

14.581 International Trade

Lecture 26: Trade Policy Empirics (II)

Plan for 2 lectures on empirics of trade policy

- ① Explaining trade policy in isolation.
 - Emphasis here is on non-benevolent governments (i.e. political economy of trade policy): Why even a SOE might choose trade protection.
 - “First Generation”: Baldwin (1985) and Trefler (1993)
 - “Second Generation”: Goldberg and Maggi (1999)
- ② Explaining trade policy with international interactions.
 - Emphasis here is on economies that are not small, and hence have an incentive to use trade policy to manipulate world prices.
 - Trade agreements (GATT/WTO).
 - Broda, Limao and Weinstein (2008); Bagwell and Staiger (2010)

Trade Agreements

- Given the strong and robust predictions made by theories of trade agreements (the GATT/WTO in particular) it is surprising how little empirical work there is on testing these theories.
- Recall that the key claim in a series of Bagwell and Staiger papers is that the key international externality that trade policies impose is the terms-of-trade externality, and further that the key principles of the GATT/WTO seem well designed to force member countries to internalize these externalities.
- 2 recent papers take nice steps towards filling this gap:
 - 1 Broda, Limao and Weinstein (AER, 2008)
 - 2 Bagwell and Staiger (AER, 2010)

Broda, Limao and Weinstein (2008)

- With quasi-linear preferences across goods g , social welfare is given by (where π is producer surplus, ψ is consumer surplus and r is tariff revenue):

$$W = 1 + \sum_g [\pi_g(p_g) + r_g(p_g) + \psi_g(p_g)] \quad (1)$$

- Then (as in Johnson, 1954) the optimal tariff is given by the inverse (of the rest of the world's) export supply elasticity:

$$\tau_g^{opt} = \omega_g \equiv \frac{dp_g^* m_g^*}{dm_g^* p_g^*} \quad (2)$$

- In Grossman and Helpman (JPE 1995)—basically GH (1994) extended to a 2-country, strategically interacting, non-SOE world—the prediction is (where z is the inverse import penetration ratio and σ is the elasticity of import demand):

$$\tau_g^{GH} = \omega_g + \frac{I_g - \alpha z_g}{a + \alpha} \frac{z_g}{\sigma_g} \quad (3)$$

BLW (2008): Estimating ω_g

- To test this, need estimates of ω_g . Postulate the following system of constant elasticity import demand and export supply (of variety v in good g into country i in year t) where s is a share (and $\Delta^{k_{ig}}$ differences across both time and an ig pair):

$$\Delta^{k_{ig}} \ln s_{igvt} = -(\sigma_{ig} - 1) \Delta^{k_{ig}} \ln p_{ivgt} + \varepsilon_{ivgt}^{k_{ig}} \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta^{k_{ig}} \ln p_{igvt} = \frac{\omega_{ig}}{1 + \omega_{ig}} \Delta^{k_{ig}} \ln s_{ivgt} + \delta_{ivgt}^{k_{ig}} \quad (5)$$

- BLW estimate this system through the same 'identification through heteroskedasticity' idea as Feenstra (AER, 1994) or Broda and Weinstein (QJE, 2006). Basic idea is that if $E[\varepsilon_{ivgt}^{k_{ig}} \delta_{ivgt}^{k_{ig}}] = 0$ and there is heteroskedasticity and there are more than 3 exporting countries, then can identify ω_{ig} and σ_{ig} .

BLW (2008): Sample

- BLW then, having estimated ω_{ig} , estimate the relationship between tariffs and ω_{ig} .
- But for which countries? They do this on countries that (in certain time periods) were not part of the GATT/WTO and hence were presumably free to charge their unilaterally optimal tariff.

BLW (2008): Sample countries

TABLE 1—DATA SOURCES AND YEARS

| | GATT/WTO | Production data | | Tariff data ^a | Trade data ^b |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Accession date | Source | Years | | |
| Algeria | | | | 93 | 93–03 |
| Belarus | | | | 97 | 98–03 |
| Bolivia ^c | 8-Sep-1990 | UNIDO | 93 | 93 | 93–03 |
| China | 11-Dec-2001 | UNIDO | 93 | 93 | 93–03 |
| Czech ^d | 15-Apr-1993 | | | 92 | 93–03 |
| Ecuador | 21-Jan-1996 | UNIDO | 93 | 93 | 94–03 |
| Latvia | 10-Feb-1999 | UNIDO | 96 | 97 | 94–03 |
| Lebanon | | | | 00 | 97–02 |
| Lithuania | 31-May-2001 | UNIDO | 97 | 97 | 94–03 |
| Oman | 9-Nov-2000 | | | 92 | 94–03 |
| Paraguay | 6-Jan-1994 | | | 91 | 94–03 |
| Russia | | | | 94 | 96–03 |
| Saudi Arabia | 11-Dec-2005 | | | 91 | 93–03 |
| Taiwan | 1-Jan-2002 | UNIDO | 96 | 96 | 92–96 |
| Ukraine | | UNIDO | 97 | 97 | 96–02 |

^a All tariff data are from TRAINS. Countries are included if we have tariff data for at least one year before accession (GATT/WTO).

^b Except for Taiwan, all trade data are from COMTRADE. For Taiwan, data are from TRAINS.

^c The date of the tariffs for Bolivia is post-GATT accession but those tariffs were set before GATT accession and unchanged between 1990–1993.

^d The Czech Republic entered the GATT as a sovereign country in 1993. Its tariffs in 1992 were common to Slovakia with which it had a federation, which was a GATT member. So it is possible that the tariffs for this country do not reflect a terms-of-trade motive. Our results by country in Table 9 support this. Moreover, as we note in Section IVC, the pooled tariff results are robust to dropping the Czech Republic.

