



# ENHANCING THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND ECONOMIC MECHANISM FOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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Received:	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	The development of industrial enterprises is fundamentally shaped by how effectively an organization coordinates its resources, including capital, labor, technology, and processes, to drive growth and productivity. This paper explores the organizational and economic mechanisms of industrial enterprises, focusing on production functions that relate inputs to output and are central to understanding firm-level efficiency. By analyzing the role of capital and labor in production, this research highlights the importance of optimizing the balance between these inputs, especially in the context of technological advancements such as automation and digitization. The study uses the Cobb–Douglas production function to assess the elasticities of capital and labor, revealing a primary reliance on labor in the production process. Further, it discusses the utility of extended models like the Constant Elasticity of Substitution (CES) and translog production functions, which allow for greater flexibility in capturing the dynamic relationship between inputs. The results emphasize the need for enterprises to improve resource utilization and focus on efficiency-enhancing strategies rather than solely expanding capital.
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## INTRODUCTION

Industrial enterprise development hinges on how effectively an organization coordinates its resources capital, labor, technology, and processes to achieve growth and productivity. The organizational-economic mechanism of an enterprise can be defined as *"a system of interconnected economic tools, processes, rules, and structures that ensure the organization and coordination of economic activity to achieve desired goals, taking into account the interests of participants"* [1]. In essence, this mechanism encapsulates both the organizational structure (hierarchies, management practices) and the economic system (resource allocation, incentives, production processes) that drive an enterprise's performance. A core component of this mechanism is the production system of the firm – how inputs like capital and labor are transformed into output. Modern economic theory provides a quantitative handle on this transformation via production functions, which describe the technological relationship between input quantities and output

Industrial enterprises, especially in manufacturing, remain vital in many economies despite the rise of services. For instance, manufacturing contributes around 20% of economic output in the

Czech Republic (one of the highest shares in Europe), and still holds significant weight in industrial powerhouses like Germany and Japan. At the same time, global trends such as automation and digitization are reshaping capital-labor dynamics. In advanced economies, manufacturing firms have been substituting labor with capital (e.g. robotics, AI) to boost productivity [2]. In the United States, the share of traditional production-line jobs in manufacturing fell from 51.9% in 2003 to 48.7% in 2024 – a change attributed to automation, technological advances, and outsourcing [3]. These shifts underscore the practical importance of optimizing the organizational-economic mechanism: firms must strategically balance and substitute between capital and labor in response to technological change and market conditions.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Enhancing the organizational and economic mechanism of industrial enterprises requires a deep understanding of how production systems convert inputs into outputs efficiently, and how organizational arrangements support that conversion process. Production functions, which formally relate inputs such as capital, labor, and technology to output, are central to analyzing firm-level productivity and efficiency in



manufacturing. Production functions provide both a theoretical framing and empirical basis for diagnosing the effectiveness of enterprise mechanisms in allocating resources and responding to technological change [4].

Production functions remain a core component of productivity analysis in manufacturing economics, providing frameworks to understand output responses to variations in factor inputs. These functions, such as the Cobb–Douglas and Constant Elasticity of Substitution (CES) models, are used to quantify the role of capital and labor in production and to assess how changes in factor utilization affect total output and efficiency. The recent literature emphasizes their importance not merely as theoretical constructs but as empirical tools for measuring economic efficiency and informing enterprise strategies for resource allocation, technological investment, and process improvement [5].

Empirical research emphasizes that organizational and economic mechanisms are critical for improving manufacturing performance, particularly through resource-saving control and coordination. Vovk, Vovk, and Lyashuk's study on machine-building enterprises illustrates that complex and systematic control of resource use through measurement, control systems, staff training, and technological alignment that contributes significantly to firm efficiency. This study interprets the organizational-economic mechanism as the structured application of qualitative and quantitative factors governing resources, technology, and environmental conditions, with direct implications for manufacturing productivity [6].

At the sector level, studies of manufacturing productivity increasingly analyze the transmission mechanisms through which organizational and economic policies influence total factor productivity. For instance, intelligently designed manufacturing policies that promote digital integration, industry chain resilience, and technology diffusion have been shown to elevate TFP in manufacturing firms by optimizing factor combinations and enhancing the synergy between capital deepening and labor augmentation. These mechanisms often operate by reducing friction in production, improving process coordination, and increasing the flexibility of input substitution, which ties back to production function parameters and the measured elasticity of substitution between inputs [7].

