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Cumulative Sanctions: By Sender





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Cumulative Sanctions: By Target







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'The Black Hole' of Sanctions





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A Literature Review





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Gravity Without Gravitas

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"He who loves practice without theory is like the sailor who boards ship without a rudder and compass and never knows where he may cast."



With a focus on the effects of sanctions:

- Review the evolution of the gravity model and highlight many of its great features;
- Demonstrate the benefits of doing theoryconsistent empirical and policy work;
- Discuss cutting-edge research, challenges, limitations, and directions for future work.



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I. Naive Gravity: Why So Popular?

1. Very Intuitive





Turns out that Sir Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation,

$$F_{ij}=Grac{M_iM_j}{D_{ij}^2},$$

applies 'equally' well to trade:

 $X_{ij} = ilde{G} rac{Y_i Y_j}{ au_{ij}^{ heta}}.$

Trade (the gravitational force) between two countries (objects) is directly proportional to the product of their sizes (masses) and inversely proportional to the trade frictions (the square of distance) between them.

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NOTE: Gravity delivers the same (!) great fit with and without fixed effects. Thus, the predictive power of the gravity model is unprecedented!



Thousands of papers have used the gravity model to study the effects of various determinants of bilateral trade flows, including:



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To study the impact of any determinant/policy on trade flows or via trade flows, one should probably rely on a 'Gravity Model',



- It is very intuitive;
- It has great predictive power;
- It is very flexible.





A Naive Estimating Equation



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"The gravity model is NOT a structural model of trade ... The gravity equation is precisely what it is – an equation – but there's not much theory there."

Source: Referee Report, 2016



Solid Theoretical Foundations







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Contributions to Gravity Modeling



Anderson-van Wincoop ('03)

Anderson ('79)

Bergstrand ('85)

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Olivero and Yotov ('12) Eaton et al. ('16) Anderson and Yotov ('20) Anderson et al. ('20)

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Source: Yotov et al. (2016). Inspired by Arkolakis et al. (2012)

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The Structural Gravity System



 $X_{ij} = rac{E_j Y_i}{Y} \left(rac{t_{ij}}{P_i \Pi_i}
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The Structural Gravity Equation:

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The Structural Gravity Equation:

Inward Multilateral Resistance:

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Demand-side Gravity



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σ is the elasticity of substitution

Following: Anderson (1979) and Anderson and van Wincoop (2003)



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Supply-side Gravity



$$X_{ij} = \frac{E_j Y_i}{Y} \left(\frac{t_{ij}}{P_j \Pi_i}\right)^{-\theta}$$
$$P_j^{-\theta} = \sum_i \left(\frac{t_{ij}}{\Pi_i}\right)^{-\theta} \frac{Y_i}{Y}$$
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$\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is a Fréchet dispersion parameter

Following: Eaton and Kortum (2002)



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Structural Gravity with Tariffs



$$\begin{split} X_{ij} &= \frac{E_j Y_i}{Y} \left(\frac{t_{ij}}{P_j \Pi_i}\right)^{1-\sigma} \tau_{ij}^{-\sigma} \\ P_j^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_i \left(\frac{\tau_{ij} t_{ij}}{\Pi_i}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_i}{Y} \\ \Pi_i^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_j \tau_{ij}^{-\sigma} \left(\frac{t_{ij}}{P_j}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{E_j}{Y} \\ Y_i &= \sum_j X_{ij} \end{split}$$

 τ_{ij} is the *ad-valorem* tariff

Following: Larch and Yotov (2015)



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Sectoral Gravity



$$X_{ij}^{k} = rac{E_{j}^{k} Y_{i}^{k}}{Y^{k}} \left(rac{t_{ij}^{k}}{P_{j}^{k} \Pi_{i}^{k}}
ight)^{1-\sigma^{k}}$$

$$P_{j}^{k^{1-\sigma^{k}}} = \sum_{i} \left(\frac{t_{ij}^{k}}{\Pi_{i}^{k}}\right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{Y_{i}^{k}}{Y^{k}}$$

$$\Pi_{i}^{\mathbf{k}^{1-\sigma^{k}}} = \sum_{j} \left(\frac{t_{ij}^{k}}{P_{j}^{k}}\right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{E_{j}^{k}}{Y^{k}}$$

$$Y_i^k = \sum_j X_{ij}^k$$

k denotes sector, industry, product, etc.