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BLW (2008): Results

The elasticity estimates ω_{ig}

TABLE 3A—INVERSE EXPORT SUPPLY ELASTICITY STATISTICS

| Statistic | Observations ^a | | | Median ^b | | Mean | | Standard deviation | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----|--------|---------------------|-----|------------------|-------|--------------------|--|
| | All | Low | Medium | High | All | W/out top decile | All | W/out top decile | |
| Sample | All | Low | Medium | High | All | W/out top decile | All | W/out top decile | |
| Algeria | 739 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 91 | 118 | 23 | 333 | 47 | |
| Belarus | 703 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 61 | 85 | 15 | 257 | 36 | |
| Bolivia | 647 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 91 | 102 | 23 | 283 | 49 | |
| China | 1,125 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 80 | 92 | 17 | 267 | 35 | |
| Czech Republic | 1,075 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 26 | 63 | 7 | 233 | 18 | |
| Ecuador | 753 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 56 | 76 | 13 | 243 | 30 | |
| Latvia | 872 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 9 | 52 | 3 | 239 | 8 | |
| Lebanon | 782 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 31 | 56 | 7 | 215 | 18 | |
| Lithuania | 811 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 24 | 65 | 6 | 235 | 16 | |
| Oman | 629 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 25 | 209 | 7 | 3,536 | 21 | |
| Paraguay | 511 | 0.4 | 3.0 | 153 | 132 | 67 | 315 | 169 | |
| Russia | 1,029 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 33 | 48 | 8 | 198 | 18 | |
| Saudi Arabia | 1,036 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 50 | 71 | 11 | 232 | 25 | |
| Taiwan | 891 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 131 | 90 | 20 | 241 | 43 | |
| Ukraine | 730 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 78 | 86 | 16 | 254 | 34 | |
| Median | 782 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 54 | 85 | 13 | 243 | 30 | |

^a Number of observations for which elasticities and tariffs are available. The tariff availability did not bind except for Ukraine, where it was not available for about 130 HS4 goods for which elasticities were computed.

^b The median over the “low” sample corresponds to the median over the bottom tercile of inverse elasticities. Medium and high correspond to the second and third terciles.

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BLW (2008): Results

Are the elasticity estimates ω_{ig} sensible?

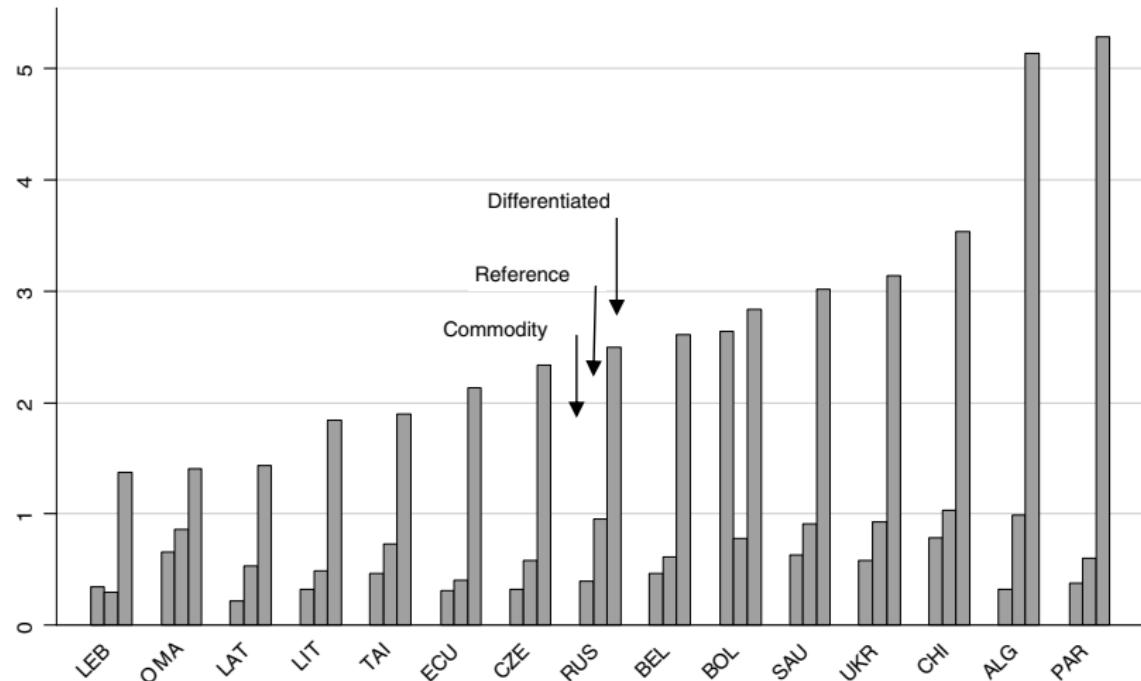


FIGURE 2. MEDIAN INVERSE ELASTICITIES BY PRODUCT TYPE

(*Goods classified by Rauch into commodities, reference priced products, and differentiated products*)

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BLW (2008): Results

Are the elasticity estimates ω_{ig} sensible?

TABLE 4—CORRELATION OF INVERSE EXPORT SUPPLY ELASTICITIES ACROSS COUNTRIES

| Dependent variable: Statistic | Log inverse export supply | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | Beta | Standard error | R ² | Number of observations |
| Algeria | 0.80 | (0.07) | 0.13 | 739 |
| Belarus | 0.80 | (0.07) | 0.14 | 703 |
| Bolivia | 0.82 | (0.09) | 0.13 | 647 |
| China | 0.54 | (0.06) | 0.11 | 1,125 |
| Czech Republic | 0.61 | (0.05) | 0.12 | 1,075 |
| Ecuador | 0.73 | (0.08) | 0.12 | 753 |
| Latvia | 0.57 | (0.07) | 0.09 | 872 |
| Lebanon | 0.71 | (0.08) | 0.11 | 782 |
| Lithuania | 0.70 | (0.07) | 0.13 | 811 |
| Oman | 0.39 | (0.08) | 0.04 | 629 |
| Paraguay | 0.94 | (0.11) | 0.14 | 511 |
| Russia | 0.53 | (0.05) | 0.11 | 1,029 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0.48 | (0.06) | 0.08 | 1,036 |
| Taiwan | 0.31 | (0.08) | 0.02 | 891 |
| Ukraine | 0.83 | (0.07) | 0.17 | 730 |
| Median | 0.70 | (0.07) | 0.12 | 782 |

Note: Univariate regression of log inverse export supply elasticities in each country on the average of the log inverse elasticities in that good for the remaining 14 countries.

