

Engel Curve Specification: what have we done and learned?

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Abstract

the aim of this paper is to make a survey about the history and evolution of the empirical studies on estimation of Engel curves. In order to carry out our goal, we going to explain carefully what Engel Law means from microeconomic point of view; then, we present the different empirical specifications, parametric and non- and semiparametric ones, which has been used for modeling the consumers behavior.