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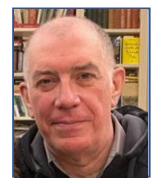
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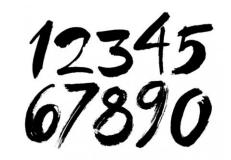
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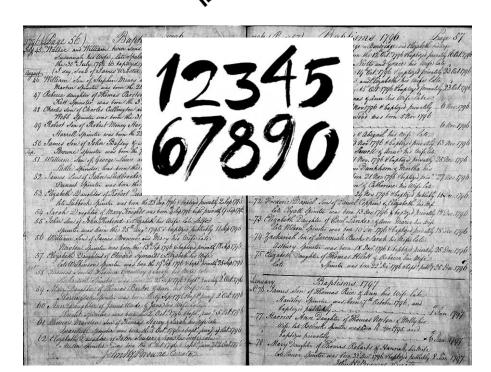
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- Numerical economic history
- Statistical analysis of "large-scale" data
- Sources include:
  - Population censuses
  - Parish registers
  - Account books
  - Other public documents
- Extract statistics are used to answer important historical questions



## Example: when did England overtake Italy?

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Italy was Europe's economic leader during the 16-17th century:

- England in the 18th century had the first Industrial Revolution
- So: *when* and *why* did England overtake Italy?
- Malanima (2011): 18th century because of over-use of resources
- Alfani (2013): 17th century because of epidemics

The only right place to go for answers is...



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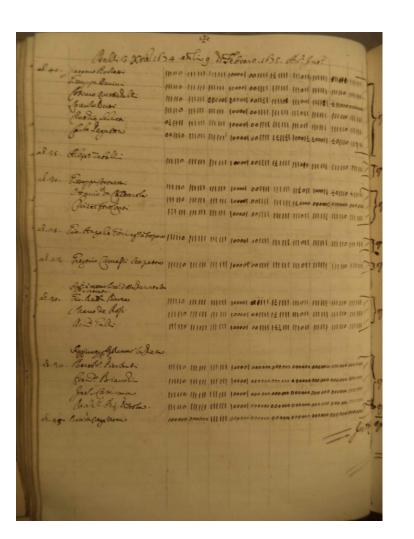


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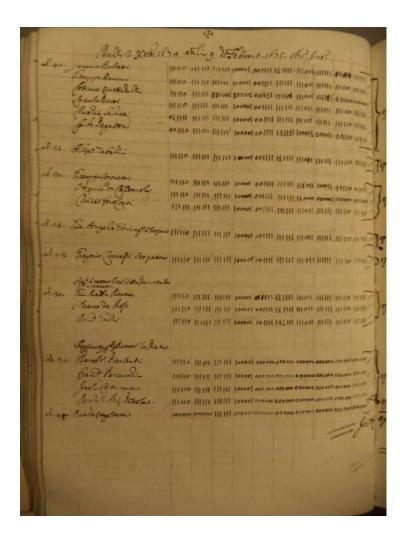
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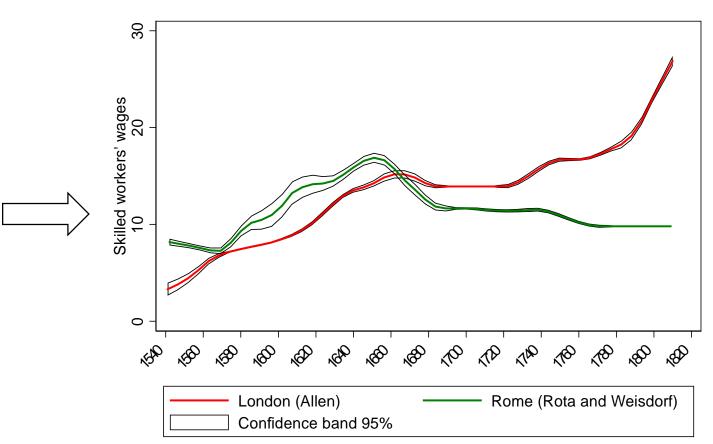
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- Kept track of building workers employed
- 270 years (1540-1810)
- Working days and wages paid