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Are the elasticity estimates ω_{ig} sensible?

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TABLE 6—INVERSE EXPORT SUPPLY ELASTICITIES, GDP, REMOTENESS, AND IMPORT SHARES

| Dependent variable | Log inverse export supply | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Log GDP | 0.17 (0.04) | 0.18 (0.03) | |
| Log remoteness | | 0.40 (0.15) | |
| Share of world HS4 imports | | | 7.19 (1.48) |
| Observations | 12,343 | 12,343 | 12,343 |
| R ² | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.25 |
| R ² within | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.00 |

Notes: All regressions include four-digit HS fixed effects (1,201 categories). Robust standard errors in parentheses. In the log GDP regressions, standard errors are clustered by country. GDP is for 1996. Remoteness for country i is defined as $1/(\sum_j \text{GDP}_j / \text{distance}_{ij})$. The share of world imports is calculated in 2000.

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BLW (2008): Results (Scatter of Country Averages)

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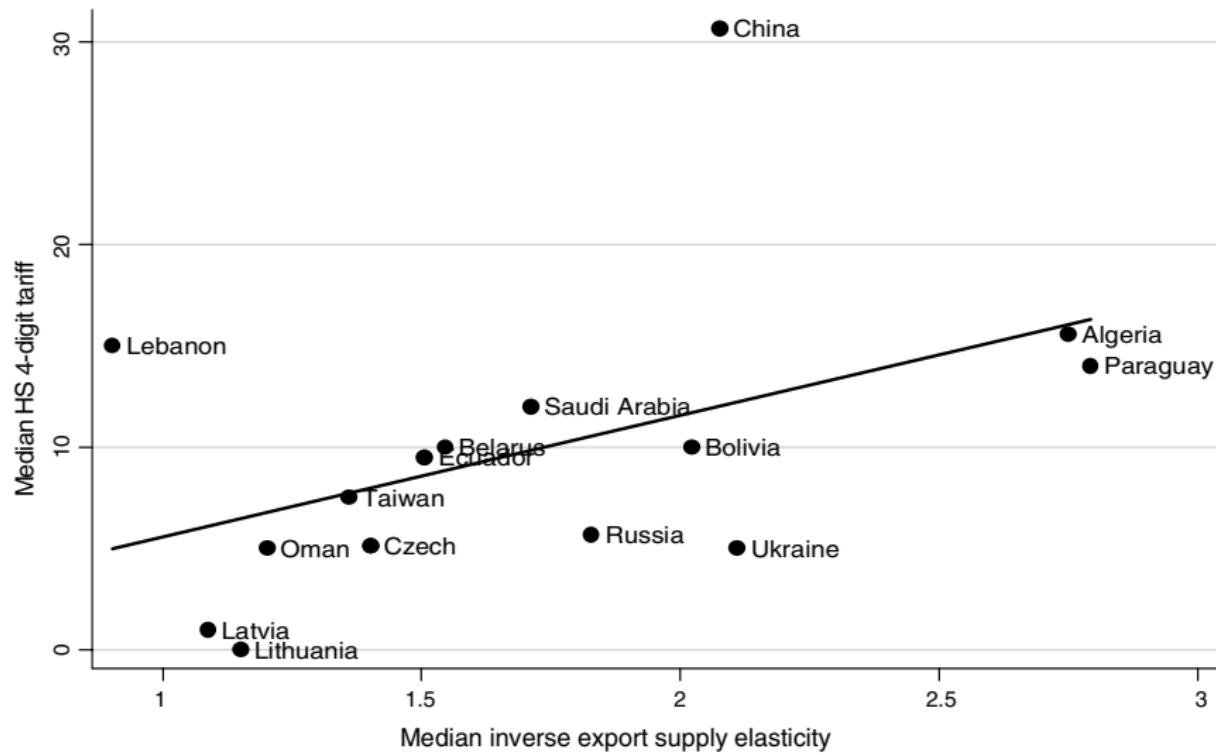


FIGURE 3. MEDIAN TARIFFS AND MARKET POWER ACROSS COUNTRIES

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TABLE 7—TARIFFS AND MARKET POWER ACROSS GOODS (WITHIN COUNTRIES): OLS AND TOBIT ESTIMATES

