

Possible Revitalization of the Central Part of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area: ROXY-index Analysis of Spatial Cycles*

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Abstract

The major four stages of the spatial-cycles are quantitatively examined, by use of the data extending over the past fifty years (for the period 1947-2000), for the two kinds of urban systems in Japan. The one is the spatial system of primary core cities, and the other is that of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. The spatial-cycle hypothesis constructed by Klaassen and the method of the Roxy-index analysis developed by the author are applied to our investigation. The results obtained illuminate rather clearly the recent trend of the revived agglomeration of the population in the core cities of large metropolitan areas, especially that towards the central part of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. This would imply that the core city of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area will play an increasingly critical role in the urban policies of Japan, as compared with either its suburban area or the core cities of other metropolitan areas.

Keywords

*Centralization, Concentration, Core City, Functional Urban Region (FUR),
Functional Urban Core (FUC), Klaassen, Metropolitan Area,
Revived Concentration and Centralization, Roxy Index, Spatial Cycles, and Urban Changes*

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1. Introduction

The four stages of the spatial cycles are quantitatively examined for the two kinds of urban systems in Japan. They are; ① the spatial system of 87 core cities (Functional Urban Cores: FUCs) for each 87 metropolitan areas (Functional Urban Region: FURs), and ② the spatial system of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area (Tokyo FUR) which consists of 160 localities.¹⁾ To this empirical study, the Klaassen's spatial-cycle hypothesis and Kawashima's ROXY-index method are mainly applied. Our data for the population for the above-mentioned two urban systems cover the period of the fifty-four years from 1947 through 2000.

In the following, the basic scheme for the Klaassen's spatial-cycle hypothesis is explained in Section 2, and that for the method of the Roxy-index analysis in Section 3. In Section 4, the empirical analysis is carried out for the two urban systems. The obtained results are examined in the same section to gain a better insight into the characteristics of urban dynamism in agglomeration and deglomeration tendencies in association with the spatial-cycle process of the redistribution of population. In the concluding remarks in Section 5, some policy implications of our results are briefly discussed to emphasize the increasing importance of the central part of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area in future urban policies in Japan.

2. Spatial Cycles : Klaassen's Hypothesis

The inter-metropolitan and intra-metropolitan spatial redistribution patterns of the population are summarized with respect to analytical terminologies in Table 1. As can be seen from this table, the spatial

Table 1 Spatial Agglomeration and Deglomeration:
Terminologies for Inter-metropolitan and Intra-metropolitan
Spatial Redistribution Phenomena of Population

Type of Spatial Redistribution Type of Phenomena	Agglomeration	Deglomeration
Inter-MET Phenomena	Concentration	Deconcentration
Intra-MET Phenomena	Centralization (Urbanization)	Decentralization (Suburbanization)

[Note] MET: Metropolitan Area

agglomeration and deglomeration processes are referred to as concentration and deconcentration respectively for the inter-metropolitan or inter-core-city phenomena, and centralization and decentralization respectively for the intra-metropolitan phenomena. Figure 1 illustrates the concepts of these terminologies by a diagram.

The revised version of the Klaassen's spatial-cycle paradigm²⁾ argues the existence of the four major recursively transmuting stages along the spatial-cycle path as given by Tables 2, 3 and 4 for the inter-FUR

Figure 1 Metropolitan Area, System of Metropolitan Areas and System of Core Cities

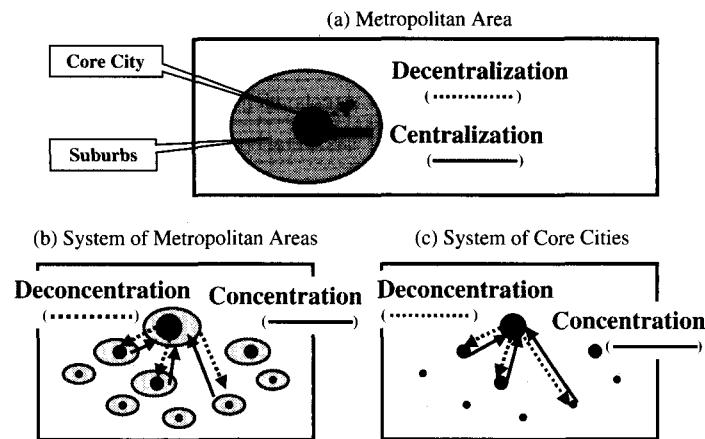


Table 2 Four Major Stages of Spatial Cycles: For Inter-MET Phenomena of Concentration and Deconcentration

Changes in Inter-MET Phenomena	Four Stages of Spatial Cycles	
Concentration	Stage-1	Accelerating Concentration
	Stage-2	Decelerating Concentration
Deconcentration	Stage-3	Accelerating Deconcentration
	Stage-4	Decelerating Deconcentration

[Note] MET: Metropolitan Area

Table 3 Four Major Stages of Spatial Cycles: For Inter-FUC Phenomena of Concentration and Deconcentration