Following: Anderson and van Wincoop (2004) and Costinot et al. (2012)

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Sectoral Gravity with Heterogeneous Firms

$$X_{ij}^k = rac{E_j^k Y_i^k}{Y^k} \left(rac{ au_{ij}^k}{P_j^k \Pi_i^k}
ight)^{-\gamma^k}$$

$$P_{j}^{k-\gamma^{k}}=\sum_{i}\left(rac{ au_{jj}^{k}}{\Pi_{i}^{k}}
ight)^{-\gamma^{k}}rac{Y_{i}^{k}}{Y^{k}}$$

$$\Pi_{i}^{k-\gamma^{k}} = \sum_{j} \left(\frac{\tau_{ij}^{k}}{P_{j}^{k}}\right)^{-\gamma^{k}} \frac{E_{j}^{k}}{Y^{k}}$$

$$Y_i^k = \sum_j X_{ij}^k$$

 γ^{k} is Pareto dispersion parameter τ^{k}_{ii} includes fixed costs f^{k}_{ii}

Following: Melitz (2003), Chaney (2008), Redding (2014), Egger et al., (2020),



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Dynamic Gravity: Country-specific Dynamics

$$X_{ij,t} = \frac{E_{j,t}Y_{i,t}}{Y_{,t}} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{P_{j,t}\Pi_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma}$$

$$P_{j,t}^{1-\sigma} = \sum_{i} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,i}}{Y_{t}}$$

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t denotes time

Following: Eaton et al. (2016) and Anderson et al. (2020)



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Dynamic Gravity: Bilateral Dynamics

$$X_{ij,t} = \frac{E_{j,t}Y_{i,t}}{Y_{,t}} \left(\frac{\tau_{ij,t}}{P_{j,t}\Pi_{i,t}}\right)^{\rho(1-\sigma)}$$

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$$Y_{i,t} = \sum_j X_{ij,t}$$

ρ is an incidence elasticity parameter $\tau_{ij,t}$ includes dynamic trade cost components

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Following: Anderson and Yotov (2020)

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Estimating Gravity ... with Gravitas

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λ Estimates and Confidence Intervals (ITPD-E-R $\mathfrak{Q}\mathfrak{Q}$



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Percentage Differences: PPML vs G-PPML



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where:

- \triangleright $\beta_{2\Delta t}$ captures the evolution of the trade elasticity
- ▶ $\beta_{1,\Delta t} = \beta_{2,\Delta t} \beta_{FTA}$ captures the evolution of the effects of FTAs.
- $\gamma_{ii,\Delta t}$ is a set of interval-country-pair fixed effects.



Evolution of the Trade Cost Elasticities



Source: Anderson and Yotov (2023).



- A simple solution to the 'International Elasticity Puzzle'.
- An explanation for tariff estimates that are smaller than one.
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Evolution of the FTA Effects





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Evolution of the Sanction Effects



Source: Dai et al. (2021).



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Staggered DiD specification:

$$Y_{ij,t} = \exp\left[\sum_{g=q}^{T} \sum_{s=g}^{T} \delta_{gs} D_{gs} + \pi_{i,t} + \chi_{j,t} + \mu_{ij} + \sum_{t} b_{t} BRDR_{ij,t}\right] \times \epsilon_{ij,t}.$$

where:

- country-pair ij belongs to treatment cohort g if the RTA onset was in year g,
- D_{gs} is a time-varying treatment indicator equal to 1 for cohort g for s = t in post-treatment years and 0 otherwise,
- δ_{gs} captures the cohort-year specific treatment effects.

Gravity with Staggered DiD: RTA Estimates



Source: Nagengast and Yotov (2023).







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A Naive Estimating Equation





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The Gravity Model Is ...







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I want to evaluate the impact of the European Union–South Korea FTA. Should I use structural gravity or a CGE model?

Source: Seminar Question on Zoom Chat, 2021



III. Gravity is a CGE Model



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Gravity is a CGE Model



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The GE Effects of the Sanctions on Iran



Source: Felbermayr et al. (2019).



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Gravity is a CGE model! Remarkably, it is also an Estimating CGE model!!

