

# 14.581 International Trade

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## 1 Eaton and Kortum (2002)

### 1.1 Basic Assumptions

- $N$  countries,  $i = 1, \dots, N$
- Continuum of goods  $u \in [0, 1]$
- Preferences are CES with elasticity of substitution  $\sigma$ :

$$U_i = \left( \int_0^1 q_i(u)^{(\sigma-1)/\sigma} du \right)^{\sigma/(\sigma-1)},$$

- One factor of production (labor)
- There may also be intermediate goods (more on that later)
- $c_i \equiv$  unit cost of the “common input” used in production of all goods
  - Without intermediate goods,  $c_i$  is equal to wage  $w_i$  in country  $i$
- Constant returns to scale:
  - $Z_i(u)$  denotes productivity of (any) firm producing  $u$  in country  $i$
  - $Z_i(u)$  is drawn independently (across goods and countries) from a **Fréchet distribution**:

$$\Pr(Z_i \leq z) = F_i(z) = e^{-T_i z^{-\theta}},$$

with  $\theta > \sigma - 1$  (important restriction, see below)

- Since goods are symmetric except for productivity, we can forget about index  $u$  and keep track of goods through  $\mathbf{Z} \equiv (Z_1, \dots, Z_N)$ .
- Trade is subject to iceberg costs  $d_{ni} \geq 1$ 
  - $d_{ni}$  units need to be shipped from  $i$  so that 1 unit makes it to  $n$
- All markets are perfectly competitive

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<sup>1</sup>The notes are based on lecture slides with inclusion of important insights emphasized during the class.

## 1.2 Four Key Results

### 1.2.1 The Price Distribution

- Let  $P_{ni}(\mathbf{Z}) \equiv c_i d_{ni}/Z_i$  be the unit cost at which country  $i$  can serve a good  $\mathbf{Z}$  to country  $n$  and let  $G_{ni}(p) \equiv \Pr(P_{ni}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq p)$ . Then:

$$G_{ni}(p) = \Pr(Z_i \geq c_i d_{ni}/p) = 1 - F_i(c_i d_{ni}/p)$$

- Let  $P_n(\mathbf{Z}) \equiv \min\{P_{n1}(\mathbf{Z}), \dots, P_{nN}(\mathbf{Z})\}$  and let  $G_n(p) \equiv \Pr(P_n(\mathbf{Z}) \leq p)$  be the price distribution in country  $n$ . Then:

$$G_n(p) = 1 - \exp[-\Phi_n p^\theta]$$

where

$$\Phi_n \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}$$

- To show this, note that (suppressing notation  $\mathbf{Z}$  from here onwards)

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(P_n \leq p) &= 1 - \prod_i \Pr(P_{ni} \geq p) \\ &= 1 - \prod_i [1 - G_{ni}(p)] \end{aligned}$$

- Using

$$G_{ni}(p) = 1 - F_i(c_i d_{ni}/p)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \prod_i [1 - G_{ni}(p)] &= 1 - \prod_i F_i(c_i d_{ni}/p) \\ &= 1 - \prod_i e^{-T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p^\theta} \\ &= 1 - e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.2 The Allocation of Purchases

- Consider a particular good. Country  $n$  buys the good from country  $i$  if  $i = \arg \min\{p_{n1}, \dots, p_{nN}\}$ . The probability of this event is simply country  $i$ 's contribution to country  $n$ 's price parameter  $\Phi_n$ ,

$$\pi_{ni} = \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n}$$

- To show this, note that

$$\pi_{ni} = \Pr\left(P_{ni} \leq \min_{s \neq i} P_{ns}\right)$$

- If  $P_{ni} = p$ , then the probability that country  $i$  is the least cost supplier to country  $n$  is equal to the probability that  $P_{ns} \geq p$  for all  $s \neq i$

- The previous probability is equal to

$$\prod_{s \neq i} \Pr(P_{ns} \geq p) = \prod_{s \neq i} [1 - G_{ns}(p)] = e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} p^\theta}$$

where

$$\Phi_n^{-i} = \sum_{s \neq i} T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}$$

