

# Index Numbers

- An index number is a ratio of two or more time periods are involved, one of which is base time period. The value at the base time period serves as the standard point of comparison.
- The simple index is computed for one variable whereas the composite from two or more variables. Most are composite in nature.
- Relative measure, unit free measure, comparative measure.
- Barometer of economic development.
- Arithmetic Mean - widely used because of its simplicity  
Geometric Mean - Ideal average for Index Numbers.
- Base Year should be NORMAL i.e. free from natural calamities.

1. **Simple aggregative index** =  $P_{01} = \frac{\sum P_1}{\sum P_0} \times 100$

2. **Weighted aggregative method**  $P_{01} = \frac{\sum P_1 W}{\sum P_0 W} \times 100$

**Laspeyres' Index** =  $\frac{\sum P_1 q_0}{\sum P_0 q_0} \times 100$

**Paasche's Index no.** =  $\frac{\sum P_1 q_1}{\sum P_0 q_1} \times 100$

**Fisher's Index no.** =  $\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_1 q_0}{\sum P_0 q_0} \times \frac{\sum P_1 q_1}{\sum P_0 q_1}} \times 100$ ;  $I_F = \sqrt{I_L \times I_P}$

**Dorbish Bowley** =  $I_{DB} = \frac{I_L + I_P}{2} = \left( \frac{\sum P_1 q_0 + \sum P_1 q_1}{\sum P_0 q_0 + \sum P_0 q_1} \right) \times 100$

**Marshall Edgeworth** =  $I_{ME} = \frac{\sum P_1 (q_0 + q_1)}{\sum P_0 (q_0 + q_1)} \times 100 = \frac{\sum P_1 q_0 + \sum P_1 q_1}{\sum P_0 q_0 + \sum P_0 q_1} \times 100$

**Kelly's Index no.** =  $I_K = \frac{\sum P_1 q}{\sum P_0 q} \times 100$ ;  $q = \frac{q_0 + q_1}{2}$

**walsh's Index no.** =  $I_w = \frac{\sum P_1 \sqrt{q_0 q_1}}{\sum P_0 \sqrt{q_0 q_1}} \times 100$

**Price Relative** =  $\frac{P_1}{P_0} \times 100$

**Quantity Relative** =  $\frac{Q_1}{Q_0}$

**Value Relative** =  $\frac{V_1}{V_0} = \frac{P_1 Q_1}{P_0 Q_0}$  value = Price  $\times$  quantity

- If Price increase by K% then,  $I = 100 + K$
- If Price increased to K% then,  $I = K$
- If Price became K times then,  $I = 100K$
- If Price increased by K times,  $I = 100K + 100$

Arithmetic mean of Price Index =  $\frac{\sum I}{n}$

Weighted Arithmetic mean =  $\frac{\sum IW}{\sum W}$

Geometric mean of Price Relative =  $\sqrt[n]{I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3 \times \dots \times I_n}$

Cost of living Index Number / Consumer Price Index Number / CPI

Family Budget Method =  $\frac{\sum IW}{\sum W}$  Aggregate / Total Exp. method =  $\frac{\sum P_{90}}{\sum P_{090}} \times 100$

Current Year Fixed Base Index no. =  $\frac{\text{Current Year Price}}{\text{Base Year Price}} \times 100$

C.Y. Chain base Index no. / Link Index / Link relative =  $\frac{\text{Current Year Price}}{\text{Preceding Year Price}} \times 100$

Conversion of Fixed Base Index into Chain Base Index

C.Y. C.B.I =  $\frac{\text{C.Y. F.B.I}}{\text{P.Y. F.B.I}} \times 100$  for 1st year, C.B.I = 100

Conversion of Chain Base indices into Fixed Base indices

C.Y. F.B.I =  $\frac{\text{C.Y. C.B.I} \times \text{P.Y. F.B.I}}{100}$  for 1st year, C.Y. F.B.I = C.Y. C.B.I

Chain Index =  $\frac{\text{C.Y. Link index} \times \text{P.Y. Chain index}}{100}$  for 1st yr, Chain = Link

Base shifting Index =  $\frac{\text{old index of current year}}{\text{old index of the yr. to which base is to be shifted}} \times 100$

Real wages =  $\frac{\text{wages in C.Y.}}{\text{C.O.L.I. of C.Y.}} \times 100$  • Deflated value =  $\frac{\text{value in C.Y.}}{\text{C.Y. C.O.L.I.}} \times 100$

TESTS: Unit Test : Satisfied by - all, not satisfied by - simple aggregative method

Time reversal Test :  $P_{01} \times P_{10} = 1$  ← condition

satisfied by : simple aggre, Fisher, Marshal, Kelly, washer, G.M. simple & weighted

not satisfied by : Paasche, Laspeyres, Bowley, A.M

Factor reversal Test =  $P_{01} \times Q_{10} = V_{01}$  satisfied by only Fisher's formula

Circular Test → extension of Time reversal test

satisfied by : simple aggre, simple GM, weighted AM with fixed weight (Kelly)