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I. INTRODUCTION.

The reason we chose this specific topic is that today, the issue of environmental pollution, particularly the problem of carbon dioxide emissions that have a range of negative and harmful effects on living organisms, is becoming one of the most pressing concerns. For the analysis, four countries from Asia, specifically the

Asian Tiger countries, were selected. These countries have both developed and developing economies, and the analyses conducted can also be applied to Uzbekistan.

The aim of the research presented in the monograph is to evaluate the impact of economic and environmental policies on the state of the environment and to develop methods for this assessment. To achieve this goal, the following tasks were addressed:

Developing the proposed approach, improving the previously established ones, and creating new mathematical models and methods based on the identified connections between economic and environmental indicators that will allow for the assessment of the impact of various factors on environmental pollution.

The country analysis demonstrates the relationship between GDP growth and CO₂ emissions in the Asian Tiger countries.

Based on the constructed pollution functions, conducting a comparative analysis of the impact of economic development on the environment in these countries and neighboring countries (regions) with similar natural-climatic conditions and similar economic structures.

Since the works of J. Forrester, M. Mesarovich, and E. Pestel, significant attention has been given to the environmental consequences of economic development. Since the late 1980s, ecological economics has developed rapidly, including the development of specialized mathematical models.

Among the modern studies in the field of ecological and economic interactions are the works of T. A. Akimova, S. N. Bobylev, I. P. Glazyrina, A. A. Gusev, V. I. Danilov-Danilyan, M.

F. Zamyatina, G. E. Mekush, N. V. Pakhomova, I. V. Sheravniy, R. I., R. I., and others. Special models are developed to assess the interaction of economic and ecological processes, which together describe the behavior of ecological and economic systems and allow for the identification and quantitative assessment of the main factors influencing changes in the ecological situation.

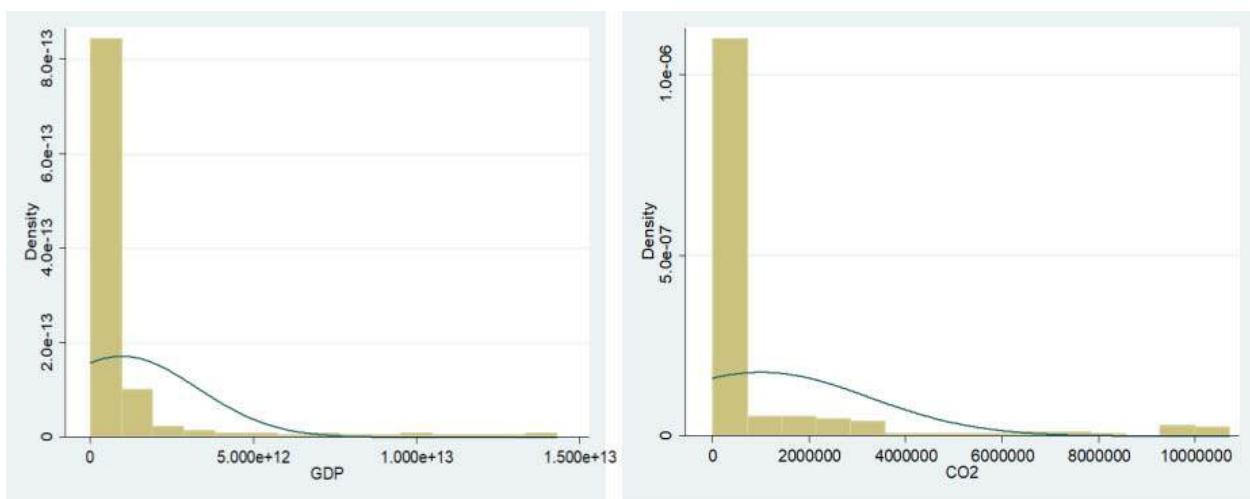
At the same time, the impact of significant factors within a single year and their effect on the environment, as well as their influence on indicators in subsequent years, has not been sufficiently studied.

II. METHODOLOGY

. sum GDP CO2					
Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
GDP	239	9.64e+11	2.33e+12	5.95e+09	1.43e+13
CO2	237	997993.3	2249859	674.728	1.07e+07

Figure 1: Digital Descriptive Statistics

In the STATA-14 program, the "sum" command is used to view the number of observations, the arithmetic mean, the quadratic mean deviation, as well as the minimum and maximum values.



Figures 2-3: Normal Distribution Analysis

The comparison between statistical indicators and the normal distribution is illustrated in Figures 2-3, where we can observe that our indicators closely approximate the normal distribution.

. cor GDP CO2 (obs=236)		GDP	CO2
GDP	1.0000		
CO2	0.9629	1.0000	

Figure 4: Correlation Analysis.

The results of the correlation analysis show that GDP and CO₂ have a strong positive correlation.