| Dependent variable | Average tariff at four-digit HS (%) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Country | | | | Country and industry | | | | |
| | OLS | OLS | OLS | OLS | OLS | OLS | Tobit | OLS ^a | OLS |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Inverse exp. elast. | 0.0003 (0.0001) | | | 0.0004 (0.0004) | | | | | |
| Mid and high inv exp elast | | 1.24 (0.25) | | | 1.46 (0.24) | | 1.86 (0.31) | | |
| Log(1/export elasticity) | | | 0.12 (0.04) | | | 0.17 (0.04) | 0.17 (0.05) | | |
| (Inv. exp. elast.) × (1 − med hi) | | | | | | | 1.45 (0.31) | | |
| (Inv. exp. elast.) × med hi | | | | | | | | 0.0003 (0.0001) | |
| Mid inv. exp. elast. | | | | | | | | 1.56 (0.28) | |
| High inv. exp. elast. | | | | | | | | 1.37 (0.28) | |
| Algeria | 23.8 (0.64) | 23.0 (0.65) | 23.6 (0.64) | 24.6 (0.95) | 23.6 (0.96) | 24.3 (0.95) | 24.3 (0.93) | 23.1 (0.97) | 23.6 (0.96) |
| Belarus | 12.3 (0.29) | 11.5 (0.23) | 12.2 (0.29) | 12.6 (0.76) | 11.6 (0.76) | 12.5 (0.76) | 12.4 (0.74) | 11.3 (0.79) | 11.7 (0.76) |
| Bolivia | 9.8 (0.03) | 9.0 (0.17) | 8.7 (0.06) | 10.4 (0.73) | 9.2 (0.73) | 10.0 (0.73) | 10.0 (0.95) | 8.8 (0.77) | 9.2 (0.75) |
| China | 37.8 (0.77) | 37.0 (0.79) | 37.7 (0.77) | 38.2 (0.98) | 37.2 (1.01) | 38.0 (0.99) | 37.9 (0.89) | 36.6 (1.03) | 37.2 (1.01) |
| Czech Republic | 9.5 (0.53) | 8.7 (0.53) | 9.4 (0.53) | 9.7 (0.85) | 8.7 (0.86) | 9.6 (0.85) | 8.8 (0.89) | 8.3 (0.87) | 8.7 (0.86) |
| Ecuador | 9.8 (0.19) | 9.0 (0.26) | 9.7 (0.20) | 10.3 (0.73) | 9.4 (0.74) | 10.2 (0.73) | 10.1 (0.93) | 9.0 (0.7) | 9.4 (0.74) |
| Latvia | 7.3 (0.35) | 6.4 (0.40) | 7.2 (0.35) | 7.3 (0.76) | 6.3 (0.78) | 7.2 (0.76) | 6.9 (0.91) | 6.0 (0.79) | 6.3 (0.78) |
| Lebanon | 17.1 (0.53) | 16.2 (0.56) | 17.0 (0.53) | 17.1 (0.84) | 16.1 (0.86) | 17.0 (0.84) | 17.0 (0.92) | 15.9 (0.86) | 16.1 (0.86) |
| Lithuania | 3.6 (0.26) | 2.8 (0.31) | 3.6 (0.26) | 3.6 (0.34) | 2.6 (0.76) | 3.5 (0.74) | −6.0 (0.98) | 2.3 (0.77) | 2.6 (0.76) |
| Oman | 5.4 (0.34) | 5.0 (0.37) | 5.6 (0.34) | 5.7 (0.77) | 4.8 (0.79) | 5.6 (0.77) | 4.4 (0.94) | 4.4 (0.79) | 4.8 (0.79) |
| Paraguay | 16.0 (0.49) | 15.3 (0.52) | 14.9 (0.50) | 15.9 (0.84) | 15.4 (0.85) | 16.1 (0.84) | 15.9 (0.99) | 14.0 (0.86) | 15.4 (0.85) |
| Russia | 10.6 (0.34) | 9.8 (0.38) | 10.5 (0.34) | 10.8 (0.77) | 9.9 (0.77) | 10.7 (0.77) | 10.0 (0.94) | 9.4 (0.99) | 9.9 (0.86) |
| Saudi Arabia | 12.1 (0.08) | 11.3 (0.18) | 12.0 (0.09) | 12.4 (0.71) | 11.4 (0.74) | 12.2 (0.72) | 12.1 (0.89) | 10.9 (0.76) | 11.4 (0.74) |
| Taiwan | 9.7 (0.28) | 8.9 (0.33) | 9.6 (0.28) | 10.3 (0.74) | 9.3 (0.76) | 10.1 (0.75) | 9.7 (0.91) | 9.0 (0.77) | 9.3 (0.76) |
| Ukraine | 7.4 (0.28) | 6.6 (0.33) | 7.2 (0.29) | 8.1 (0.74) | 7.1 (0.76) | 7.9 (0.74) | 6.8 (0.93) | 6.6 (0.78) | 7.1 (0.76) |
| Observations | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 | 12,333 |
| Number of parameters | 16 | 16 | 16 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 35 | 38 | 36 |
| Adj. R ² | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 |

Notes: Standard errors in parentheses (all heteroskedasticity robust except Tobit). Industry dummies defined by section according to Harmonized Standard tariff schedule.

^aOptimal threshold regression based on minimum RSS found using a grid search over 50 points of the distribution of inverse exp. elast. (from first to ninety-ninth percentile in intervals of two). Optimal threshold is fifty-third percentile. Accordingly, med hi equals one at 0.071 (1.111), 0.111 (1.111) or 0.151 (0.151). Bruce E. Hansen (2000) shows that the dependence of the parameters on the threshold estimate is not of first-order asymptotic importance in inference.

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BLW (2008): Results (IV)

IV is average of other countries' export supply elasticities

TABLE 8—TARIFFS AND MARKET POWER ACROSS GOODS (WITHIN COUNTRIES): IV ESTIMATES

| Dependent variable | | | Average tariff at four-digit HS (%) | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed effects | | Country | Country and industry | | | Industry by country | | | |
| Estimation method | IV GMM (1) | IV GMM (2) | IV GMM (3) | IV GMM (4) | IV GMM (5) | IV GMM (6) | IV GMM (7) | IV GMM (8) | IV GMM (9) |
| Inverse exp. elast. | 0.040 (0.027) | | | 0.089 (0.055) | | | 0.075 (0.028) | | |
| Mid and high inv. exp. elast. | | 3.96 (0.76) | | | 8.88 (1.18) | | | 9.07 (1.08) | |
| Log(1/export elasticity) | | | 0.75 (0.15) | | | 1.71 (0.23) | | | 1.73 (0.21) |
| Observations | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 |
| No. of parameters | 16 | 16 | 16 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 284 | 282 | 283 |
| 1st stage <i>F</i> | 5 | 1649 | 1335 | 2 | 653 | 517 | 3 | 691 | 544 |

Notes: Standard errors in parentheses (heteroskedasticity robust). Industry dummies defined by section according to the Harmonized Standard tariff schedule.