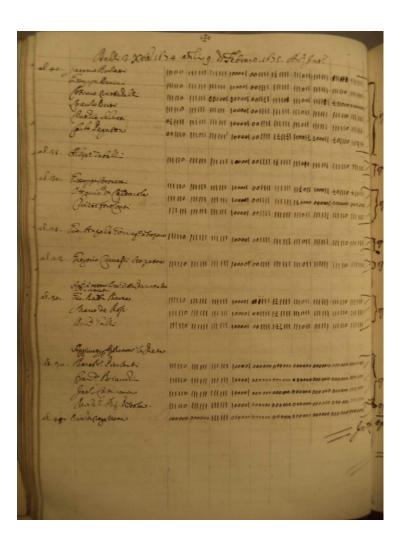
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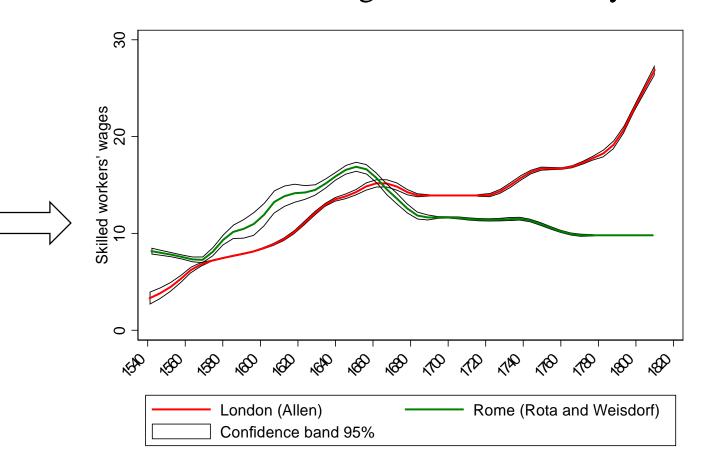


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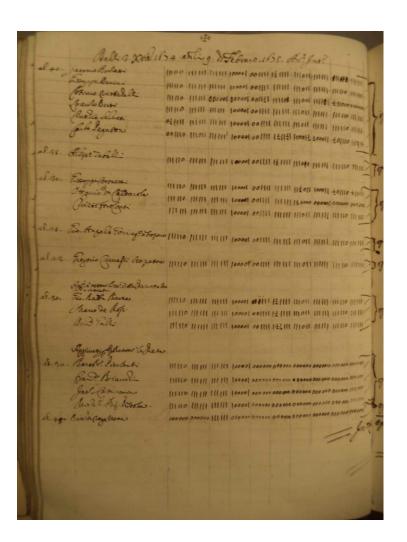


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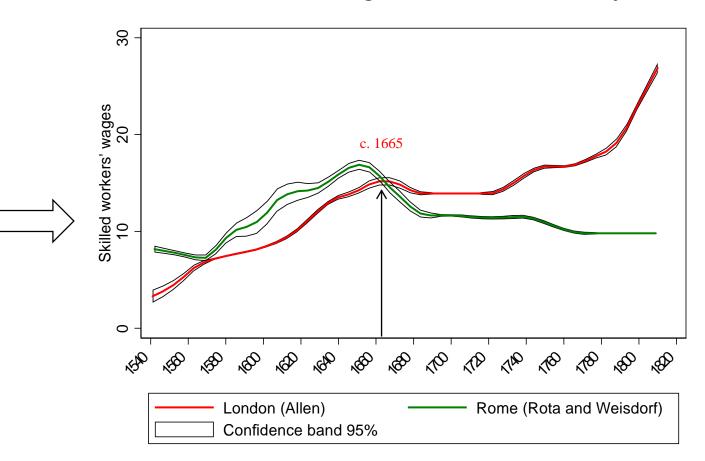