Changes in Inter-FUC Phenomena	Four Stages of Spatial Cycles	
Concentration	Stage-1	Accelerating Concentration
	Stage-2	Decelerating Concentration
Deconcentration	Stage-3	Accelerating Deconcentration
	Stage-4	Decelerating Deconcentration

[Note] FUC: Core-city of Functional Urban Region (*i.e.*, Core-city of Metropolitan Area)

Table 4 Four Major Stages of Spatial Cycles: For Intra-MET Phenomena of Centralization and Decentralization

Changes in Intra-Met Phenomena		Four Stages of Spatial Cycles	
Centralization	Stage—1	Accelerating Centralization	
	Stage—2	Decelerating Centralization	
Decentralization	Stage—3	Accelerating Decentralization	
	Stage—4	Decelerating Decentralization	

[Note] MET: Metropolitan Area

(*i.e.*, inter-metropolitan) phenomena, inter-FUC(*i.e.*, inter-core-city) phenomena and intra-FUR phenomena respectively.³⁾ For example, the four major stages for the inter-FUR phenomena are; ① accelerating concentration, ② decelerating concentration, ③ accelerating deconcentration, and ④ decelerating deconcentration. We use, in what is discussed below, the term 'revived accelerating concentration' (or 'revived concentration') to indicate clearly the phenomena of the re-entry steps of the spatial-cycle path from the deconcentration stage into the concentration stage, or the term revived accelerating centralization (or 'revived centralization') for the re-entry steps of the spatial-cycle path from the decentralization stage into the centralization stage.

3. Roxy Index : Analytical Methodology

The Roxy index⁴⁾ is an indicative instrument to identify quantitatively the major stages of spatial cycles. This index can be used in conducting both the inter-metropolitan (or inter-core-city) and intra-metropolitan analyses on the spatial agglomeration and deglomeration processes of the system of spatial units.

The mathematical formulation to define the value of the Roxy index is given in Table 5. This definition enables us to construct Tables 6 and 7 which state the implication of the Roxy-index value as to its sign and direction of changes in relation to the direction and speed of the spatial redistribution process of the population. As can be seen from these two tables, depending upon the stages of the spatial cycles, the value of the Roxy index turns out to be;

- (1) Positive and increasing, for the stage of accelerating concentration (or centralization),
- (2) Positive and decreasing, for the stage of decelerating concentration (or centralization),
- (3) Negative and decreasing, for the stage of accelerating deconcentration (or decentralization),
- (4) Negative and increasing, for the stage of decelerating deconcentration (or decentralization), and
- (5) At or in the vicinity of the value zero, for the stage at which the spatial redistribution process is neutral⁵⁾.

Table 5 Definition of ROXY Index (Standard Definition)

$$R^t \equiv \left\{ \frac{WAGR^t}{SAGR^t - 1.0} \times s_c \right\} = \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (w_i^t \times r_i^t)}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i^t} \times \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n r_i^t} - 1.0 \right\} \times s_c$$

where

- R^t : Value of ROXY Index for Period between Years t and $t+1$
 $WAGR^t$: Weighted Average of Annual Growth Ratios of Population of Each Spatial Unit
 for Period between Years t and $t+1$
 $SAGR^t$: Simple Average of Annual Growth Ratios of Population of Each Spatial Unit
 for Period between Years t and $t+1$
 s_c : Scaling Factor ($= 10^4$)
 r_i^t : Annual Growth Ratio of Spatial Unit i for Period between Years t and $t+1$
 w_i^t : Weighting Factor for Spatial Unit i for r_i^t
 n : Number of Spatial Units

Table 6 Implications of ROXY-index Values: For the State of Spatial Redistribution Process of Population among Metropolitan Areas or among Their Core Cities

A	B	C	D
Sign of ROXY-index Value	Changes in Spatial Redistribution Process of Population	Direction of Changes in ROXY-index Value	Speed of Spatial Redistribution Process of Population
Positive	Concentration (or Revived concentration)	Increasing	Accelerating
		Levelling-off	Stationary
		Decreasing	Decelerating
Zero	Neutrality from both concentration and deconcentration (viz. Symmetric growth and decline)	Levelling-off	Continuation of neutrality
Negative	Deconcentration	Decreasing	Accelerating
		Levelling-off	Stationary
		Increasing	Decelerating

[Notes]

- (1) The weighting factor appropriate for this table would be population of each metropolitan area or that of each core city of metropolitan areas.
- (2) The state of the "symmetric growth and decline" comprises the following three sub-patterns of BLGD, BSGD and CSGD.
 - (i) Balanced growth or decline (BLGD) : The fitted growth-rate curve which is a function of "the population of each metropolitan area's core city," is nearly flat regardless of their population size to reflect their constant sharing of population over time.
 - (ii) Bell-shaped growth or decline (BSGD) : The fitted growth-rate curve is bell-shaped, reflecting the "medianization" of population over metropolitan areas or core cities. The phenomena of "medianization" means: ① the increase in population (as compared with other metropolitan areas or core cities) shared by metropolitan areas or core cities with the medium population size, or ② the decrease in population shared by metropolitan areas or core cities with the larger or smaller population size (but not by those with the medium population size).
 - (iii) Cup-shaped growth or decline (CSGD) : The fitted growth-rate curve is cup-shaped, reflecting the "bipolarization" of population over metropolitan areas or core cities. The phenomena of "bipolarization" means: ① the increase in population shared by metropolitan areas or core cities with the larger or smaller population size, or ② the decrease in population shared by metropolitan areas or core cities with the minimum population size.
- (3) It should be kept in mind that this table shows only the necessary condition of the ROXY-index value for the state of spatial redistribution process of population.