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BLW (2008): Results

Merging BLW (2008) approach with GM (1999) approach

TABLE 10— MARKET POWER VERSUS TARIFF REVENUE OR LOBBYING AS A SOURCE OF PROTECTION

| Dependent variable | | Average tariff at four-digit HS (%) | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fixed effects | | Industry by country | | |
| Estimation method | | IV GMM | | |
| Sample | | Pooled (all) | Pooled (all) | Pooled (7) |
| Theory | | Market power | Market power and tariff revenue | Market power and lobbying |
| Mid and high inv. exp. elast. | | 9.07 (1.08) | 9.04 (1.24) | 10.20 (1.79) |
| Mid and high inv. imp. elast. | | | -0.20 (2.08) | |
| Mid and hi inv. imp. pen/imp. elast. | | | | 6.28 (1.97) |
| Log(1/export elasticity) | | 1.73 (0.21) | 1.81 (0.23) | 1.94 (0.38) |
| Log(1/import elasticity) | | | -0.90 (0.81) | |
| Log(inv. imp. pen/imp. elas.) | | | | 1.59 (0.55) |
| Observations | | 12,258 | 12,258 | 12,258 |
| No. of parameters | | 282 | 283 | 284 |
| First stage <i>F</i> (market power) | | 691 | 544 | 370 |
| First stage <i>F</i> (other) | | na | na | 102 |
| | | | | 144 |
| | | | | 131 |
| | | | | 188 |

Notes: Standard errors in parentheses (heteroskedasticity robust). Industry dummies defined by section according to the Harmonized Standard tariff schedule. The countries with available data for the lobbying specifications are Bolivia, China, Ecuador, Latvia, Lithuania, Taiwan, and Ukraine. These data are not available for mining and agricultural products.

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BLW (2008): Results

US non-tariff barriers, on which WTO agreements don't apply Direct comparison with GM (1999)

TABLE 13—MARKET POWER AND LOBBYING AS A SOURCE OF PROTECTION IN THE US

| Theory Fixed effects Estimation method Dependent variable | <i>Market power</i> | | | | <i>Market power and lobbying</i> | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Industry | | IV Tobit | | Industry | | IV Tobit ^b | | | | | |
| | Coverage ratio (HS4) ^a | Advalorem equiv. (HS4, %) | Coverage ratio (HS4) | Advalorem equiv. (HS4, %) | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mid and high inv. exp. elast. | 0.90 (0.31) | 38.8 (15.73) | 4.93 (1.52) | 70.8 (21.99) | | | | | | | | |
| Mid and hi inv. imp. pen./imp. elast | | | -0.08 (0.86) | 3.99 (13.14) | | | | | | | | |
| Log(1/export elasticity) | | 0.22 (0.08) | 9.71 (4.00) | 1.16 (0.39) | | | | | | | | |
| Log(inv. imp. pen./imp. elas.) | | | | 0.19 (0.34) | | | | | | | | |
| Observations ^c | 804 | 804 | 804 | 804 | 708 | 708 | 708 | 708 | | | | |
| Number of parameters | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | | | | |
| First stage z-stat (market power) | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 6.2 | | | | |
| First stage z-stat (other) | na | na | na | na | 10.1 | 11.4 | 10.1 | 11.4 | | | | |

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BLW (2008): Results

Comparing US tariffs on WTO members and non-WTO members.

Panel B: Tariff barriers

| Theory Fixed effects Estimation method Dependent variable | <i>Market power</i> | | | | <i>Market power and lobbying</i> | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Industry IV Tobit | | | | Industry IV Tobit ^b | | | |
| | Non-WTO (HS4, %) | WTO (HS4, %) | (1) | (2) | Non-WTO (HS4, %) | (5) | WTO (HS4, %) | (7) |
| | | | (3) | (4) | | (6) | | (8) |
| Mid and high inv. exp. elast. | 21.2 (5.53) | 1.52 (1.18) | | | 26.9 (8.05) | | 1.89 (1.58) | |
| Mid and hi inv. imp. pen./imp. elast | | | | | 10.8 (4.91) | | -0.63 (0.96) | |
| Log(1/export elasticity) | | 5.07 (1.36) | | 0.36 (0.28) | | 5.58 (1.86) | | 0.45 (0.38) |
| Log(inv. imp. pen./imp. elas.) | | | | | | 4.76 (1.69) | | -0.18 (0.34) |
| Observations ^c | 870 | 870 | 869 | 869 | 775 | 775 | 774 | 774 |
| Number of parameters | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| First stage z-stat (market power) | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.3 |
| First stage z-stat (other) | na | na | na | na | 10.0 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 11.6 |
| Mean | 30.6 | 30.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 33.0 | 33.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Mid-hi inv. exp. elast. /mean (%) | 69 | | 45 | | 81 | | 51 | |
| Elasticity (at mean) | | 0.17 | | 0.11 | | 0.17 | | 0.12 |

Notes: Standard errors in parentheses. Industry dummies defined by section according to the Harmonized Standard tariff schedule.

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- BS (2011) look at countries who joined the WTO/GATT, and examine how their tariffs *changed* in the process.
- Using similar logic to that seen above, they show that if governments are benevolent then (where 'BR' stands for 'best response'):

$$\tau^{BR} - \tau^{WTO} = \omega^{*BR} \quad (6)$$

- And if governments have political economy motives this generalizes to

$$\tau^{BR} - \tau^{WTO} = \eta^{BR} \equiv \sigma^{BR} \omega^{*BR} m^{BR} \quad (7)$$

- This can be extended to allow for the possibility that WTO negotiations do not preserve perfect reciprocity (i.e. that $p^{w, BR} \neq p^{w, WTO}$). Letting $r \equiv p^{w, WTO} / p^{w, BR}$ we have (where $\phi_1 = 0$ if $r = 1$):

$$\tau^{WTO} = \phi_0 + \phi_1 \tau^{BR} + \phi_2 \eta^{BR} \quad (8)$$

- This forms their estimating equation (with $\phi_1 > 0$ and $\phi_2 < 0$ expected). But for many countries they don't observe η so instead appeal to linear demand/supply case where η is proportional to m .