- Now we integrate over this for all possible  $p$ 's times the density  $dG_{ni}(p)$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} p^\theta} T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \theta p^{\theta-1} e^{-T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p^\theta} dp \\ = \left( \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} \right) \int_0^\infty \theta \Phi_n e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} p^{\theta-1} dp \\ = \pi_{ni} \int_0^\infty dG_n(p) dp = \pi_{ni} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.3 The Conditional Price Distribution

- The price of a good that country  $n$  actually buys from any country  $i$  also has the distribution  $G_n(p)$ .
- To show this, note that if country  $n$  buys a good from country  $i$  it means that  $i$  is the least cost supplier. If the price at which country  $i$  sells this good in country  $n$  is  $q$ , then the probability that  $i$  is the least cost supplier is

$$\prod_{s \neq i} \Pr(P_{ni} \geq q) = \prod_{s \neq i} [1 - G_{ns}(q)] = e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta}$$

- The joint probability that country  $i$  has a unit cost  $q$  of delivering the good to country  $n$  **and** is the the least cost supplier of that good in country  $n$  is then

$$e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta} dG_{ni}(q)$$

- Integrating this probability  $e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta} dG_{ni}(q)$  over all prices  $q \leq p$  and using  $G_{ni}(q) = 1 - e^{-T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} q^\theta}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^p e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta} dG_{ni}(q) \\ = \int_0^p e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta} \theta T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} q^{\theta-1} e^{-T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} q^\theta} dq \\ = \left( \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} \right) \int_0^p e^{-\Phi_n q^\theta} \theta \Phi_n q^{\theta-1} dq \\ = \pi_{ni} G_n(p) \end{aligned}$$

- Given that  $\pi_{ni} \equiv$  probability that for any particular good country  $i$  is the least cost supplier in  $n$ , then conditional distribution of the price charged by  $i$  in  $n$  for the goods that  $i$  actually sells in  $n$  is

$$\frac{1}{\pi_{ni}} \int_0^p e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta} dG_{ni}(q) = G_n(p)$$

- In Eaton and Kortum (2002):
  1. All the adjustment is at the extensive margin: countries that are more distant, have higher costs, or lower  $T'$ s, simply sell a smaller range of goods, but the average price charged is the same.
  2. The share of spending by country  $n$  on goods from country  $i$  is the same as the probability  $\pi_{ni}$  calculated above.
- We will establish a similar property in models of monopolistic competition with Pareto distributions of firm-level productivity

#### 1.2.4 The Price Index

- The exact price index for a CES utility with elasticity of substitution  $\sigma < 1 + \theta$ , defined as

$$p_n \equiv \left( \int_0^1 p_n(u)^{1-\sigma} du \right)^{1/(1-\sigma)},$$

is given by

$$p_n = \gamma \Phi_n^{-1/\theta}$$

where

$$\gamma = \left[ \Gamma \left( \frac{1-\sigma}{\theta} + 1 \right) \right]^{1/(1-\sigma)},$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the Gamma function, *i.e.*  $\Gamma(a) \equiv \int_0^\infty x^{a-1} e^{-x} dx$ .

- To show this, note that

$$\begin{aligned} p_n^{1-\sigma} &= \int_0^1 p_n(u)^{1-\sigma} du = \\ \int_0^\infty p^{1-\sigma} dG_n(p) &= \int_0^\infty p^{1-\sigma} \Phi_n \theta p^{\theta-1} e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} dp. \end{aligned}$$

- Defining  $x = \Phi_n p^\theta$ , then  $dx = \Phi_n \theta p^{\theta-1}$ ,  $p^{1-\sigma} = (x/\Phi_n)^{(1-\sigma)/\theta}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} p_n^{1-\sigma} &= \int_0^\infty (x/\Phi_n)^{(1-\sigma)/\theta} e^{-x} dx \\ &= \Phi_n^{-(1-\sigma)/\theta} \int_0^\infty x^{(1-\sigma)/\theta} e^{-x} dx \\ &= \Phi_n^{-(1-\sigma)/\theta} \Gamma\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta} + 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