[Source] Constructed from Kawashima and Hiraoka (2001)

Table 7 Implications of ROXY-index Values: For the States of Spatial Redistribution Process of Population within a Metropolitan Area

A	B	C	D
Sign of ROXY-index Value	Changes in Spatial Redistribution Process of Population	Direction of Changes in ROXY-index Value	Speed of Spatial Redistribution Process of Population
Positive	Centralization (or Revived Centralization)	Increasing	Accelerating
		Levelling-off	Stationary
		Decreasing	Decelerating
Zero	Neutrality from both centralization and decentralization (<i>viz.</i> , Symmetric growth and decline)	Levelling-off	Continuation of neutrality
Negative	Decentralization	Decreasing	Accelerating
		Levelling-off	Stationary
		Increasing	Decelerating

[Notes]

- (1) The weighting factor appropriate for this table would be: ① the reversed CBD distance (*i.e.*, "the maximum value over subarea's distance from the CBD" minus "each subarea's CBD distance") of each subarea consisting the metropolitan area under our investigation, or ② value one assigned for the core-city area and value zero assigned for the suburban area.
- (2) The state of the "symmetric growth and decline" comprises the following three sub-patterns of BLGD, BSGD and CSGD.
 - (i) Balanced growth or decline (BLGD) : The fitted growth-rate curve which is a function of "the distance from the center of the metropolitan area under our investigation to each of its subareas" (*i.e.*, the subarea's CBD distance), is nearly flat regardless of their CBD distance to reflect the constant sharing of population by subareas over time.
 - (ii) Bell-shaped growth or decline (BSGD) : The fitted growth-rate curve is bell-shaped, reflecting the "medianization" of population over subareas in the metropolitan area. The phenomena of "medianization" means: ① the increase in population (as compared with other subareas) shared by subareas with the medium CBD distance, or ② the decrease in population shared by subareas with either relatively longer or relatively shorter CBD distance (but not by subareas with the medium CBD distance).
 - (iii) Cup-shaped growth or decline (CSGD) : The fitted growth-rate curve is cup-shaped, reflecting the "bipolarization" of population over subareas in the metropolitan area. The phenomena of bipolarization means ① the increase in population shared by subareas with either relatively shorter or relatively longer CBD distance, or ② the decrease in population shared by subareas with the medium CBD distance.
- (3) The concept of centralization and decentralization in this table can be used interchangeably with those of urbanization and suburbanization. Therefore, the "revived centralization" may be referred to as "revived urbanization" or "reurbanization."
- (4) It should be kept in mind that this table shows only the necessary condition of the ROXY-index value for the state of spatial redistribution process of population.

[Source] Constructed from Kawashima and Hiraoka (2001)

Based on Tables 6 and 7, we can draw Figures 2 and 3 which display the general spatial-cycle path in the form of a wave-like cyclic form and a circular-cyclic form respectively. As to the latter, the axis of abscissas indicates the value of the Roxy index (ROXY), while the axis of ordinate indicates the marginal value of the Roxy index with respect to time ($\Delta ROXY/\Delta T$). It is also to be noted for Figure 3 that, in order to have the circular-cyclic curve moving in an anticlockwise direction, the negative value is set toward the right-hand side of the abscissas.

Figure 2 Wavelike - cyclic Curve: Path of Spatial Cycles by ROXY
(Presented by "ROXY- index Value" and "Time")

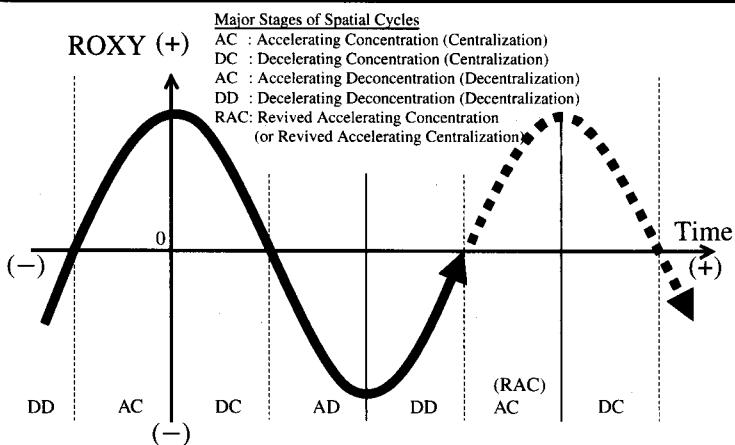
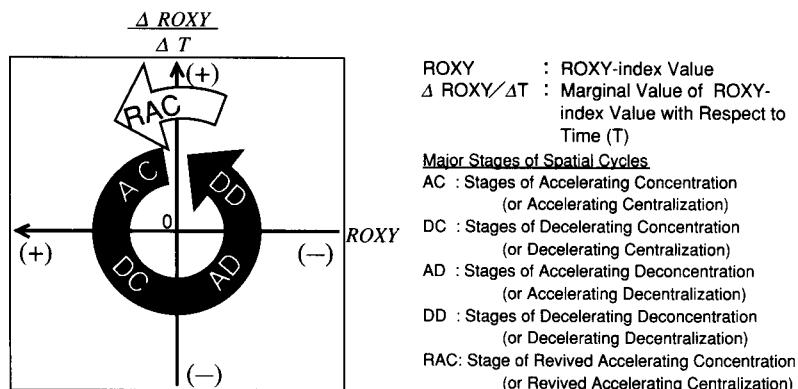