The literature also underscores that advanced production function specifications such as CES extend the traditional Cobb–Douglas framework by allowing variable substitution between inputs that a key property when firms invest in digital technologies and automate

processes. This flexibility is crucial for manufacturing enterprises seeking to adjust capital–labor mixes in the face of rapid technological change and global competition. Such studies provide theoretical and empirical support for organizational mechanisms that prioritize adaptability and efficiency in input use, essential for long-term competitiveness [8].

Beyond immediate efficiency gains, organizational-economic mechanisms also contribute to the strategic potential of manufacturing firms. The formation of strategic potential integrates multiple elements: production capacity, human capital, innovation capability, and information systems that jointly determine a firm's ability to withstand external volatility and exploit new opportunities. While broader in scope than classical production function models, this strategic perspective links internal resource structures to long-run development capacity [9].

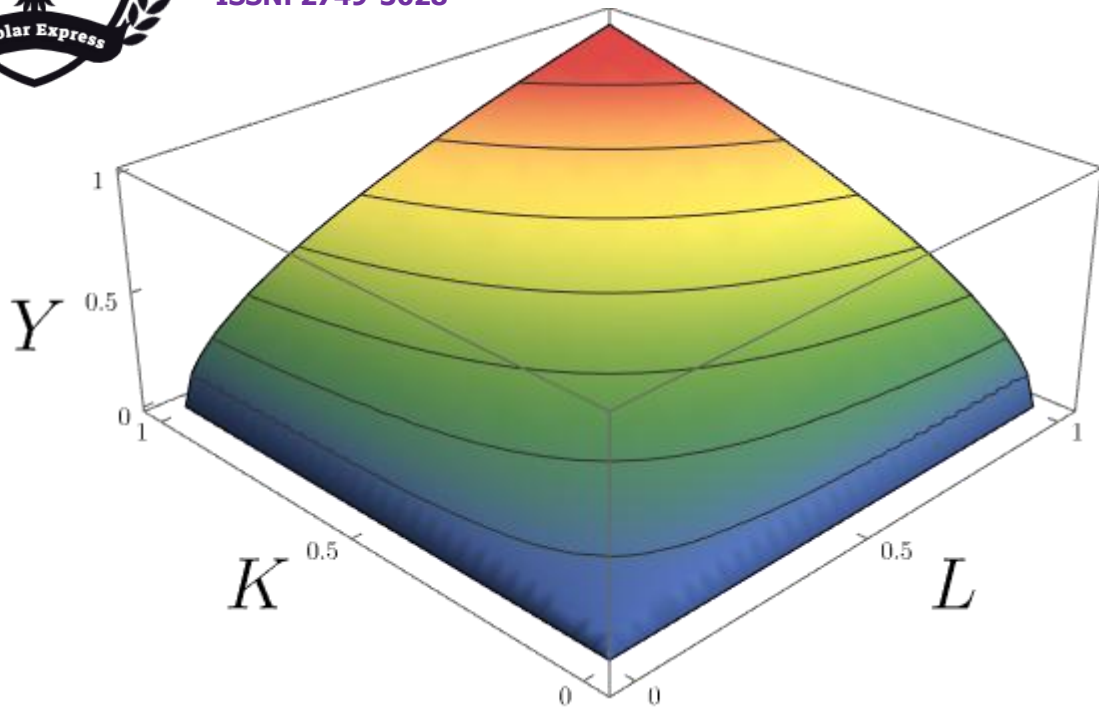
## **METHODS**

The empirical strategy treats the organizational-economic mechanism of a manufacturing enterprise as an observable production technology in which output is generated from capital and labor under an efficiency term that reflects organization, process discipline, and technology. Firm performance is modeled with a parametric production function and estimated in log-linear form to obtain interpretable output elasticities. Output  $Y$  is measured as real production (or value added where available), capital  $K$  is proxied by the real stock of fixed assets (or capital services), and labor  $L$  is measured by employment or hours worked; when monetary variables are used, they are converted to a consistent price base to maintain comparability across units. The baseline specification is the Cobb–Douglas form because it provides direct economic interpretation of elasticities and returns to scale and is widely used in manufacturing productivity analysis.