- This implies  $p_n = \gamma \Phi_n^{-1/\theta}$  with  $\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta} + 1 > 0$  or  $\sigma - 1 < \theta$  for gamma function to be well defined

### 1.3 Equilibrium

- Let  $X_{ni}$  be total spending in country  $n$  on goods from country  $i$
- Let  $X_n \equiv \sum_i X_{ni}$  be country  $n$ 's total spending
- We know that  $X_{ni}/X_n = \pi_{ni}$ , so

$$X_{ni} = \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} X_n \quad (*)$$

- Suppose that there are no intermediate goods so that  $c_i = w_i$ .
- In equilibrium, total income in country  $i$  must be equal to total spending on goods from country  $i$  so

$$w_i L_i = \sum_n X_{ni}$$

- Trade balance further requires  $X_n = w_n L_n$  so that

$$w_i L_i = \sum_n \frac{T_i(w_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_j T_j(w_j d_{nj})^{-\theta}} w_n L_n$$

- This provides system of  $N - 1$  independent equations (Walras' Law) that can be solved for wages  $(w_1, \dots, w_N)$  up to a choice of numeraire. This is like an exchange economy, where countries trade their own labor.
- Everything is as if countries were exchanging labor
  - Fréchet distributions imply that labor demands are iso-elastic
  - Armington model leads to similar eq. conditions under assumption that each country is exogenously specialized in a differentiated good

– In the Armington model, the labor demand elasticity simply coincides with elasticity of substitution  $\sigma$

- Under frictionless trade ( $d_{ni} = 1$  for all  $n, i$ ) previous system implies

$$w_i^{1+\theta} = \frac{T_i \sum_n w_n L_n}{L_i \sum_j T_j w_j^{-\theta}}$$

and hence

$$\frac{w_i}{w_j} = \left( \frac{T_i/L_i}{T_j/L_j} \right)^{1/(1+\theta)}$$

## 1.4 The Gravity Equation

- Letting  $Y_i = \sum_n X_{ni}$  be country  $i$ 's total sales, then

$$Y_i = \sum_n \frac{T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} X_n}{\Phi_n} = T_i c_i^{-\theta} \Omega_i^{-\theta}$$

where

$$\Omega_i^{-\theta} \equiv \sum_n \frac{d_{ni}^{-\theta} X_n}{\Phi_n}$$

- Solving  $T_i c_i^{-\theta}$  from  $Y_i = T_i c_i^{-\theta} \Omega_i^{-\theta}$  and plugging into (\*) we get

$$X_{ni} = \frac{X_n Y_i d_{ni}^{-\theta} \Omega_i^\theta}{\Phi_n}$$

- Using  $p_n = \gamma \Phi_n^{-1/\theta}$  we can then get

$$X_{ni} = \gamma^{-\theta} X_n Y_i d_{ni}^{-\theta} (p_n \Omega_i)^\theta$$

- This is the **Gravity Equation**, with bilateral resistance  $d_{ni}$  and multi-lateral resistance terms  $p_n$  (inward) and  $\Omega_i$  (outward).

### 1.4.1 A Primer on Trade Costs

- From (\*) we also get that country  $i$ 's share in country  $n$ 's expenditures normalized by its own share is

$$S_{ni} \equiv \frac{X_{ni}/X_n}{X_{ii}/X_i} = \frac{\Phi_i}{\Phi_n} d_{ni}^{-\theta} = \left( \frac{p_i d_{ni}}{p_n} \right)^{-\theta}$$

