

# Paper Reading Notes

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# 1 Trade

## 1.1 ?

- trade elasticities at the product level by exploiting the variation in bilateral tariffs for each product category for the universe of country pairs over the 2001 to 2016 period

## 1.2 ?

- Innovation and diffusion involving the combination of new ideas with insights from other industries.
- both gains from trade and the fraction of variation of TFP growth accounted for by changes in trade more than double relative to a model without diffusion.

## 1.3 ?

- Asymmetric transport costs from different shipping time back and forth predicts location patterns in models with Dixit-Stiglitz preferences.
- Armington (1969) assumption: each country produces a different good and consumers would like to consume at least some of each country's goods. No mention of comparative advantage, but combined with CES characterizes trade flows between countries.
- Dixit-Stiglitz preference: CES function
- Dixit-Stiglitz price index: bilateral prices times bilateral iceberg shipping costs. The index can be interpreted as consumer or inward market access

## 1.4 ?

- US-China tariff announcements lower investment growth rate of listed US companies by 1.9% by the end of 2020
- policy-induced stock-market declines imply lower returns to capital, which lowers investment rates
- use stock market data to exactly decompose aggregate returns into those caused by common and differential effects
- q theory of investment to understand how trade shocks affect investment in a model where capital adjustment is costly

## 1.5 ?

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## 1.8 ?

- Welfare: productivity, terms of trade, variety, curvature (heterogeneity across varieties)
- consumption subsidy, export tax, import tariff allows small economy to deal with two distortions and reach first-best allocation

- export subsidy generates increase in productivity, but negative on other three, decrease welfare
- import tariff improves small economy's welfare

## 1.9 ?

- Monopolistic competition with heterogeneous firms, endogenous wages, non-separable, non-homothetic quadratic preferences generating variable markups
- optimal level of the revenue generating import tariff is strictly positive
- reductions in cost-shifting trade barriers are welfare-improving
- in both cases, variable markups result in negative pro-competitive effects, reducing gains from trade

## 1.10 ?

- Large firms tend to export
- country maximizing domestic welfare, self-selection of heterogeneous firms into exports calls for import subsidies on the least profitable foreign firms
- there is no rationale for export subsidies or taxes on the least profitable domestic firms

## 1.11 ?

## 1.12 ?

- A perfect competition trade model embedding a process whereby heterogeneous producers engage in a costly sequential search process to determine where to sell their product.
- introducing information frictions explains roughly half the observed regional price dispersion, and improves the out-of-sample predictive power of the model

## 1.13 ?

- Transatlantic telegraph in 1866 lowers average and volatility of the transatlantic price difference of cotton, and increases those of trade flows.
- Efficiency gains 8% of export value
- A partial equilibrium model in which exporters and storage use the latest news about a foreign market to forecast expected prices.
- Newly collected data set on cotton prices, trade and information flows from historical newspapers.

## 1.14 ?

- Relationship between prospective secessions on economic integration and growth.
- A game theory model rationalizes that regional elites have an incentive to restrict domestic trade once secession from the Soviet Union became possible.

## 2 Industrial Policy

### 2.1 ?

- Industrial policies allocated to competitive sectors or that foster competition in a sector increase productivity growth.

### 2.2 ?

### 2.3 ?

- Table of Taxonomy of conditionalities in the case studies
  - Type of firm behavior targeted: access, directionality, profit sharing, reinvestment
  - Fixed versus negotiable/ iterative conditions
  - Risks/ rewards sharing mechanism
  - Measurable performance criteria and monitoring and evaluation
- Embeddedness, autonomy and the development state matrix

### 2.4 ?

### 2.5 ?

- Chronique of industrial policy definition since 1981

### 2.6 ?

- Two theories explaining growth: 1) **dual-economy**. draws distinction between agriculture as traditional and industry as modern sectors of economy. Different economic logics are at work within so cannot be lumped together. Accumulation innovation and productivity growth take place in the modern sector, the traditional sector remains technologically backward and stagnant. Labor and other resources migration rate to modern sector decides growth rate. Lewis 1954, Ranis and Fei 1961.  
2) **neoclassical growth model**. presumes different economic activity are structurally similar enough to aggregate into a representative sector. growth depends on the incentives to save, accumulate physical and human capital, and innovate by developing new products and processes. Solow 1956, Grossman and Helpman 1991, Aghion and Howitt 1992.
- two challenge: structural transformation and fundamentals. **Former**, ensure resources flow rapidly to high productivity. **Latter**, on broad and long-run growth two driving forces: quality of institutions(governance, law, biz environment) or the level of human capital(education, skills, training). Acemoglu Johnson Robinson 2001, Glaeser et al 2004.
- Results
  - Brazil and Botswana: structural change important in launching into middle-income but tiny role thereafter
  - Vietnam and Ghana: structural change significant contribution
  - India, Nigeria Zambia: structural change different way. less rapid decline in the employment share of low-productivity agriculture, exacerbated by the lack of labor-intensive manufacturing for export.