Figure 3 Circular-cyclic Curve: Path of Spatial Cycles by ROXY
(Presented by "ROXY-index Value" and "Marginal ROXY-Index Value")



[Note] In this graph, the axis of abscissas has the positive sign towards the left side so that the stages of spatial cycles would follow the anticlockwise path.

4. Empirical Analysis : For The Period 1947-2000

The values of the Roxy index, if we use them with a careful knowledge of their limitations, provide useful quantitative information on the dynamic changes in the process of the spatial redistribution of various socio-economic activities. With this understanding, we apply in this section the Roxy-index method to our data to meet our research purpose.

4.1. System of Eighty-seven Core Cities

4.1.1. Population Data for The FUCs

For our study, we use the FUC data constructed from the national-census population data given in Table A-1 in Appendix A which cover the period from 1947 through 2000.⁶⁾ From this table, we obtain Tables A-2 through A-5 which respectively provide us with ① the gross population growth ratio, ② annual population growth ratio, ③ expected population in the middle year between the two neighbouring census years and ④ weighted annual population growth ratio, where the figures for ①, ② and ④ are set as those for the two neighbouring census years.

4.1.2. Obtained Results : Value of Roxy Index and Its Marginal Value

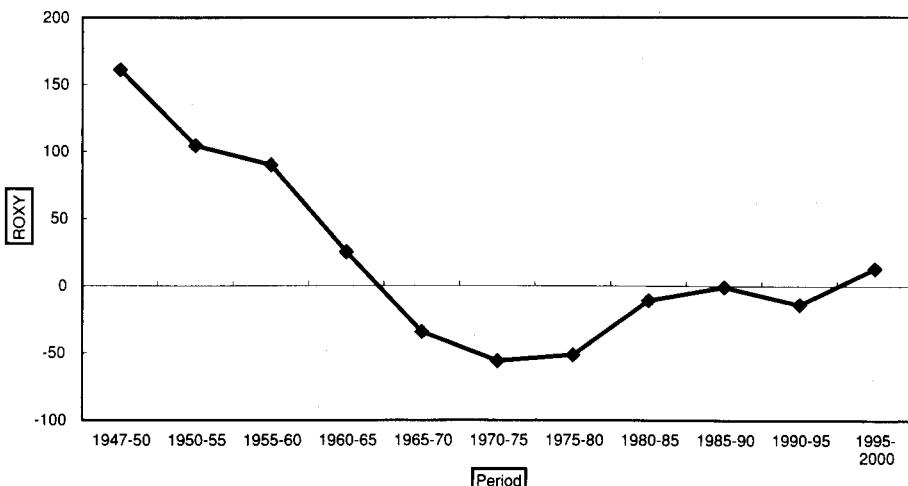
On the basis of Tables A-3 and A-5, we can calculate the value of the Roxy index (ROXY) and its marginal value with respect to time ($\Delta ROXY/\Delta T$) for the FUC system in Japan. The obtained results are given by Table 8 from which we can draw in Figure 4 the wavelike-cyclic curve of the spatial cycles, and in Figure 5 the circular-cyclic curve.

Table 8 ROXY-index Value and Its Marginal Value for the System of FUCs: 1947-2000

Period	1947-50	1950-55	1955-60	1960-65	1965-70	1970-75	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-95	1995-2000
ROXY	160.95	104.27	90.05	25.27	-34.36	-55.94	-51.44	-10.81	-0.79	-13.79	13.03
$\Delta ROXY/\Delta T$	-14.17	-7.88	-7.90	-12.44	-8.12	-1.71	4.51	5.07	-0.30	1.38	5.36