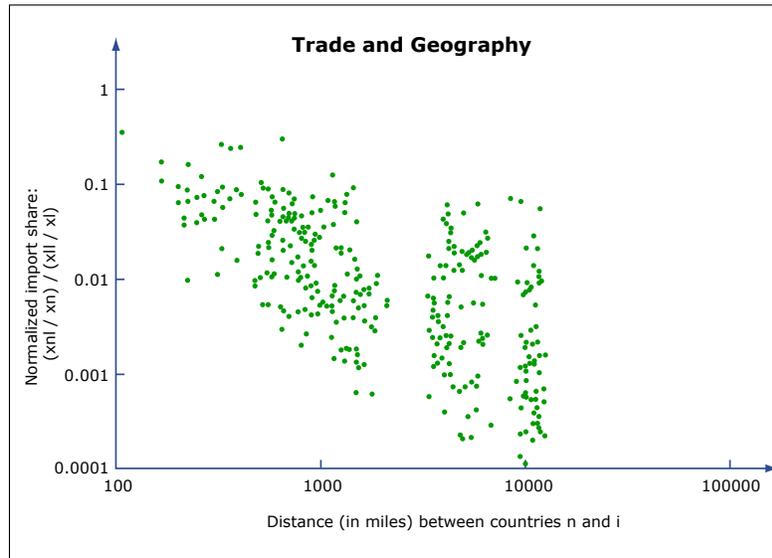


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- This shows the importance of trade costs and comparative advantage in determining trade volumes. Note that if there are no trade barriers (i.e., frictionless trade), then  $S_{ni} = 1$ .
- Letting  $B_{ni} \equiv \left( \frac{X_{ni}}{X_{ii}} \cdot \frac{X_{in}}{X_{nn}} \right)^{1/2}$  then

$$B_{ni} = (S_{ni} S_{in})^{1/2} = (d_{ni}^{-\theta} d_{in}^{-\theta})^{1/2}$$

- Under symmetric trade costs (i.e.,  $d_{ni} = d_{in}$ ) then  $B_{ni}^{-1/\theta} = d_{ni}$  can be used as a measure of trade costs.

We can also see how  $B_{ni}$  varies with physical distance between  $n$  and  $i$ :

## 2 How to Estimate the Trade Elasticity?

- As we will see the trade elasticity  $\theta$  is the key structural parameter for welfare and counterfactual analysis in EK model
- Cannot estimate  $\theta$  directly from  $B_{ni} = d_{ni}^{-\theta}$  because distance is not an empirical counterpart of  $d_{ni}$  in the model

– Negative relationship in Figure 1 could come from strong effect of distance on  $d_{ni}$  or from mild CA (high  $\theta$ )

- Consider again the equation

$$S_{ni} = \left( \frac{p_i d_{ni}}{p_n} \right)^{-\theta}$$

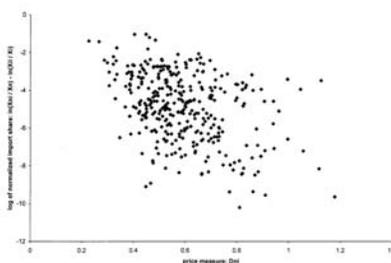


FIGURE 2.—Trade and prices.

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- If we had data on  $d_{ni}$ , we could run a regression of  $\ln S_{ni}$  on  $\ln d_{ni}$  with importer and exporter dummies to recover  $\theta$

– But how do we get  $d_{ni}$ ?

- EK use price data to measure  $p_i d_{ni}/p_n$ :
- They use retail prices in 19 OECD countries for 50 manufactured products from the UNICP 1990 benchmark study.
- They interpret these data as a sample of the prices  $p_i(j)$  of individual goods in the model.
- They note that for goods that  $n$  imports from  $i$  we should have  $p_n(j)/p_i(j) = d_{ni}$ , whereas goods that  $n$  doesn't import from  $i$  can have  $p_n(j)/p_i(j) \leq d_{ni}$ .
- Since every country in the sample does import manufactured goods from every other, then  $\max_j \{p_n(j)/p_i(j)\}$  should be equal to  $d_{ni}$ .
- To deal with measurement error, they actually use the second highest  $p_n(j)/p_i(j)$  as a measure of  $d_{ni}$ .
- Let  $r_{ni}(j) \equiv \ln p_n(j) - \ln p_i(j)$ . They calculate  $\ln(p_n/p_i)$  as the mean across  $j$  of  $r_{ni}(j)$ . Then they measure  $\ln(p_i d_{ni}/p_n)$  by