- Typology of growth patterns: structural transformation  $\times$  Investment in fundamentals
- total labor productivity:  $P_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_{i,t} P_{i,t}$ .

$$\text{Change in total labor productivity } \Delta P_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_{i,t-k} \Delta P_{i,t} + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta P_{i,t-k} + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta \theta_{i,t} \Delta P_{i,t}$$

- productivity change as sum of with-in sector change and structural change

$$\Delta P_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_{i,t-k} \Delta P_{i,t} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{i,t} \Delta \theta_{i,t}$$

### 3 Innovation

#### 3.1 ?

- we consider market-based innovation policies such as R&D subsidies to firms, tax discount on investment, and direct policies akin to the “Entrepreneurial State”, involving the creation of public research-oriented firms diffusing technologies along specific trajectories, and funding a Public Research Lab conducting basic research to achieve radical innovations that enlarge the technological opportunities of the economy
- all policies improve productivity and GDP growth, but the best outcomes are achieved by active discretionary State policies, which are also able to crowd-in private investment and have positive hysteresis effects on growth dynamics
- “Mission” innovation policies deliver significantly better aggregate performance if the government is patient enough and willing to bear the intrinsic risks related to innovative activities.

#### 3.2 ?

- High growth rates of innovations, possibly higher than the real rate of interest, may be achieved despite financial constraints.
- There is an optimal level of publicly funded policy by the patent and trademark office that minimizes the legal uncertainty surrounding patents as collateral and maximizes the growth rate of innovations.

#### 3.3 ?

- Spinoffs increase aggregate productivity through product variety expansion and, if created voluntarily by incumbents, boost their return to equity
- However, they erode incumbents’ market share and, when stemming from conflicts between incumbents and employees, raise incumbents’ internal cost of capital

#### 3.4 ?

- Acquirers are willing to pay higher premiums for more innovative target firms. More innovative acquirers are willing to pay higher premiums.
- after M&A, effect of R&D spending increase more pronounced for innovative rivals than for non-innovative ones.

### 3.5 ?

### 3.6 ?

- Meeting rate

### 3.7 ?

- Proxy for knowledge diffusion: cross-country productivity spillovers leading to new exports
- 10% increase in immigration from exporters is associated with a 2% increase in the host country exporting in next decade likelihood, especially stronger for highly-skilled migrants.

### 3.8 ?

- Firm-level productivity data on Prussian manufactories in 1802 from the Register of factories in the prussian state by the Royal Prussian Privy Filing Department
- Huguenot immigration to Brandenburg-Prussia data. Rôle général des Français réfugiés dans les États de la Majesté le Roy de Prusse
- population censuses for Prussian towns in 1730. Schmoller 1922
- higher share of high-skilled immigrants means higher level of local manufactory output and more technology employed

### 3.9 ?

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### 3.12 ?

- Technological innovation accounts for significant medium-run fluctuations in aggregate economic growth and TFP.
- patent-level estimates of private economic value are positively related to the scientific value of these patents
- Extended data: <https://github.com/KPSS2017/Technological-Innovation-Resource-Allocation-and-G>

### 3.13 ?

- Competition discourages laggard firms from innovating and encourages neck-and-neck firms. This generates an inverted-U, together with competition on equilibrium industry structure
- average tech distance btw leaders and followers increases with competition
- the inverted-U is steeper when industries are more neck-and-neck

### 3.14 ?

- Firms endogenously choose between in-house R&D and imitation other firm's tech subject to limits of absorptive capacities to improve productivity based on profit maximization motive
- closer to technological frontier face fewer imitation opportunities, more in-house

- BGE features persistent productivity differences even when starting from identical firms

## 4 New Keynesian

### 4.1 ?

- A key feature of the model is that Covid acts like a negative shock to the demand for consumption and the supply of labor.
- unique feature of the Covid recession is that the peak-to-trough decline is roughly the same for consumption, investment, and output
- there was only a short-lived rise in financial stress that quickly subsided.
- there was mild deflation between the peak and the trough of the Covid recession.

## 5 Search and Unemployment

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### 5.4 ?

- Search friction of new customers distort the allocation activities across heterogeneous producers in a Ricardian model of trade.
- Markets with high estimated frictions display less dispersion in sales btw high and low productivity firms
- Increase in the level of search frictions pushes out the least productive exporters while increases export sales at the top of the productivity distribution

## 6 Heterogenous Agents

### 6.1 ?

### 6.2 ?

## 7 Firm Dynamics

### 7.1 ?

### 7.2 ?

### 7.3 ?

### 7.4 ?

- Introducing financial-market frictions in a basic model of industry dynamics with persistent shocks

- the combination of persistent shocks and financial frictions can account for the simultaneous dependence of firm dynamics on size (once we control for age) and on age (once we control for size).