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An Estimating CGE Model



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Following: Anderson and Yotov (2012), Arvis and Shepherd (2013), and Fally (2015)



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OMR:
$$\hat{\Pi}_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} = \frac{Y_{i,t}}{\exp(\hat{\pi}_{i,t})},$$

Output: In $Y_{i,t} = \kappa_1 \ln L_{i,t} + \kappa_2 \ln K_{i,t} + \kappa_3 \ln \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\Pi}_{i,t}^{1-\sigma}}\right) + \nu_t + \omega_i + \varepsilon_{i,t}.$



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Trade:
$$X_{ij,t} = \exp[\mathbf{GRAV}_{ij,t}\gamma + \chi_{j,t} + \pi_{i,t}] \times \epsilon_{ij,t},$$

IMR: $\hat{P}_{j,t}^{1-\sigma} = \frac{E_{j,t}}{\exp(\hat{\chi}_{j,t})},$

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Output: $\ln Y_{i,t} = \kappa_1 \ln L_{i,t} + \kappa_2 \ln K_{i,t} + \frac{1}{-\sigma} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\Pi}_{i,t}^{1-\sigma}}\right) + \nu_t + \omega_i + \varepsilon_{i,t}.$



Following: Anderson et al. (2020)

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Following: Freeman et al. (2021)

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$$X_{ij,t} = \exp[\mathbf{GRAV}_{ij,t}\gamma + \chi_{j,t} + \nu_t + \omega_i + \kappa_1 \ln L_{i,t} + \kappa_2 \ln K_{i,t}] \times \exp\left[\kappa_3 \ln\left(\hat{\Pi}_{i,t}\right) + \mathbf{CNTRY}_{i,t}\kappa\right] \times \tilde{\epsilon}_{ij,t}$$

• where
$$\kappa_3 = \frac{\sigma(1-\sigma)+1}{(1-\sigma)\sigma}$$
;

- Implementation is a simple two-stage estimation procedure;
- Identifies full effects of country-specific policies within structural gravity;
- Recover estimates of the trade elasticity without price and/or tariff data;
 - ▶ Obtain estimates of the trade elasticity for services: *σ_{Services}* ∈ [2.5; 5.36];

Following: Freeman et al. (2021)



- Has the nice properties of CGE models;
- Delivers key structural parameters;
- Uncovers new estimation opportunities.



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E-CGE Gravity ... is Very Powerful!



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"The structural gravity model is a small scale CGE model."

Source: Top CGE Economist









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⇒Consumers ⇒Producers (N*2)

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NOTE: The Gravity Model can be conveniently integrated within a wide class of GE superstructures. While preserving tractability!



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IV. Nested Gravity



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- Structural Gravity:
- Inward Resistance:
- $$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{X}_{ij,t} &= \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}P_{j,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}\psi_{j}Y_{j,t}}{Y_{t}},\\ \boldsymbol{P}_{j,t}^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_{i} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}}{Y_{t}},\\ \boldsymbol{\Pi}_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_{j} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{P_{j,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{\psi_{j}Y_{j,t}}{Y_{t}},\\ \boldsymbol{p}_{j,t} &= \frac{(Y_{j,t}/Y_{t})^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}}{\beta_{j}\Pi_{j,t}}, \end{split}$$

 $Y_{i,t} = A_{i,t} L_{i,t}^{1-\alpha} K_{i,t}^{\alpha} p_{i,t}.$

- Outward Resistance:
- Market Clearing:
- Output Value:



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Partial Equilibrium:

$$\begin{split} X_{ij,t} &= \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}P_{j,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{Y_t},\\ P_{j,t}^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_i \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}}{Y_t},\\ \Pi_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_j \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{P_{j,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{Y_t},\\ p_{j,t} &= \frac{\left(Y_{j,t}/Y_t\right)^{1-\sigma}}{\beta_j \Pi_{j,t}}, \end{split}$$

Full Endowment GE:

$$Y_{j,t} = A_{j,t} L_{j,t}^{1-\alpha} K_{j,t}^{\alpha} p_{j,t}.$$



Following Anderson et al. (2018) can perform CGE analysis in Stata

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Nested Gravity: Capital Accumulation

Partial Equilibrium:

'Conditional' GE:

$$\begin{split} X_{ij,t} &= \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}P_{j,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{Y_t},\\ P_{j,t}^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_i \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}}{Y_t},\\ \Pi_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_j \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{P_{j,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{Y_t},\\ p_{j,t} &= \frac{\left(Y_{j,t}/Y_t\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{1-\sigma}}}{\beta_j \Pi_{j,t}}, \end{split}$$

Full Endowment GE:

$$Y_{j,t} = A_{j,t} L_{j,t}^{1-\alpha} K_{j,t}^{\alpha} p_{j,t},$$

Dynamic GE:

$$K_{j,t+1} = \left[\frac{A_{j,t}L_{j,t}^{1-\alpha}\beta\alpha\delta\rho_{j,t}}{(1-\beta+\delta\beta)P_{j,t}}\right]^{\delta} K_{j,t}^{\alpha\delta+1-\delta}.$$