Estimation proceeds by applying natural logarithms and fitting the log-linear regression with ordinary least squares, where coefficients on  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$  are interpreted as elasticities. Model adequacy is assessed using standard goodness-of-fit indicators and residual diagnostics (outliers, heteroskedasticity, and influential observations), with robust standard errors reported to reduce sensitivity to heteroskedasticity in small samples. Returns to scale are evaluated by the sum of estimated elasticities, and total factor productivity is proxied by the estimated scale/efficiency component (and, where appropriate, by the residual-based TFP measure). To test whether the Cobb–



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substitution is too strong for modern manufacturing, the analysis is complemented with conceptual extensions: the CES form to represent non-unit capital–labor substitutability and the translog form to allow nonlinearities and interaction effects. These extensions are used to motivate interpretation and model selection, while recognizing that very small samples limit the precision of higher-order specifications.

### ANALYSE AND RESULTS

To analyze an enterprise's development mechanism, we model its production process using production functions. A production function  $F(K,L)$  gives the maximum output  $Y$  obtainable from a given combination of inputs – typically capital ( $K$ ) and labor ( $L$ ):

$$Y = A * K^\alpha * L^\beta$$

where  $A$  represents total factor productivity (a scale factor encapsulating technology and efficiency), and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are output elasticities of capital and labor, respectively. These exponents (assumed positive) indicate the fraction of output growth attributable to growth in that input, holding other inputs constant. For example, an  $\alpha$  of 0.3 implies that a 1% increase in capital (with labor fixed) yields approximately a 0.3% increase in output. In the Cobb–Douglas model,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are typically in the range  $(0,1)$ , and their sum  $\alpha + \beta$  determines the returns to scale. If  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ , the function is homogeneous of degree one, implying constant returns to scale – doubling both  $K$  and  $L$  doubles  $Y$ . If  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ , returns to scale are increasing (outputs grow proportionally more than inputs), whereas  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  yields decreasing returns to scale.



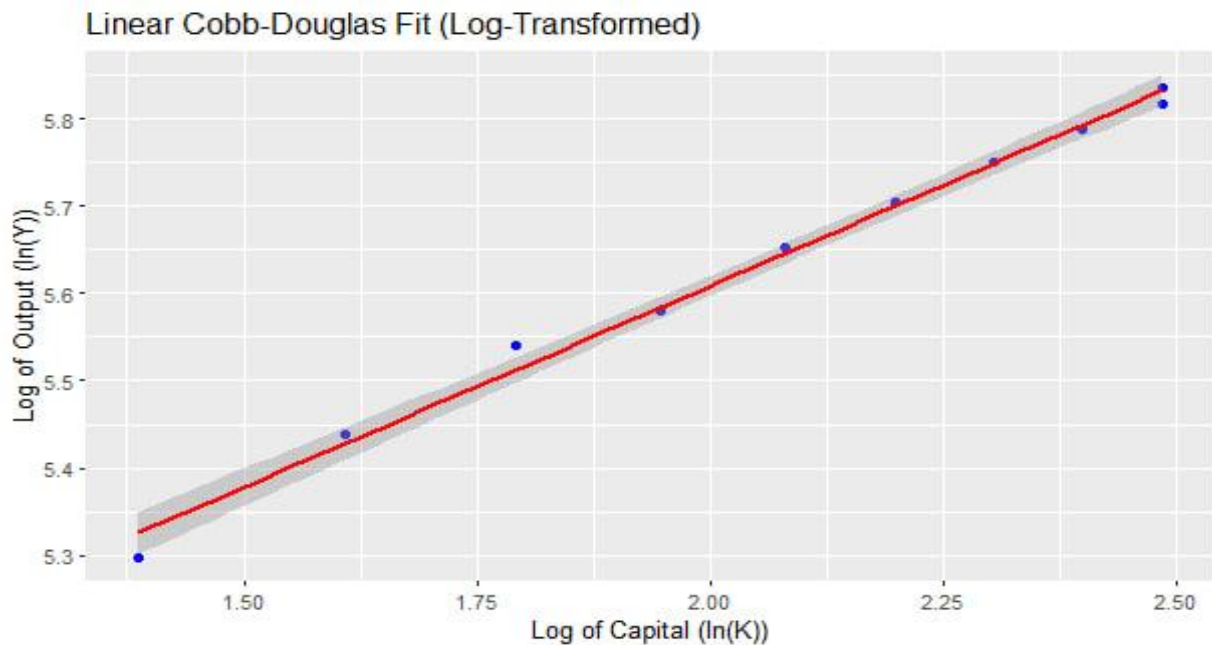
**Figure 1: A Cobb–Douglas production surface with isoquants**