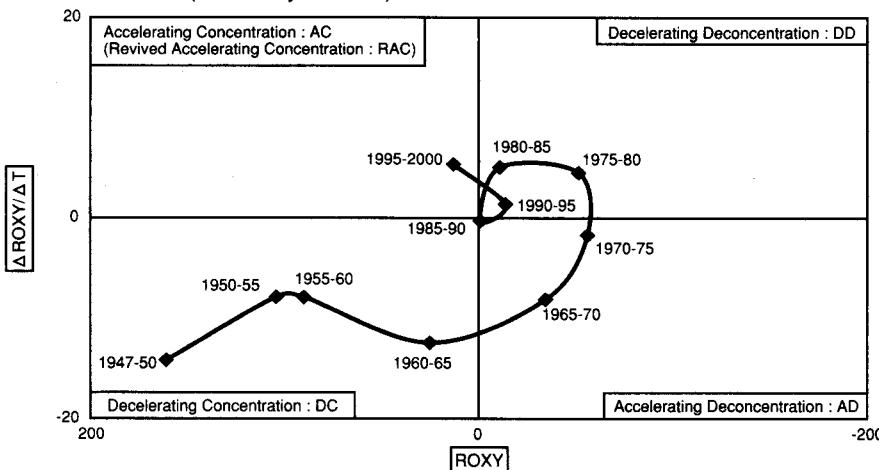
[Notes] (1) ROXY: ROXY-index value
(2) $\Delta ROXY/\Delta T$: Marginal value of the ROXY-index value with respect to time
(3) FUC: Functional Urban Core (i.e., Core City)
(4) The Tokyo FUC for this table comprises the twenty-three (23) Tokyo special wards.

Figure 4 Spatial Cycles for the System of FUCs (i.e., Core Cities): 1947-2000
(Wavelike-cyclic Form)



[Note] The Functional Urban Core (FUC) of the Tokyo Functional Urban Region (FUR) comprises the 23 Tokyo special wards.

Figure 5 Spatial Cycles for the System of FUCs (*i.e.*, Core Cities): 1947-2000
(Circular-cyclic Form)



[Note] The Functional Urban Core (FUC) of the Tokyo Functional Urban Region (FUR) comprises the 23 Tokyo special wards.

Judging from these Table and Figures, the followings can be pointed out concerning the spatial-cycle stage of the system of the eighty-seven core cities (*i.e.*, the FUC system);

- (1) The FUC system abided at the stage of decelerating concentration until the middle of the 1960s after the World War II.
- (2) The FUC system stayed at the stage of accelerating deconcentration from the late 1960s to the early 1970s.
- (3) The FUC system came in the stage of decelerating deconcentration in the middle of the 1970s.
- (4) The FUC system seems to have recently finished the last phase of the deconcentration⁷⁾ stage.
- (5) The FUC system seems to have entered into the revived concentration⁸⁾ stage, upon the arrival of the twenty-first century, *for the first time* after the World War II.

4.2. System of Core and Suburban Areas of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area

4.2.1. Population Data for The Tokyo FUR

We use a series of the national census population data from 1947 through 2000, for each of the 160 localities composing the Tokyo metropolitan area (*i.e.*, the Tokyo FUR). The processed data are given in Table 9(a) in which the original census data are aggregated into the population of the core area (or core-city area)⁹⁾ and that of the suburban area. The processed data are given in Tables 9(b)~(f) which show five types of information for our empirical study: ① gross growth ratio of population between the two neighbouring census years, ② annual growth ratio of population between the two neighbouring census years, ③ estimated population in the middle year between the two neighbouring census years¹⁰⁾, ④ weighted average of the annual growth ratio of population, and ⑤ simple average of the annual growth ratio of population.

Table 9 ROXY-index Analysis for the Tokyo FUR (*i.e.*, Tokyo Metropolitan Area) with the Core City of the 23 Tokyo Special Wards: 1947-2000

(a) Population (Unit: Person)											
Year	1947	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995
Core	4177837	5385071	6969104	8310027	8893094	8840942	8646520	8351893	8354615	8163573	7967614
Suburbs	5463126	5861621	6639717	7763851	10288186	13334917	16253613	18115215	19592659	21243881	22176431
Total	9640963	11246692	13608821	16073878	19181280	22175859	24900133	26467108	27947274	29407454	30144045
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(b) Gross Population Growth Ratio between the Two Neighbouring Census Years											
Period	1947-50	1950-55	1955-60	1960-65	1965-70	1970-75	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-95	1995-2000
Core	1.28896149	1.29415267	1.19240967	1.07016427	0.99413567	0.9780089	0.96592537	1.00032591	0.97713336	0.97599593	1.02096914
Suburbs	1.07294267	1.13274417	1.1693045	1.32513955	1.29613879	1.2188762	1.11453466	1.08155818	1.08427759	1.04389735	1.03133426
Total	1.16655276	1.21002878	1.18113671	1.19331999	1.15611987	1.12284863	1.06293039	1.05592473	1.05224767	1.02504777	1.02859457

(c) Annual Population Growth Ratio between the Two Neighbouring Census Years											
Period	1947-50	1950-55	1955-60	1960-65	1965-70	1970-75	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-95	1995-2000
Core	1.08829503	1.05292419	1.03582192	1.01365482	0.99882437	0.99556257	0.99309024	1.00006517	0.99538426	0.99515241	1.00415909
Suburbs	1.02374589	1.02524195	1.03177624	1.05791877	1.05324717	1.04037982	1.02192427	1.01580414	1.01631444	1.00862925	1.00618975
Total	1.05269234	1.03886506	1.03385595	1.03598003	1.0294389	1.02344437	1.01228072	1.01094282	1.01023775	1.0049601	1.0056546