Following: Eaton et al. (2016) and Anderson et al. (2020)

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Nested Gravity: Intermediates

 $X_{ij,t} = \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\prod_{i,t} P_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{Y_t},$ Partial Equilibrium: $P_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} = \sum_{i} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}}{Y_{t}},$ 'Conditional' GE: $\Pi_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} = \sum_{j} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{P_{i,t}} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{\psi_{j} Y_{j,t}}{Y_{t}},$ $p_{j,t} = \frac{\left(Y_{j,t}/Y_t\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}}{\beta_i \prod_{i,t}},$ Full Endowment GE: $Y_{i,t} = p_{i,t} A_{i,t} K_{i,t}^{\alpha} L_{i,t}^{\xi} Q_{i,t}^{1-\alpha-\xi},$ $K_{j,t+1} = \left[\frac{A_{j,t}L_{j,t}^{\xi}Q_{j,t}^{1-\alpha-\xi}\beta\alpha\delta\rho_{j,t}}{(1-\beta+\delta\beta)P_{j,t}}\right]^{\delta}K_{j,t}^{\alpha\delta+1-\delta},$ Dynamic GE: $Q_{j,t} = \left[(1 - \alpha - \xi) \frac{\phi_{j,t} P_{j,t} A_{j,t} K_{j,t}^{\alpha} L_{j,t}^{\xi}}{P_{i,t}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha + \xi}}.$ Intermediates:

Following: Eaton and Kortum (2002) and Caliendo and Parro (2015)



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Nested Gravity: Technology FDI

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 $X_{ij,t} = \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\prod_i t P_{i,t}}\right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{Y_t},$ Partial Equilibrium: $\boldsymbol{P}_{j,t}^{1-\sigma} = \sum_{i} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{\Pi_{i,t}} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{Y_{i,t}}{Y_{\star}},$ 'Conditional' GE: $\Pi_{i,t}^{1-\sigma} = \sum_{j} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}}{P_{i,t}} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{\psi_{j} Y_{j,t}}{Y_{t}},$ $p_{j,t} = \frac{\left(Y_{j,t}/Y_t\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}}{\beta_i \prod_{i,t}},$ Full Endowment GE: $Y_{i,t} = p_{i,t} A_{i,t} K_{i,t}^{\alpha} L_{i,t}^{\xi} Q_{i,t}^{1-\alpha-\xi-\phi} M_{i,t}^{\phi},$ $K_{j,t+1} = \left[\frac{A_{j,t}L_{j,t}^{\xi}Q_{j,t}^{1-\alpha-\xi-\phi}M_{j,t}^{\phi}\beta\alpha\delta p_{j,t}}{(1-\beta+\delta\beta)P_{j,t}}\right]^{\delta}K_{j,t}^{\alpha\delta+1-\delta},$ Dynamic GE: $Q_{j,t} = [(1 - \alpha - \xi - \phi) \frac{\phi_{j,t} P_{j,t} A_{j,t} K_{j,t}^{\alpha} L_{j,t}^{\xi} M_{j,t}^{\phi}}{P_{i,t}}]^{\frac{1}{\alpha + \xi + \phi}},$ Intermediates: $FDI_{ij,t} = \Gamma_i \frac{\omega_{ij,t}}{P_{i,t}} \frac{Y_{i,t}\psi_j Y_{j,t}}{M_{i,t}}.$ Technology FDI:

Following: Anderson et al. (2018)

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Dynamic Sectoral Gravity (Larch and Yotov, 2023