The plot illustrates output  $Y$  as a concave surface rising with capital and labor. The curved contours (isoquants) on the base indicate combinations of  $K$  and  $L$  that yield the same output level. This shape reflects diminishing marginal returns to each factor: as  $K$  or  $L$  increases,  $Y$  grows at a decreasing rate, and the isoquants are convex, indicating a degree of substitutability between capital and labor. In a Cobb–Douglas function, inputs can be smoothly substituted (with elasticity of substitution equal to 1, as discussed later), so an enterprise can trade off capital and labor to maintain a given output level along an isoquant. The organizational-economic mechanism must account for how an enterprise can alter its capital-labor mix. The Cobb–Douglas production function inherently embodies *capital-labor dynamics* through diminishing marginal returns and factor complementarity. Diminishing returns mean that adding more of one input (holding the other fixed) yields progressively smaller output gains. This justifies a balanced growth strategy: an enterprise should invest in both capital and labor (e.g. workforce skills) rather than relying excessively on only one factor. The convex isoquants in Figure 1 show that

many combinations of  $K$  and  $L$  can produce a given output – the firm has flexibility in substituting one factor for the other. For instance, we modeled production function with random firms statistics ( $N=10$ ):

$$Y = 79,27 * K^{0,02} * L^{0,30}$$

The estimates suggest that output is driven primarily by labor input, while the role of capital is statistically and economically modest. The labor elasticity of 0.30 implies that expanding employment or hours worked is associated with a noticeable increase in production, especially in labor-intensive manufacturing stages such as assembly, packaging, or manual quality control. By contrast, the capital elasticity of 0.02 indicates that additional machinery or fixed assets raise output only marginally, which can occur when equipment is underutilized, outdated, or constrained by bottlenecks in staffing, maintenance, or process flow. The scale parameter reflects baseline productivity and can be interpreted as capturing technology, organization, and process discipline. The sum of elasticities equals 0.32, pointing to decreasing returns to scale: proportional expansion of both inputs yields less-than-proportional output growth.



**Figure 2. Log-linear Cobb–Douglas fit**

This figure illustrates the relationship between capital (K) and output (Y) in log-transformed form. The blue points represent the observed values of the natural logarithms of capital (ln(K)) and output (ln(Y)) for the sample. The red line is the best-fit linear regression based on the estimated Cobb–Douglas model, while the shaded region indicates the 95% confidence interval for the predicted values. The close fit of the points to the regression line demonstrates the model’s effectiveness in capturing the linear relationship between capital and output, supporting the assumption of constant elasticity of substitution between inputs. This model is useful for interpreting output elasticities with respect to capital and labor in the context of the manufacturing process.

The Cobb-Douglas production function is one of the most widely used models for describing the relationship between capital and labor in the production process. However, it assumes a unitary elasticity of substitution, meaning there is a constant proportional trade-off between capital and labor. To model situations where this substitution between factors is not always uniform, generalizations of this function have been developed, such as the CES (Constant Elasticity of Substitution) and Translog production functions. These models allow for different interaction scenarios between capital and labor, providing a more accurate depiction of the production process. The CES production function introduces a parameter that adjusts the substitutability between labor and capital. Unlike the Cobb-Douglas function, which assumes a constant relationship

between these factors, the CES model allows the elasticity of substitution to change based on the current ratio of capital to labor. This makes the model more flexible for situations where one factor, such as capital, can be substituted for another, such as labor, but not in the same degree:

$$Y = A * (\delta * K^\rho + (1 - \delta) * L^\rho)^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

Depending on the value of the elasticity parameter, the CES function can model both weak and strong substitution between capital and labor. If the elasticity of substitution is low, it implies that increasing one factor (e.g., capital) does not significantly reduce the need for the other factor (labor). Conversely, if the elasticity is high, increasing capital can substantially decrease the need for labor, a feature common in automated and mechanized production processes. The CES function allows for the analysis of how technological changes, such as the introduction of automation or improvements in labor skills, can affect a firm’s cost structure. For example, if a firm can easily replace labor with capital (high elasticity of substitution), it is more likely to invest in automation. In cases with low elasticity, the firm will be less flexible in substituting one resource for another, which may require different strategic decisions.