$$D_{ni} = \frac{\max_j \{r_{ni}(j)\}}{\sum_j r_{ni}(j)/50}$$

- Given  $S_{ni} = \left(\frac{p_i d_{ni}}{p_n}\right)^{-\theta}$  they estimate  $\theta$  from  $\ln(S_{ni}) = -\theta D_{ni}$ . Method of moments:  $\theta = 8.28$ . OLS with zero intercept:  $\theta = 8.03$ .

## 2.1 Alternative Strategies

- Simonovska and Waugh (2011) argue that EK's procedure suffers from upward bias:
  - Since EK are only considering 50 goods, maximum price gap may still be strictly lower than trade cost
  - If we underestimate trade costs, we overestimate trade elasticity
  - Simulation based method of moments leads to a  $\theta$  closer to 4.
- An alternative approach is to use tariffs (Caliendo and Parro, 2011). If  $d_{ni} = t_{ni}\tau_{ni}$  where  $t_{ni}$  is one plus the ad-valorem tariff (they actually do this for each 2 digit industry) and  $\tau_{ni}$  is assumed to be symmetric, then

$$\frac{X_{ni}X_{ij}X_{jn}}{X_{nj}X_{ji}X_{in}} = \left( \frac{d_{ni}d_{ij}d_{jn}}{d_{nj}d_{ji}d_{in}} \right)^{-\theta} = \left( \frac{t_{ni}t_{ij}t_{jn}}{t_{nj}t_{ji}t_{in}} \right)^{-\theta}$$

- They can then run an OLS regression and recover  $\theta$ . Their preferred specification leads to an estimate of 8.22

## 2.2 Gains from Trade

- Consider again the case where  $c_i = w_i$
- From (\*), we know that

$$\pi_{nn} = \frac{X_{nn}}{X_n} = \frac{T_n w_n^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n}$$

- We also know that  $p_n = \gamma \Phi_n^{-1/\theta}$ , so

$$\omega_n \equiv w_n/p_n = \gamma^{-1} T_n^{1/\theta} \pi_{nn}^{-1/\theta}.$$

- Under autarky we have  $\omega_n^A = \gamma^{-1} T_n^{1/\theta}$ , hence the **gains from trade** are given by

$$GT_n \equiv \omega_n/\omega_n^A = \pi_{nn}^{-1/\theta}$$

- Trade elasticity  $\theta$  and share of expenditure on domestic goods  $\pi_{nn}$  are sufficient statistics to compute GT
- A typical value for  $\pi_{nn}$  (manufacturing) is 0.7. With  $\theta = 5$  this implies  $GT_n = 0.7^{-1/5} = 1.074$  or 7.4% gains. Belgium has  $\pi_{nn} = 0.2$ , so its gains are  $GT_n = 0.2^{-1/5} = 1.38$  or 38%.

- One can also use the previous approach to measure the welfare gains associated with any foreign shock, not just moving to autarky:

$$\omega'_n/\omega_n = (\pi'_{nn}/\pi_{nn})^{-1/\theta}$$

- For more general counterfactual scenarios, however, one needs to know both  $\pi'_{nn}$  and  $\pi_{nn}$ .