(d) Estimated Population in the Middle Year between the Two Neighbouring Census Years (Unit: Person)											
Period	1947-50	1950-55	1955-60	1960-65	1965-70	1970-75	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-95	1995-2000
Core	4743200.28	6126101.52	7610088.2	8596618.59	8866979.66	8743190.6	8497929.74	8353253.89	8258541.6	8064998.36	8050717.61
Suburbs	5658866.86	6238549.88	7179817.09	8937334.23	11712903.4	14722112	17159186.9	18839459.4	20401571.4	21705148.3	22521192.1
Total	10412921.8	12371508.3	14790082.1	17558973.6	20624290.6	23498549.7	25671667.4	27197123.4	28668068.9	29773471.7	30571985.4

(e) Weighted Average of Annual Growth Ratio (WAGR) (Weighting Factors : One for Core City and Zero for Suburbs)											
Period	1947-50	1950-55	1955-60	1960-65	1965-70	1970-75	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-95	1995-2000
WAGR	1.08829503	1.05292419	1.03582192	1.01365482	0.99882437	0.99556257	0.99309024	1.00006517	0.99538426	0.99515241	1.00415909

(f) Simple Average of Annual Growth Ratio (SAGR)											
Period	1947-50	1950-55	1955-60	1960-65	1965-70	1970-75	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-95	1995-2000
SAGR	1.05602046	1.03908307	1.03379908	1.0357868	1.02603577	1.0197912	1.00750726	1.00793466	1.00584935	1.00189083	1.00517442

(g) ROXY-index Value (ROXY) and Its Marginal Value with Respect to Time ($\Delta R/\Delta T$)											
Year	1948.5	1952.5	1957.5	1962.5	1967.5	1972.5	1977.5	1982.5	1987.5	1992.5	1997.5
ROXY	305.624479	133.205135	19.5670355	-213.67308	-265.20907	-220.13023	-143.09591	-78.075315	-104.04233	-67.257009	-10.101044
$\Delta R/\Delta T$	-43.104836	-31.78416	-34.687822	-28.477611	-0.6457144	12.211316	14.2054912	3.9053579	1.08183063	9.3941287	11.4311928

[Note]

The 1995-version of the Tokyo Functional Urban Region (*i.e.*, Tokyo Metropolitan Area) consists of 156 localities. It is divided into two areas;

① Functional Urban Core <FUC> (*i.e.*, Core or Core-city) area and ② Suburban area. The Core area comprises the 23 Tokyo special wards.

4.2.2. Obtained Results: Value of Roxy Index and Its Marginal Value

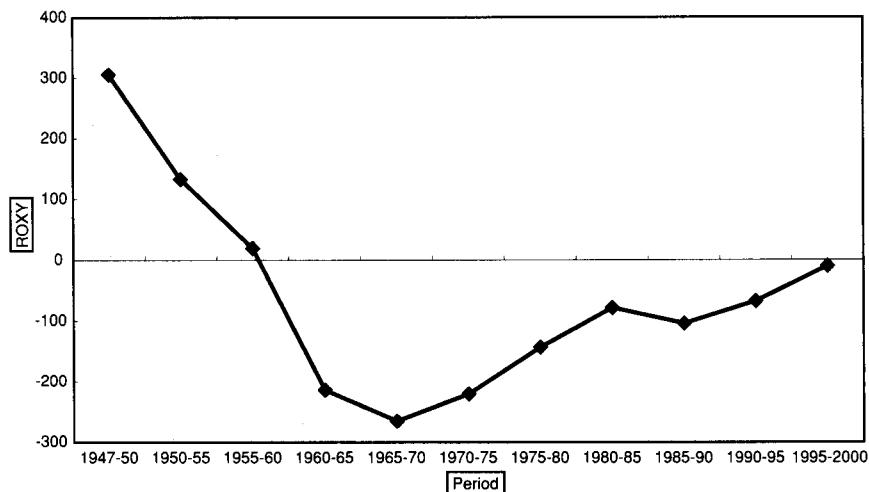
Table 9(g) shows the Roxy-index value (ROXY) and its marginal value with respect to time ($\Delta R/\Delta T$)¹¹⁾ calculated based on Tables 9(e) and (f). From Table 9(g), we can draw Figures 6 and 7 demonstrating the wavelike-cyclic curve and circular-cyclic curve respectively to show diagrammatically spatial-cycle path which the Tokyo FUR has followed since 1947 until 2000.

These Figures together with Table 9(g) describe the following five points concerning the spatial-cycle stage of the Tokyo FUR:

- 1) The Tokyo FUR system abided at the stage of decelerating decentralization until the late 1950s after the World War II.
- 2) The Tokyo FUR stayed at the stage of accelerating decentralization from the end of the late 1950s to the late 1960s.