The Translog production function offers a more flexible approach, allowing the elasticity of substitution to vary not only with the ratio of capital to labor but also with the scale of production. This model includes additional terms, such as squared and interaction terms,



that capture the curvature of the production function, providing a more accurate description of complex interactions between production factors. In contrast to the Cobb-Douglas function, where the elasticity of substitution between capital and labor is fixed, the Translog model allows the elasticity to change depending on the scale of production [10]:

$$\ln Y_{it} = \ln A + \alpha \ln K_{it} + \beta \ln L_{it} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma (\ln K_{it})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta (\ln L_{it})^2 + \theta (\ln K_{it})(\ln L_{it}) + u_{it}$$

This flexibility makes the Translog function especially useful for analyzing changes in the production process that are driven by new technologies or changes in organizational structures. The Translog function can reveal how the relationship between capital and labor becomes more or less efficient as their relative proportions change, which is crucial for diagnosing technological changes within an organization.

## DISCUSSION

The estimated elasticities indicate a production structure in which output is substantially more responsive to labor than to capital. In manufacturing terms, this pattern is consistent with enterprises where output growth is still driven by staffing levels, labor intensity in key stages (assembly, sorting, packaging, manual inspection), or production systems where the binding constraint is not the quantity of equipment but its effective utilization through staffing, maintenance, and process coordination. The very small capital elasticity suggests that additional fixed assets, on average, translate into limited marginal output gains, which often occurs when capacity utilization is low, equipment is technologically outdated, or the production line is constrained by complementary inputs that are not expanding in step with capital (qualified operators, reliable maintenance, stable materials supply, and process flow balance).

The sum of elasticities being well below one implies decreasing returns to scale in the observed configuration, meaning proportional increases in both inputs yield less-than-proportional output expansion. Economically, this signals that scaling up without addressing coordination and efficiency frictions can generate congestion and bottlenecks: more workers and equipment increase complexity in scheduling, quality control, downtime risk, and intra-plant logistics, so the mechanism of development should prioritize productivity-enhancing reorganization rather than simple expansion. In this setting, enterprise development is better interpreted as improving the

effectiveness of existing resources — raising utilization, reducing downtime, stabilizing process flow, and upgrading skills—rather than rapid capital deepening.

The absence of labor in the log-linear fit figure does not imply a modeling mistake by itself; a two-dimensional plot can only show one regressor at a time. However, it does raise an important methodological point for interpretation: if the fitted line is based on a bivariate relationship between  $\ln Y$  and  $\ln K$ , it may overstate the visual strength of the capital–output association because labor variation is not explicitly controlled in the figure. If the underlying regression includes both  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$ , then the plot should be treated as a partial visualization rather than a complete representation of the two-input technology. For publication-quality reporting, the main interpretation should rely on the estimated coefficients and diagnostics, while figures can be complemented with partial regression plots or a 3D surface/isoquant visualization to reflect the two-input structure.

The motivation for CES and translog extensions follows directly from modern manufacturing realities. Automation, digital tools, and skill upgrading can change how easily capital substitutes for labor or whether capital and skilled labor act as complements. If substitution is limited (low elasticity), modernization requires synchronized investments in training, workflow redesign, and maintenance systems; if substitution is high, cost shocks (wages, capital cost) can induce faster shifts in the capital–labor mix. Translog flexibility is particularly relevant when productivity gains arise from interaction effects: machines raise output only when operator skill, quality systems, and process coordination improve, so marginal effects vary by scale and by the K/L mix. In small samples, these models should be used cautiously, but they remain valuable for framing the enterprise mechanism as an evolving production system rather than a fixed relationship.

## CONCLUSION

The results support a manufacturing development logic focused on efficiency and coordination. Output responsiveness is primarily driven by labor, while capital shows a minimal marginal contribution. The observed production technology demonstrates decreasing returns to scale, which aligns with enterprises where constraints are related to utilization, process bottlenecks, and complementary capabilities, rather than the absolute amount of equipment. Strengthening the organizational and economic mechanism requires actions that improve effective productivity, such as skill upgrading,



preventive maintenance, workflow optimization, quality management, and tighter coordination of production inputs. To achieve long-term competitiveness, enterprises should prioritize improving the use of existing resources rather than solely relying on rapid capital expansion. Future studies could benefit from larger datasets and more detailed measures of intermediate inputs, energy usage, and human capital to more accurately estimate CES and translog models, providing deeper insights into how technological changes and organizational structures impact productivity over time.

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