### 2.2.1 Adding an Input-Output Loop

- Imagine that intermediate goods are used to produce a composite good with a CES production function with elasticity  $\sigma > 1$ . This composite good can be either consumed or used to produce intermediate goods (input-output loop).
- Each intermediate good is produced from labor and the composite good with a Cobb-Douglas technology with labor share  $\beta$ . We can then write  $c_i = w_i^\beta p_i^{1-\beta}$ .
- The analysis above implies

$$\pi_{nn} = \gamma^{-\theta} T_n \left( \frac{c_n}{p_n} \right)^{-\theta}$$

and hence

$$c_n = \gamma^{-1} T_n^{-1/\theta} \pi_{nn}^{-1/\theta} p_n$$

- Using  $c_n = w_n^\beta p_n^{1-\beta}$  this implies

$$w_n^\beta p_n^{1-\beta} = \gamma^{-1} T_n^{-1/\theta} \pi_{nn}^{-1/\theta} p_n$$

so

$$w_n/p_n = \gamma^{-1/\beta} T_n^{-1/\theta\beta} \pi_{nn}^{-1/\theta\beta}$$

- The gains from trade are now

$$\omega_n/\omega_n^A = \pi_{nn}^{-1/\theta\beta}$$

- Standard value for  $\beta$  is 1/2 (Alvarez and Lucas, 2007). For  $\pi_{nn} = 0.7$  and  $\theta = 5$  this implies  $GT_n = 0.7^{-2/5} = 1.15$  or 15% gains.

### 2.2.2 Adding Non-Tradables

- Assume now that the composite good cannot be consumed directly.
- Instead, it can either be used to produce intermediates (as above) or to produce a consumption good (together with labor).

- The production function for the consumption good is Cobb-Douglas with labor share  $\alpha$ .
- This consumption good is assumed to be non-tradable.
- The price index computed above is now  $p_{gn}$ , but we care about  $\omega_n \equiv w_n/p_{fn}$ , where

$$p_{fn} = w_n^\alpha p_{gn}^{1-\alpha}$$

- This implies that

$$\omega_n = \frac{w_n}{w_n^\alpha p_{gn}^{1-\alpha}} = (w_n/p_{gn})^{1-\alpha}$$

- Thus, the gains from trade are now

$$\omega_n/\omega_n^A = \pi_{nn}^{-\eta/\theta}$$

where

$$\eta \equiv \frac{1-\alpha}{\beta}$$

- Alvarez and Lucas argue that  $\alpha = 0.75$  (share of labor in services). Thus, for  $\pi_{nn} = 0.7$ ,  $\theta = 5$  and  $\beta = 0.5$ , this implies  $GT_n = 0.7^{-1/10} = 1.036$  or 3.6% gains

### 3 Comparative statics (Dekle, Eaton and Kortum, 2008)

- Go back to the simple EK model above ( $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$ ). We have

$$\begin{aligned} X_{ni} &= \gamma^{-\theta} T_i (w_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p_n^\theta X_n \\ p_n^{-\theta} &= \gamma^{-\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N T_i (w_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \\ \sum_n X_{ni} &= w_i L_i \end{aligned}$$

- As we have already established, this leads to a system of non-linear equations to solve for wages,

$$w_i L_i = \sum_n \frac{T_i (w_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k T_k (w_k d_{nk})^{-\theta}} w_n L_n.$$

- Consider a shock to labor endowments, trade costs, or productivity. One could compute the original equilibrium, the new equilibrium and compute the changes in endogenous variables.

- But there is a simpler way that uses only information for observables in the initial equilibrium, trade shares and GDP; the trade elasticity,  $\theta$ ; and the exogenous shocks. First solve for changes in wages by solving

$$\hat{w}_i \hat{L}_i Y_i = \sum_n \frac{\pi_{ni} \hat{T}_i (\hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k \pi_{nk} \hat{T}_k (\hat{w}_k \hat{d}_{nk})^{-\theta}} \hat{w}_n \hat{L}_n Y_n$$

and then get changes in trade shares from

$$\hat{\pi}_{ni} = \frac{\hat{T}_i (\hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k \pi_{nk} \hat{T}_k (\hat{w}_k \hat{d}_{nk})^{-\theta}}.$$