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TABLE 1—COUNTRIES IN THE SAMPLE

| Country | Years of import data | Years of unbound tariff data | Year of WTO accession |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Albania | 1995–1999 | 1997 | 2000 |
| Armenia | 1995–1999 | 2001 | 2003 |
| Cambodia | 1995–1999 | 2001–2003 | 2004 |
| China | 1995–1999 | 1996–2000 | 2001 |
| Ecuador | 1995–1999 | 1993–1995 | 1996 |
| Estonia | 1995–1999 | 1995 | 1999 |
| Georgia | 1995–1999 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Jordan | 1995–1999 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1995–1999 | 1995 | 1998 |
| Latvia | 1995–1999 | 1997 | 1999 |
| Lithuania | 1995–1999 | 1997 | 2001 |
| Macedonia | 1995–1999 | 2001 | 2003 |
| Moldova | 1995–1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
| Nepal | 1995–1999 | 1998–2000, 2002 | 2004 |
| Oman | 1995–1999 | 1997 | 2000 |
| Panama | 1995–1999 | 1997 | 1997 |

Notes: Unbound tariff data for each country come from the TRAINS database. Tariffs are MFN ad valorem, recorded at the HS6 level, and averaged over the sample period. Import data for each country come from the PC-TAS Database, a subset of the COMTRADE database. Import values are nominal and in millions of US dollars, and averaged over the sample period.

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TABLE 2A—SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR IMPORTS, UNBOUND TARIFFS, AND BOUND TARIFFS
(Full sample and by sector)

| Sample (Observations) | Variable | Mean | SD | Median | Min | Max | Observations = 0 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|------|----------|------------------|
| All 42,721 | Imports | 4.08 | 50.61 | 0.19 | 0.01 | 5,788.08 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 10.34 | 11.61 | 5.70 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 10,496 |
| | Bound tariff | 13.05 | 11.34 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 5,577 |
| HS0 2,037 | Imports | 1.30 | 6.31 | 0.15 | 0.01 | 165.78 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 13.64 | 12.94 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 456 |
| | Bound tariff | 19.32 | 15.07 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 83 |
| HS1 1,811 | Imports | 4.05 | 31.95 | 0.22 | 0.01 | 619.64 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 13.79 | 16.58 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 121.48 | 413 |
| | Bound tariff | 18.59 | 14.89 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 144.00 | 150 |
| HS2 4,417 | Imports | 4.43 | 64.44 | 0.15 | 0.01 | 3,826.98 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 9.15 | 13.96 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 1,033 |
| | Bound tariff | 11.63 | 18.15 | 6.50 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 547 |
| HS3 4,030 | Imports | 4.95 | 43.91 | 0.27 | 0.01 | 1,190.88 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 9.09 | 9.97 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 1,073 |
| | Bound tariff | 7.64 | 6.33 | 6.50 | 0.00 | 47.00 | 529 |
| HS4 3,264 | Imports | 3.71 | 23.34 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 679.07 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 10.17 | 10.70 | 6.67 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 821 |
| | Bound tariff | 11.95 | 10.55 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 847 |
| HS5 4,271 | Imports | 3.39 | 27.35 | 0.12 | 0.01 | 955.27 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 10.95 | 10.31 | 7.00 | 0.00 | 37.20 | 865 |
| | Bound tariff | 13.33 | 8.36 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 82 |
| HS6 4,176 | Imports | 1.24 | 12.03 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 464.95 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 17.12 | 12.22 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 654 |
| | Bound tariff | 18.12 | 6.76 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 1 |
| HS7 4,293 | Imports | 3.02 | 18.05 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 379.22 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 8.68 | 9.70 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 52.00 | 1,170 |
| | Bound tariff | 12.16 | 10.31 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 1,160 |
| HS8 10,956 | Imports | 6.65 | 81.86 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 5,788.08 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 7.66 | 9.75 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 130.00 | 3,171 |
| | Bound tariff | 12.00 | 9.22 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 1,426 |
| HS9 3,466 | Imports | 2.12 | 15.66 | 0.17 | 0.01 | 440.07 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 11.28 | 11.04 | 8.33 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 840 |
| | Bound tariff | 13.62 | 10.50 | 14.86 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 752 |

Notes: "Imports" represents the average yearly import value for each six-digit HS product over the period 1995–1999 in millions of US dollars. "Unbound tariff" represents the average pre-accession MFN applied tariff over the sample at periods noted in Table 1. "Bound tariff" represents the final negotiated post-accession tariff binding.