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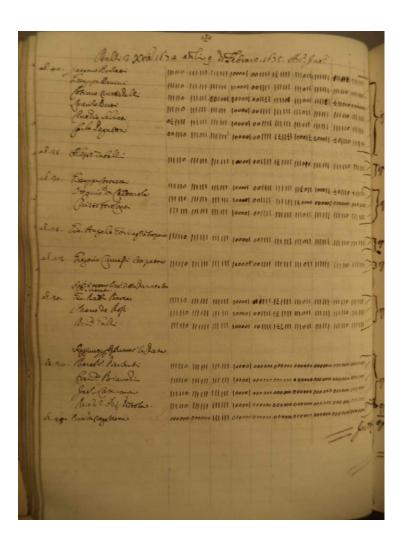


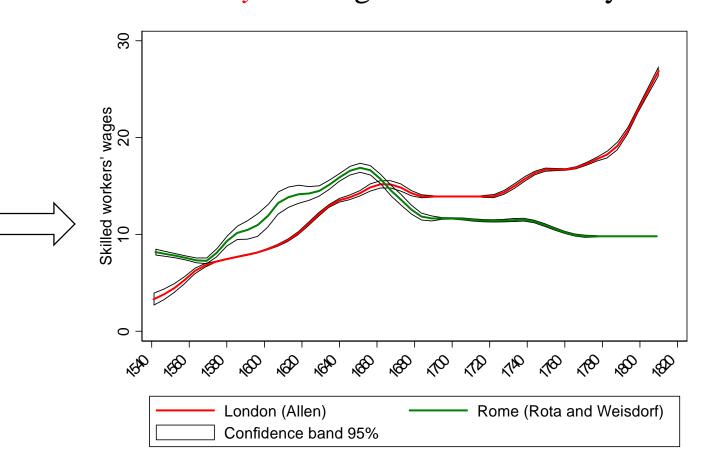
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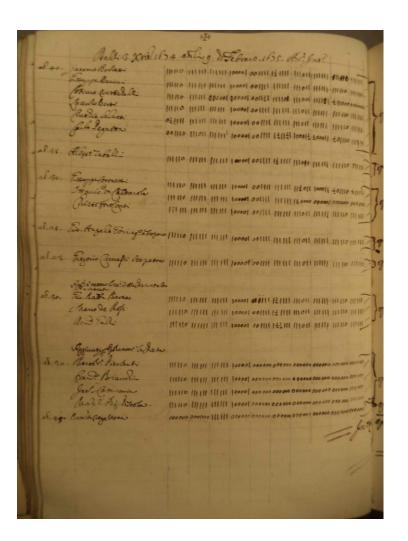


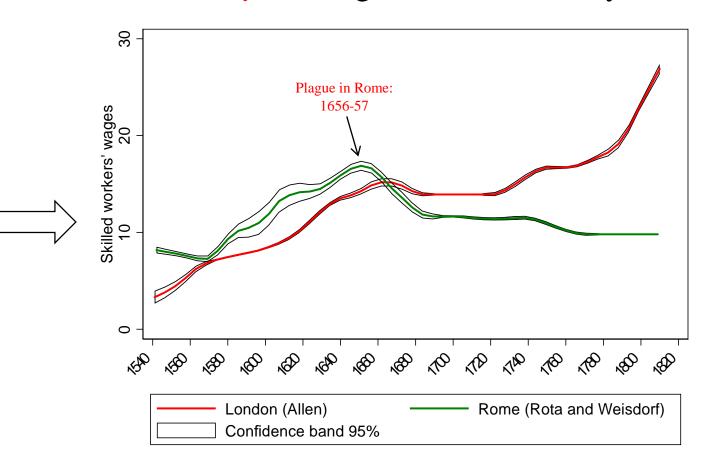
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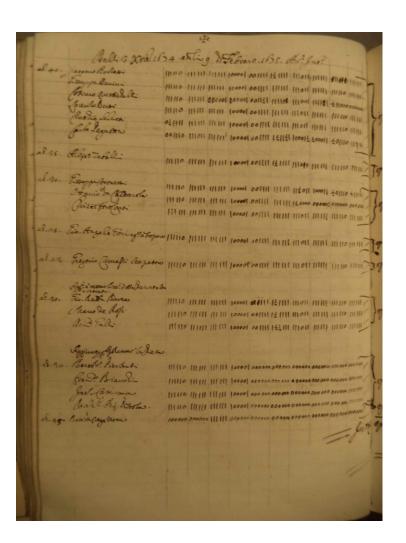