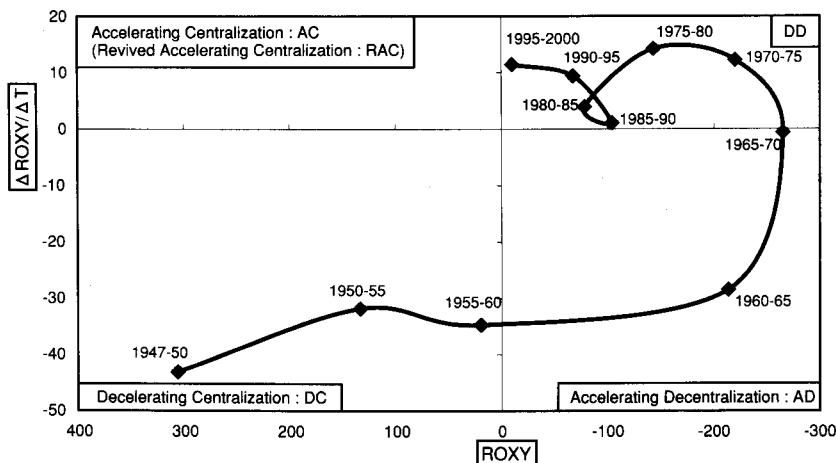
- 3) The Tokyo FUR came in the stage of decelerating decentralization towards the end of the 1960s.
- 4) The Tokyo FUR is presently approaching the end of the stage of decelerating decentralization.
- 5) The Tokyo FUR is likely to get out of the decentralization¹²⁾ and to go into the stage of revived centralization¹³⁾ before it takes too long.

Figure 6 Spatial Cycles for the Tokyo FUR (*i.e.*, Tokyo Metropolitan Area): 1947-2000
(Wavelike-cyclic Form)



[Note] The Functional Urban Core (FUC) of the Tokyo Functional Urban Region (FUR) comprises the 23 Tokyo special wards.

Figure 7 Spatial Cycles for the Tokyo FUR (*i.e.*, Tokyo Metropolitan Area): 1947-2000
(Circular-cyclic Form)



[Notes]

(1) The Functional Urban Core (FUC) of the Tokyo Functional Urban Region (FUR) comprises the 23 Tokyo special wards.
(2) DD: Decelerating Decentralization

5. Conclusion

In the previous section, we obtained the following information on the recent state of the spatial cycles from the results of our Roxy-index analysis:

- (1) The core-city system (the FUC system) of Japan seems to have reached the stage of revived concentration towards the end of the last century for the first time after the World War II.
- (2) The Tokyo Metropolitan Area (the Tokyo FUR) seems to be completing the stage of decentralization ready to move into the stage of revived centralization in the rather near future.

This information can be restated as follows:

- (1) The core cities (core areas) of the larger population metropolitan areas will have increasingly stronger dynamic forces to draw people into them than those of the medium or smaller metropolitan areas.
- (2) The core area of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area will have a stronger dynamic force to draw people into itself than its suburban area in drawing people into the suburban area.
- (3) The core area of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area will therefore play an increasingly critical role in the domain of the "urban investment" policy-making and programmes synergistically effected by the common-direction vectors of both revived concentration and revived centralization¹⁴⁾.

In conclusion, taking a middle or long-term view in the light of the aforementioned, it will be necessary for significant investment to be made in the core area of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area in order (1) to accommodate satisfactorily the demand for urban services which is expected to increase in the core area in due course, and (2) to enable society to benefit effectively from the urban agglomeration economies stemming from the process of the (a) revived concentration of population and (b) revived centralization of population in the core area both of which will take place driven by the spatial-cycle dynamism.

The results of the present empirical study and the conclusion drawn from it may hopefully help us (1) to get a better insight into the characteristics of urban dynamism in association with the spatial-cycle processes, and (2) to design more appropriate middle on long-term urban policies for the Tokyo Metropolitan Area.¹⁵⁾

Notes

- 1) For the definitions of the FUC and FUR in detail, see Kawashima and Hiraoka (1995). The FURs in Japan were originally delineated in the middle of the 1970s, with the intention of delineating the boundaries of functionally meaningful metropolitan areas corresponding to the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSAs) or the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the U.S.A. Since then the FURs have been set up several times to get the newest version of the delineation of FUR boundaries.

See Glickman (1979) for the background to the early work on delineating Japanese FURs and data arrangements for them. This paper employs the 1995-version of the FURs in Japan the geographical boundaries of which are delineated by the Mitsubishi Research Institute (1999). The FUC is the central core city (or a set of central core cities) of the FUR.