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BS (2011): Results

TABLE 2B—SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR IMPORTS, UNBOUND TARIFFS, AND BOUND TARIFFS,
BY COUNTRY

| Sample (Observations) | Variable | Mean | SD | Median | Min | Max | Observations = 0 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------|--------|--------|------|----------|------------------|
| Albania 2,172 | Imports | 0.35 | 1.45 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 37.24 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 16.68 | 8.74 | 20.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 6 |
| | Bound tariff | 7.69 | 6.57 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 517 |
| Armenia 1,213 | Imports | 0.36 | 2.06 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 42.42 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 2.98 | 4.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 843 |
| | Bound tariff | 8.66 | 6.71 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | 402 |
| Cambodia 1,632 | Imports | 0.62 | 4.34 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 153.85 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 16.18 | 12.32 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 96.00 | 81 |
| | Bound tariff | 19.33 | 10.16 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 13 |
| China 4,646 | Imports | 27.96 | 120.66 | 3.35 | 0.01 | 3,826.98 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 18.72 | 13.03 | 16.00 | 0.00 | 121.48 | 64 |
| | Bound tariff | 9.76 | 6.66 | 8.50 | 0.00 | 65.00 | 250 |
| Ecuador 3,601 | Imports | 1.23 | 4.63 | 0.23 | 0.01 | 99.48 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 11.64 | 5.71 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 32.33 | 14 |
| | Bound tariff | 21.70 | 7.93 | 20.00 | 5.00 | 85.50 | 0 |
| Estonia 3,645 | Imports | 1.05 | 4.51 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 171.72 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 0.07 | 0.99 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 16.00 | 3,625 |
| | Bound tariff | 8.49 | 7.59 | 8.00 | 0.00 | 59.00 | 733 |
| Georgia 1,388 | Imports | 0.36 | 2.40 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 48.29 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 9.83 | 3.24 | 12.00 | 5.00 | 12.00 | 0 |
| | Bound tariff | 6.94 | 5.54 | 6.50 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 383 |
| Jordan 3,333 | Imports | 1.06 | 5.39 | 0.19 | 0.01 | 204.13 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 22.03 | 14.86 | 23.33 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 295 |
| | Bound tariff | 16.05 | 13.85 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 206 |
| Kyrgyzstan 1,575 | Imports | 0.37 | 1.73 | 0.07 | 0.01 | 50.09 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,575 |
| | Bound tariff | 6.99 | 4.58 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 25.00 | 365 |
| Latvia 3,253 | Imports | 0.83 | 4.74 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 215.56 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 4.78 | 8.35 | 0.50 | 0.00 | 75.00 | 131 |
| | Bound tariff | 12.03 | 11.83 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 55.00 | 502 |
| Lithuania 3,515 | Imports | 1.20 | 9.25 | 0.26 | 0.01 | 449.43 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 3.62 | 7.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 2,611 |
| | Bound tariff | 9.49 | 7.99 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 747 |
| Macedonia 2,643 | Imports | 0.52 | 1.94 | 0.14 | 0.01 | 68.21 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 14.98 | 11.42 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 17 |
| | Bound tariff | 7.33 | 7.69 | 5.75 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 843 |
| Moldova 1,872 | Imports | 0.34 | 3.00 | 0.07 | 0.01 | 118.94 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 4.62 | 5.35 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 16.25 | 843 |
| | Bound tariff | 6.94 | 4.63 | 7.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 383 |
| Nepal 1,517 | Imports | 0.41 | 1.75 | 0.07 | 0.01 | 48.59 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 14.89 | 13.96 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 130.00 | 40 |
| | Bound tariff | 25.78 | 13.99 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 55 |
| Oman 2,824 | Imports | 2.04 | 11.60 | 0.19 | 0.01 | 290.76 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 4.69 | 1.21 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 177 |
| | Bound tariff | 13.23 | 15.62 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 85 |
| Panama 3,691 | Imports | 3.73 | 101.05 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 5,788.08 | — |
| | Unbound tariff | 12.10 | 11.26 | 9.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 122 |
| | Bound tariff | 23.36 | 10.61 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 144.00 | 75 |

Notes: See Table 2A.

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BS (2011): Results

Based on linear supply/demand model

TABLE 3A—BASELINE RESULTS

| Equation: | $y_{pr}^{WTO} = \alpha_{01} + \alpha_2 + \beta_1 x_{pr}^B + \beta_2 [V_{pr}^{AE}] + \epsilon_{pr}$ | | | | |
|------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | OLS | | Tobit | | |
| Sample | Observations | β_1 | β_2 | β_1 | β_2 |
| All | 42,721 | 0.3702*** (0.0174) | -0.0044*** (0.0008) | 0.804 (0.0051) | 0.3901*** (0.0010) |
| H50 | 2,037 | 0.3750*** (0.0284) | -0.0733*** (0.0338) | 0.763 (0.0291) | 0.3925*** (0.0443) |
| HS1 | 1,811 | 0.2250*** (0.0311) | -0.0476*** (0.0015) | 0.783 (0.0183) | 0.2376*** (0.0053) |
| HS2 | 4,417 | 0.6502*** (0.0162) | -0.0001 (0.0008) | 0.651 (0.0210) | 0.6781*** (0.0051) |
| HS3 | 4,030 | 0.2679*** (0.0162) | -0.0044*** (0.0008) | 0.868 (0.0098) | 0.2805*** (0.0015) |
| HS4 | 3,264 | 0.3285*** (0.0142) | -0.0059*** (0.0005) | 0.919 (0.0214) | 0.3711*** (0.0048) |
| HS5 | 4,271 | 0.3136*** (0.0104) | -0.0055*** (0.0015) | 0.955 (0.0083) | 0.3163*** (0.0020) |
| HS6 | 4,176 | 0.1342*** (0.0144) | -0.0134*** (0.0044) | 0.974 (0.0089) | 0.1342*** (0.0041) |
| HS7 | 4,293 | 0.3705*** (0.0185) | -0.0111*** (0.0025) | 0.906 (0.0153) | 0.3763*** (0.0057) |
| HS8 | 10,956 | 0.4013*** (0.0159) | -0.0044*** (0.0008) | 0.872 (0.0080) | 0.4144*** (0.0059) |
| HS9 | 3,466 | 0.3715*** (0.0176) | -0.0112* (0.0063) | 0.886 (0.0179) | 0.4123*** (0.0082) |
| Albania | 2,172 | 0.2524*** (0.0208) | -0.0005 (0.0512) | 0.870 (0.0256) | 0.2194*** (0.0690) |
| Armenia | 1,213 | 0.2693*** (0.0661) | 0.0063 (0.0666) | 0.878 (0.0668) | 0.3066*** (0.0789) |
| Cambodia | 1,632 | 0.4979*** (0.0202) | 0.0453*** (0.0186) | 0.951 (0.0450) | 0.4985*** (0.0450) |
| China | 4,645 | 0.2554*** (0.0214) | -0.0049*** (0.0009) | 0.862 (0.0254) | 0.2561*** (0.0073***) |
| Ecuador | 3,601 | 0.5703*** (0.0224) | -0.0607*** (0.0244) | 0.972 (0.0182) | 0.5703*** (0.0146) |
| Estonia | 3,645 | 0.2124*** (0.0160) | -0.0909*** (0.0289) | 0.870 (0.1409) | 0.2456* (0.0195) |
| Georgia | 1,388 | -0.2285*** (0.0204) | 0.0457 (0.0209) | 0.901 (0.0598) | -0.4966*** (0.0246) |
| Jordan | 3,333 | 0.6317*** (0.0310) | 0.0546*** (0.0273) | 0.931 (0.0096) | 0.6504*** (0.0214) |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1,575 | — (0.0666) | -0.0790 (0.0666) | 0.904 (0.0506) | — (0.0909*) |
| Latvia | 3,253 | 0.1246*** (0.0253) | -0.0616*** (0.0184) | 0.856 (0.0282) | 0.1286*** (0.0487) |
| Lithuania | 3,515 | 0.4999*** (0.0445) | -0.0111* (0.0115) | 0.850 (0.0223) | 0.5179*** (0.0110) |
| Macedonia | 2,643 | 0.4616*** (0.0174) | -0.0188 (0.0602) | 0.859 (0.0159) | 0.6044*** (0.0544) |
| Moldova | 1,872 | 0.1461*** (0.0329) | 0.0009 (0.0031) | 0.926 (0.0252) | 0.4755*** (0.1509) |
| Nepal | 1,517 | 0.5131*** (0.0391) | -0.0514*** (0.0181) | 0.941 (0.0183) | 0.5253*** (0.1502) |
| Oman | 2,824 | -0.4555 (0.5301) | -0.0248*** (0.0124) | 0.765 (0.2351) | -0.4662*** (0.0174) |
| Panama | 3,691 | 0.1277*** (0.0179) | -0.0031*** (0.0010) | 0.925 (0.0132) | 0.1300*** (0.0012) |