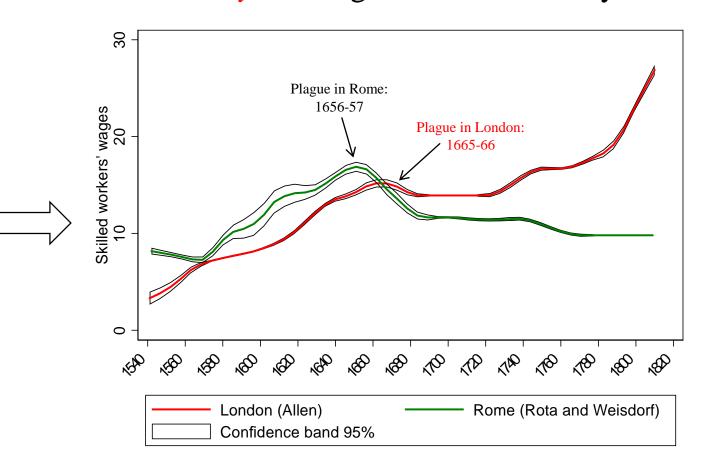
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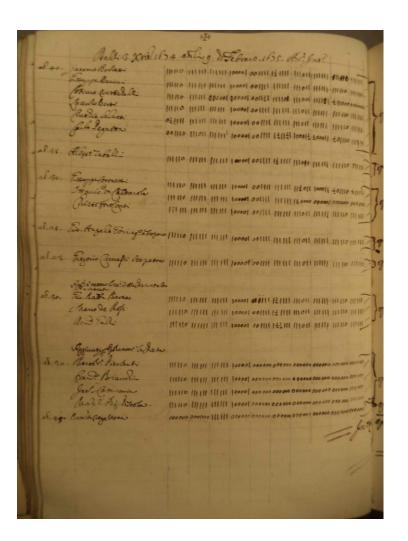


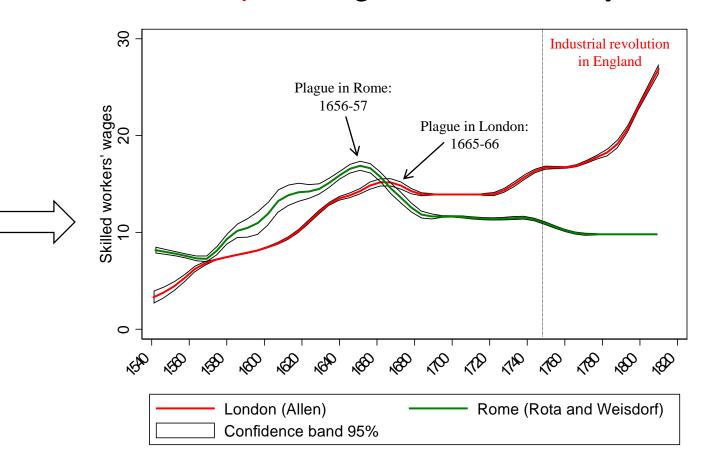
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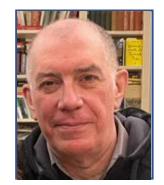
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