- From here, one can compute welfare changes by using the formula above, namely  $\hat{\omega}_n = (\hat{\pi}_{nn})^{-1/\theta}$ .
- To show this, note that trade shares are

$$\pi_{ni} = \frac{T_i (w_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k T_k (w_k d_{nk})^{-\theta}} \text{ and } \pi'_{ni} = \frac{T'_i (w'_i d'_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k T'_k (w'_k d'_{nk})^{-\theta}}.$$

- Letting  $\hat{x} \equiv x'/x$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\pi}_{ni} &= \frac{\hat{T}_i (\hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k T'_k (w'_k d'_{nk})^{-\theta} / \sum_j T_j (w_j d_{nj})^{-\theta}} \\ &= \frac{\hat{T}_i (\hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k \hat{T}_k (\hat{w}_k \hat{d}_{nk})^{-\theta} T_k (w_k d_{nk})^{-\theta} / \sum_j T_j (w_j d_{nj})^{-\theta}} \\ &= \frac{\hat{T}_i (\hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k \pi_{nk} \hat{T}_k (\hat{w}_k \hat{d}_{nk})^{-\theta}}. \end{aligned}$$

- On the other hand, for equilibrium we have

$$w'_i L'_i = \sum_n \pi'_{ni} w'_n L'_n = \sum_n \hat{\pi}_{ni} \pi_{ni} w'_n L'_n$$

- Letting  $Y_n \equiv w_n L_n$  and using the result above for  $\hat{\pi}_{ni}$  we get

$$\hat{w}_i \hat{L}_i Y_i = \sum_n \frac{\pi_{ni} \hat{T}_i (\hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_k \pi_{nk} \hat{T}_k (\hat{w}_k \hat{d}_{nk})^{-\theta}} \hat{w}_n \hat{L}_n Y_n$$

- This forms a system of  $N$  equations in  $N$  unknowns,  $\hat{w}_i$ , from which we can get  $\hat{w}_i$  as a function of shocks and initial observables (establishing some numeraire). Here  $\pi_{ni}$  and  $Y_i$  are data and we know  $\hat{d}_{ni}$ ,  $\hat{T}_i$ ,  $\hat{L}_i$ , as well as  $\theta$ .
- To compute the implications for welfare of a foreign shock, simply impose that  $\hat{L}_n = \hat{T}_n = 1$ , solve the system above to get  $\hat{w}_i$  and get the implied  $\hat{\pi}_{nn}$  through

$$\hat{\pi}_{ni} = \frac{\hat{T}_i \left( \hat{w}_i \hat{d}_{ni} \right)^{-\theta}}{\sum_k \pi_{nk} \hat{T}_k \left( \hat{w}_k \hat{d}_{nk} \right)^{-\theta}}.$$

and use the formula to get

$$\hat{\omega}_n = \hat{\pi}_{nn}^{-1/\theta}$$

- Of course, if it is not the case that  $\hat{L}_n = \hat{T}_n = 1$ , then one can still use this approach, since it is easy to show that in autarky one has  $w_n/p_n = \gamma^{-1} T_n^{1/\theta}$ , hence in general

$$\hat{\omega}_n = \left( \hat{T}_n \right)^{1/\theta} \hat{\pi}_{nn}^{-1/\theta}$$

## 4 Extensions of EK

- **Bertrand Competition:** Bernard, Eaton, Jensen, and Kortum (2003)
  - Bertrand competition  $\Rightarrow$  variable markups at the firm-level
  - Measured productivity varies across firms  $\Rightarrow$  one can use firm-level data to calibrate model
- **Multiple Sectors:** Costinot, Donaldson, and Komunjer (2012)
  - $T_i^k \equiv$  fundamental productivity in country  $i$  and sector  $k$
  - One can use EK's machinery to study pattern of trade, not just volumes
- **Non-homothetic preferences:** Fieler (2011)
  - Rich and poor countries have different expenditure shares
  - Combined with differences in  $\theta^k$  across sectors  $k$ , one can explain pattern of North-North, North-South, and South-South trade

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