Notes: Standard errors are in parentheses (OLS are heteroscedasticity robust). Industry fixed effects, α_{01} , are at the two-digit HS product level. Country fixed effects, α_2 , included only for the full-sample and by-sector estimates. Fixed-effect estimates available upon request. See main text for variable definitions.

***Significant at the 1 percent level.

**Significant at the 5 percent level.

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BS (2011): Results

Based on isoelastic supply/demand curves (estimates from BLW (2008))

TABLE 6—NONLINEAR SPECIFICATIONS

| | $\tau_{gc}^{WTO} = \alpha_G + \alpha_c + \phi_1 \tau_{gc}^{BR} + \phi_2 [\ln(\eta_{gc}^{BR})] + v_{gc}$ | $\tau_{gc}^{WTO} = \alpha_G + \alpha_c + \phi_1 \tau_{gc}^{BR} + \phi_2 [\ln(\eta_{gc}^{BR})] + \phi_3 [\Theta_{gc}^{BR}] + v_{gc}$ | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sample | Obs | IV-GMM | Obs | IV-GMM | IV-GMM | | |
| | | ϕ_1 | ϕ_2 | ϕ_1 | ϕ_2 | ϕ_3 | |
| All | 15,645 | 0.1984*** (0.0205) | -0.4154*** (0.0515) | 15,645 | 0.1857*** (0.0216) | -0.4671*** (0.0662) | -2.2979*** (0.6519) |
| HS0 | 789 | 0.0153 (0.0832) | -1.8375*** (0.4212) | 789 | -1.1907 (5.9855) | -0.9786 (4.7322) | -112.8735 (520.5452) |
| HS1 | 607 | 0.0671** (0.0296) | -1.6040*** (0.4771) | 607 | 0.0758** (0.0362) | -1.4991*** (0.4315) | 0.7296 (2.8101) |
| HS2 | 1,734 | 0.0237 (0.0937) | -0.4269* (0.2358) | 1,734 | 0.0266 (0.0960) | -0.4144* (0.2328) | 0.7462 (2.5375) |
| HS3 | 1,516 | 0.3399*** (0.0373) | -0.1342*** (0.0482) | 1,516 | 0.3684*** (0.0422) | -0.0717 (0.0588) | -1.1613* (0.6528) |
| HS4 | 1,193 | 0.3494*** (0.0298) | -0.2099** (0.0935) | 1,193 | 0.4345*** (0.1172) | -0.0626 (0.1846) | -3.1277 (4.6537) |
| HS5 | 1,534 | 0.2956*** (0.0135) | -0.4381*** (0.1150) | 1,534 | 0.2632*** (0.0186) | -0.0680 (0.0821) | 0.9875** (0.3683) |
| HS6 | 1,550 | 0.1941*** (0.0219) | -0.1404*** (0.0512) | 1,550 | 0.1964*** (0.0223) | -0.1385** (0.0495) | -0.1556 (0.2998) |
| HS7 | 1,449 | 0.4929*** (0.0353) | -0.2027** (0.0812) | 1,449 | 0.4820*** (0.0364) | -0.2789**** (0.0841) | 1.7452 (1.1590) |
| HS8 | 4,108 | 0.3291*** (0.0293) | -0.3387*** (0.0511) | 4,108 | 0.3277*** (0.0297) | -0.3382*** (0.0509) | -0.1092 (0.2329) |
| HS9 | 1,165 | 0.3589*** (0.0488) | 0.0674 (0.1243) | 1,165 | 0.3898*** (0.0584) | 0.3157* (0.1753) | 2.7177*** (0.6446) |
| China | 4,371 | 0.2148*** (0.0216) | -0.5384*** (0.0499) | 4,371 | 0.2145*** (0.0225) | -0.5381*** (0.0480) | -0.0284 (0.4689) |
| Ecuador | 3,108 | 0.5236*** (0.0242) | -0.3149*** (0.0685) | 3,108 | 0.5416*** (0.0308) | -0.4041*** (0.1222) | -1.2416* (0.6728) |
| Latvia | 2,983 | 0.1022** (0.0416) | -0.2994** (0.1200) | 2,983 | 0.0907** (0.0444) | -0.2349 (0.1629) | 2.6329 (1.8390) |
| Lithuania | 3,088 | 0.4355*** (0.0464) | -0.1625* (0.0941) | 3,088 | 0.4420*** (0.0485) | -0.1514* (0.0899) | -0.2955 (0.5021) |
| Oman | 2,095 | -0.7157 (0.6267) | -0.4886*** (0.1728) | 2,095 | -1.2108* (0.7000) | -0.5428** (0.2476) | -5.5640 (3.5050) |

Notes: See Table 3A.

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