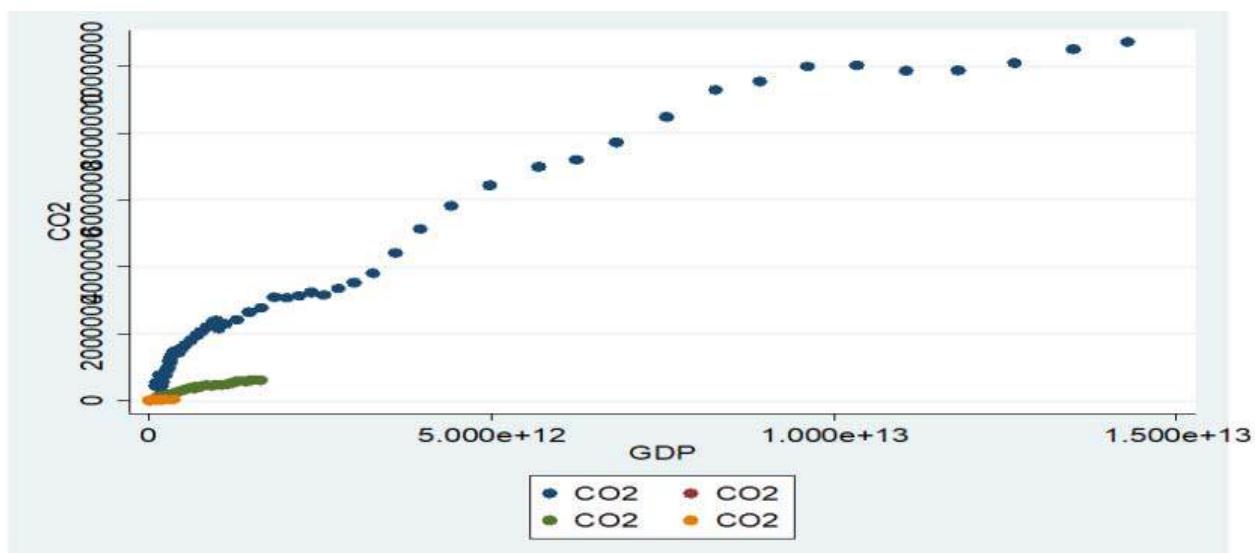


Figure 5

The analysis of carbon dioxide emission indicators by country is presented in Figure 5. Although the patterns may appear different at various scales, the scatter plots of the countries present nearly the same shape.

III. ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

The results of the regression analysis on the collected data are presented in Figure 6.

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	236
Model	1.1068e+15	1	1.1068e+15	F(1, 234)	=	2981.70
Residual	8.6856e+13	234	3.7118e+11	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.9272
Total	1.1936e+15	235	5.0792e+12	Adj R-squared	=	0.9269
				Root MSE	=	6.1e+05

CO2	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
GDP	9.28e-07	1.70e-08	54.60	0.000	8.94e-07 9.61e-07
_cons	100177.3	42961.42	2.33	0.021	15536.67 184817.9

Figure 6

The results of our regression analysis show that a 1% increase in GDP leads to a 9.28% increase in CO₂ emissions. The overall coefficient of determination is 92.72%. Our p-value indicates that the result is statistically significant.

It is necessary to check the regression results according to the Gauss-Markov conditions. The results are presented in Figures 7 and 8.

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Breusch-Pagan / Cook-Weisberg test for heteroskedasticity
Ho: Constant variance
Variables: fitted values of co2

chi2(1)      =      0.04
Prob > chi2  =  0.8477
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Figure 7

Breusch-Godfrey LM test for autocorrelation

lags(p)	chi2	df	Prob > chi2
1	221.918	1	0.0000
2	221.934	2	0.0000
3	222.055	3	0.0000
4	222.082	4	0.0000
5	222.355	5	0.0000

Figure 8

The Breusch-Pagan heteroscedasticity test is presented in Figure 7. According to its results, there is no heteroscedasticity problem in our model. The Breusch-Godfrey test, presented in

Figure 8, checks the model for autocorrelation issues. The test results show that autocorrelation exists even at the 5th-order lag. Although we do

not present it here, we also checked that autocorrelation causes issues at all existing lags.

To address the autocorrelation issue in the model, we use an Autoregressive Lag model. By adding the lag of the independent variable to the model, we resolve the autocorrelation problem in the model.

The results of the Autoregressive Lag model are presented in Figure 9. According to these results, the model's coefficient of determination has improved, and the significance levels of the regressors have been confirmed. A 1% increase in GDP leads to a 0.21% increase in carbon dioxide emissions.

. reg co2 gdp L.co2						
Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	234
Model	1063.53541	2	531.767705	F(2, 231)	=	3216.27
Residual	38.1927923	231	.165336763	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	1101.7282	233	4.72844722	R-squared	=	0.9653
				Adj R-squared	=	0.9650
				Root MSE	=	.40662

co2	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
gdp	.2099356	.0348614	6.02	0.000	.1412487 .2786225
co2 L1.	.8302775	.0276643	30.01	0.000	.775771 .8847841
_cons	-3.463209	.6361157	-5.44	0.000	-4.716539 -2.209879

Figure 9: The results of our research confirmed the views presented in the scientific literature.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the conducted research, it can be concluded that the economic growth of countries leads to an increase in carbon dioxide emissions into the external environment. This phenomenon negatively impacts the environment, causes ecological degradation, and leads to the formation of ozone holes. Therefore, this process should be monitored by governments to maintain a balance.

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