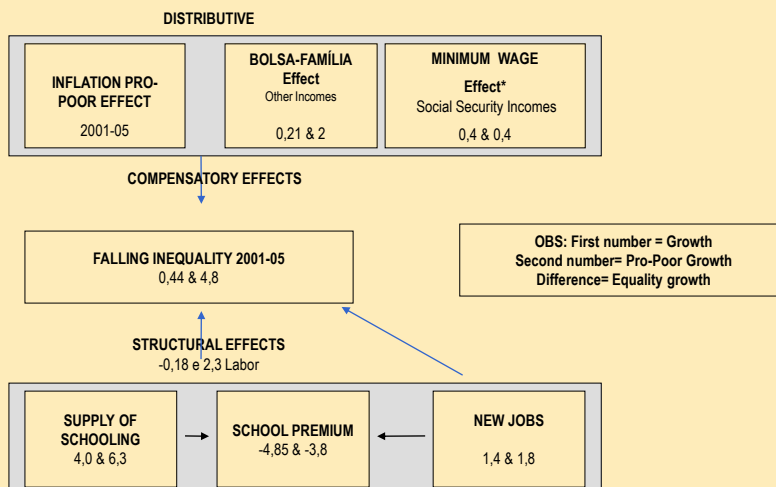


## \*\* Socio-Demographic Trends

Means

	Children 0-15 years	Adults 16-65 years	Elderly 66 yrs & beyond
Level 1995	0.347	0.596	0.057
<i>Pro-Poor SWF</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.54</i>	<i>0.04</i>
$\Delta$ 1995-2004	-1.960	0.830	1.660
<i>Pro-Poor SWF</i>	<i>-1.64</i>	<i>0.96</i>	<i>-0.67</i>

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\* With adverse effects on formal employment and on overall labor income based poverty measure Neri (2007)