- 2) The original spatial-cycle hypothesis is a conceptual framework which considers the processes of urban growth and decline as more or less self-embedded cyclical dynamic phenomena of the urban mechanism itself. For an early discussion on the spatial-cycle hypothesis, see Klaassen and Paelinck (1979), and Klaassen, Bourdrez and Volmuller (1981). This original framework tries to indicate the existence of the intra-metropolitan spatial-cycle path in terms of the absolute change in the population levels of spatial units comprising a specific metropolitan area. This framework has been revised and later extended by the author and his research collaborators, without losing its original unique and valuable conceptual essence, to the implied existence of the inter-metropolitan spatial cycles as well as to the use of the growth ratio of population instead of the absolute changes in population levels.
- 3) See Table A-0 for the two-stage and eight-stage schemes as well as for the four-stage scheme.
- 4) The basic concept of the Roxy index was initiated and applied in an empirical study by Kawashima (1978, pp.9, 13 and 14). Since then, the method of Roxy-index analysis has been furthermore developed and applied in a number of empirical studies to examine the spatial-cycle phenomena associated with the changes in the population and other social and economic variables for the various systems of spatial units. In parallel with these studies, some theoretical examinations have also been carried out on the fundamental characteristics peculiar to the Roxy index. See Kawashima (1981, pp.10-12; and 1982, pp.26-30), for example, as one of the early-stage studies of the Roxy-index. See also Appendix B for a list of publications and presentations by Kawashima (including those with collaborators) which discuss the Roxy index or apply it to empirical studies.
- 5) The neutrality of the pattern of the spatial redistributions means that the spatial-cycle stage corresponds to the phenomena of neither concentration (or centralization) nor deconcentration (or decentralization). That is, this concept corresponds to the phenomena of symmetric growth or decline as explained in the notes of Tables 6 and 7.
- 6) The data source for Tables A-1 is the Mitsubishi Research Institute (1999).
- 7) More precisely speaking, it means the "decelerating deconcentration."
- 8) More precisely speaking, it means the "revived accelerating concentration."
- 9) The core area comprises the twenty-three (23) Tokyo special wards.
- 10) This information is not employed for the present study.
- 11) That is, $\Delta\text{ROXY}/\Delta T$
- 12) More precisely speaking, it means the "decelerating decentralization."
- 13) More precisely speaking, it means the "revived accelerating centralization (RAC)."
- 14) More precisely speaking, "possible revived centralization."
- 15) The scientific attitude in which we try to find *external explaining variables for a specific explained variable* is tremendously important. However, at the same time, the author wonders whether there are not a few phenomena for which we can not successfully discover any reasonable causal relations perhaps since there are no such relations exist at all. As for such phenomena, it might be appropriate

for us to tackle the basic characteristics of those phenomena by suspecting the possible existence of a self-embedded mechanism within the phenomena which are administered by various sorts of *internal genes* that we can neither easily detect nor externally manipulate. This type of approach might contribute to open newly our minds to grasp the so-far-well-hidden but important "non-causal"-relationship factors of the above-mentioned phenomena. As a matter of fact, the more the authors has investigated the behaviours of the laevorotatory spatial-cycle paths through the Roxy-index analytical methods, the more he has become inclined to think that the urban system itself may have its own powerfully built-in urban genes which fascinatingly govern the urban spatial cycles.

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Appendix A

Table A-0 Three Sets of Recurrently Transmuting Stages of Spatial Cycles:
For the Scheme of Concentration and Deconcentration

T		F		E			
Two Major Stages		Four Major Stages		Eight Major Stages			
T-1	Concentration	F-1	Accelerating concentration	E-1	First half of accelerating concentration		
		F-2	Decelerating concentration	E-2	Second half of accelerating concentration		
	Deconcentration	F-3	Accelerating deconcentration	E-3	First half of decelerating concentration		
		F-4	Decelerating deconcentration	E-4	Second half of decelerating concentration		
T-2	Deconcentration	F-3	Accelerating deconcentration	E-5	First half of accelerating deconcentration		
		F-4	Decelerating deconcentration	E-6	Second half of accelerating deconcentration		
	Concentration	F-1	First half of decelerating deconcentration	E-7	First half of decelerating deconcentration		
		F-2	Second half of decelerating deconcentration	E-8	Second half of decelerating deconcentration		

[Notes]

- (1) For the two-stage cycle represented in the column T, the spatial-cycle path follows the recurrently transmuting stages of T-1, T-2, T-1, T-2, ⋯.
- (2) For the four-stage cycle represented in the column F, the spatial-cycle path follows the resurrently transmuting stages of F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, ⋯.
- (3) For the four-stage cycle represented in the column E, the spatial-cycle path follows the resurrently transmuting stages of E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, ⋯.
- (4) The stage of concentration is called the stage of revived accelerating concentration when the spatial-cycle path arrives at the stage of accelerating concentration on its second or further round, in order to highlight the phenomena of the *re-entry* of the spatial-cycle path into the stage of accelerating concentration.
- (5) The table for the scheme of centralization and decentralization can be obtained by substituting in this table the term of "concentration" by "centralization" and term of "deconcentration" by "decentralization."
- (6) The following terms were used in the original Klaassen framework to describe the four major stages represented in the column F: reurbanization (for F-1), urbanization (for F-2), suburbanization (for F-3) and counter-urbanization (for F-4).

[Source] Constructed from Fukatsu and Kawashima (1999)

Appendix B

The following are the publications and presentations by T.Kawashima (including those with collaborators) discussing the Roxy-index method or applying it to empirical studies..

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