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{X}_{ij,t}^{k} &= \frac{Y_{i,t}^{k} E_{j,t}^{k}}{\sum_{l} Y_{i,t}^{k}} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}^{k}}{\Pi_{i,t}^{k} P_{j,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}}, \\ (\Pi_{l,t}^{k})^{1-\sigma_{k}} &= \sum_{l} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}^{k}}{P_{j,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{E_{l,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{i,t}^{k}}, \\ (P_{j,t}^{k})^{1-\sigma_{k}} &= \sum_{l} \left(\frac{t_{ij,t}^{k}}{\Pi_{i,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{Y_{i,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{i,t}^{k}}, \\ p_{l,t}^{k} &= \left(\frac{Y_{i,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{i,t}^{k}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma^{k}}} \frac{1}{\psi_{l}^{k} \Pi_{l,t}^{k}}, \\ Y_{j,t}^{k} &= p_{j,t}^{k} A_{j,t}^{k} \left(L_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{k}} \left(K_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\varepsilon_{j}^{k}} \prod_{l} \left(M_{j}^{l,k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{l,k}}, \\ F_{i,t} &= \alpha^{k} \phi_{i} \sum_{k} p_{j,t}^{k} A_{j,t}^{k} \left(L_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{k}} \left(K_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\varepsilon_{j}^{k}-1} \prod_{l} \left(M_{j}^{l,k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{l,k}}, \\ r_{j,t} &= \sum_{k} \varepsilon_{j}^{k} p_{j,t}^{k} A_{j,t}^{k} \left(L_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{k}} \left(K_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\varepsilon_{j}^{k}-1} \prod_{l} \left(M_{j}^{l,k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{l,k}}, \\ K_{j,t+1} &= \left[\frac{\frac{\phi_{j,t}Y_{j,t}}{P_{j,t}} + \frac{\beta^{\delta}\phi_{j,t}r_{j,t}}{P_{j,t}} - \frac{\beta^{\delta}\phi_{j,t}r_{j,t}}{P_{j,t}} - \frac{\beta^{\delta}\phi_{j,t}r_{j,t-1}}{K_{j,t-1}} - \beta(1-\delta)} \right]^{\delta} K_{j,t} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{k} \gamma \beta \varphi \right)^{\varepsilon_{k}} \right]^{1-\sigma_{k}} K_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma_{k}} K_{j,t} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{k} F_{j,t}^{k} + \frac{\beta^{\delta}\phi_{j,t}r_{j,t}}{F_{j,t}} - \frac{\beta^{\delta}\phi_{j,t}r_{j,t}}{F_{j,t}} - \beta(1-\delta)} \right)^{1-\sigma_{k}} K_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j,t-1}^{k} F_{j$$

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$$\begin{split} \chi_{j,t}^{k} &= \frac{Y_{l,t}^{k} E_{j,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{l,t}^{k}} \left(\frac{t_{j,t}^{k}}{\prod_{i,t}^{k} P_{j,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}}, \\ (\Pi_{l,t}^{k})^{1-\sigma_{k}} &= \sum_{j} \left(\frac{t_{j,t}^{k}}{P_{j,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{E_{j,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{l,t}^{k}}, \\ (P_{j,t}^{k})^{1-\sigma_{k}} &= \sum_{i} \left(\frac{t_{j,t}^{k}}{\prod_{i,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{Y_{l,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{l,t}^{k}}, \\ p_{l,t}^{k} &= \left(\frac{Y_{l,t}^{k}}{\sum_{i} Y_{l,t}^{k}} \right)^{1-\sigma^{k}} \frac{1}{\varphi_{i}^{k} \Pi_{l,t}^{k}}, \\ \gamma_{j,t}^{k} &= p_{j,t}^{k} A_{j,t}^{k} \left(L_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{k}} \left(K_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\xi_{j}^{k}} \prod_{l} \left(M_{l}^{l,k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{l,k}}, \\ E_{i,t}^{k} &= \alpha^{k} \phi_{i} \sum_{k} p_{j,t}^{k} A_{j,t}^{k} \left(L_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{k}} \left(K_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\xi_{j}^{k}-1} \prod_{l} \left(M_{j}^{l,k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{l,k}}, \\ r_{j,t} &= \sum_{k} \xi_{j}^{k} p_{j,t}^{k} A_{j,t}^{k} \left(L_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{k}} \left(K_{j,t}^{k} \right)^{\xi_{j}^{k}-1} \prod_{l} \left(M_{j}^{l,k} \right)^{\gamma_{j}^{l,k}}, \\ K_{j,t+1} &= \left[\frac{\frac{\phi_{j,t}^{l}Y_{j,t}}{P_{j,t}^{l,t}Y_{j,t}} + \frac{\beta \delta \phi_{j,t}r_{j,t}}{P_{j,t}} - \frac{\beta \delta \phi_{j,t}r_{j,t}}{P_{j,t}} - \beta(1-\delta)}{1 + (1-\delta)\beta \frac{\kappa_{j,t}^{l/\delta} p_{j,t-1} Y_{j,t-1}}{\kappa_{j,t}^{l/\delta} P_{j,t-1} K_{j,t-1}}} - \beta(1-\delta)} \right]^{\delta} K_{j,t} \right\}$$

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