## 7.5 ?

- This is the seminal paper to incorporate uncertainty and learning into entrepreneurship and firm dynamics.

## 7.6 ?

## 7.7 ?

# 8 Uncertainty

## 8.1 ?

# 9 Empirical

## 9.1 ?

- Using a manufacturing firm-level panel for 1998 through 2007, we find zero or weak positive horizontal externalities
- foreign direct investment (FDI) has generated positive productivity spillovers to domestic firms via backward linkages (the contacts between foreign affiliates and their local suppliers in downstream sectors) as well as forward linkages (between foreign suppliers and their local buyers in the upstream sectors).

## 9.2 ?

- Aggregate capital-labor elasticity reflects substitution within plants and reallocation across plants;
- aggregate elasticity for the U.S. manufacturing sector in 0.5-0.7, declined slightly since 1970.

## 9.3 ?

- Employers in higher social trust societies are more attentive to applicants' potential, focusing more on their foundational skills than readiness like advanced skills
- bilateral trust measures
- 60 million job postings from 28 EU countries from 2018 to 2021 provided by Lightcast, formerly known as Burning Glass Technologies
- multinational corps from Orbis global database matching based on employer name, industry and location
- ESCO is a multilingual classification that identifies and categorize skills and occupations relevant to the EU labor market
- social trust measured by nationally representative surveys European Values Study (EVS)



## 9.4 ?

- DiD + trade model with input-output connections where sanctioning countries maximize income and minimize Russia's income
- small willingness to pay: 20% uniform tariff against all Russian products
- embargo on mining and energy and 50% on others is most cost-efficient

## 9.5 ?

- The poor employment performance of large firms is related to use of capital-intensive techniques associated with global trends in technology.
- larger firms that exhibit superior productivity performance do not expand employment much
- small firms that absorb employment do not experience any productivity growth.
- Relatively large firms in the manufacturing sectors of Tanzania and Ethiopia are significantly more capital-intensive than what would be expected on the basis of the countries' income levels or relative factor endowments
- Reasons: 1, advanced economies develop labour saving technology; 2, globalization and the spread of global value chains has had a homogenizing effect on technology adoption, and the imperative of competing with production in richer countries at similar quality level makes it difficult to undertake large shifts in techniques
- New panels of manufacturing firms: Tanzania 2008~ 16, Ethiopia 1996~ 2017

## 9.6 ?

- Policies that explicitly take into consideration the risk-taking entrepreneurial role of the state, can positively affect reward distributions and favor more equitable public| private partnerships.
- Sharing rewards enables a more portfolio mindset, where the upside is used to cover the downside, and more stable funding to serve citizens' needs. It also signals the value and legitimacy of the state's role.
- Table of existing policy instruments for financing innovation that allow for profit-Sharing
- Table of the legal underpinning of the distribution of rewards in public|private partnerships parasitic versus symbiotic ecosystems

## 9.7 ?

- Developing countries only converge to rich country income levels conditional on country-specific disadvantages like institutions or poor geography being overcome.
- Matrix of structural change and investment in fundamentals
- much of recent performance in Africa due to advantageous external context and making up of lost ground
- structural change and industrialization operating at less than full power
- should there be a miracle, it should be agriculture or service led than traditional ones.

## 9.8 ?

- inventor collect 8% of total private return
- entrepreneurs get over 44%
- blue-collar get 26%
- the rest goes to white-collar workers
- entrepreneurs have negative returns prior to patent application but subsequently become highly positive
- Finland data

## 9.9 ?

- Higher taxes negatively impact the quantity and the location of innovation, but not average innovation quality.
- state-level elasticities to taxes are large and consistent with the aggregation of the individual level responses of innovation produced and cross-state mobility
- corporate taxes have special effect on corporate inventor's innovation production and mobility
- personal income tax affects quantity of innovation and mobility of inventors.
- panel of patent inventors since 1920
- historical state-level corporate tax database with corp tax rates and tax base information
- existing: state-level personal income taxes

## 9.10 ?

- Export promotion increases sales, value-added, employment, and value-added per worker.
- For small firms, summing expenditures on export promotion, subsidies, and tax distortions, the gain in value-added is roughly three times higher than the direct costs of export promotion.

# 10 Migration

## 10.1 ?

- Complete liberalization of cross-border migration increase world GDP by 11.5-12.5% in benchmark model, and 7.0-17.9% in robustness analyses.

## 10.2 ?

- The exodus of Vietnamese Boat People to US evidence that migrant networks promote trade by reducing trade costs because they have knowledge of their home country's language, regulations, market opportunities and informal institutions. Migrants mostly facilitate bilateral trade with developing countries.
- Doubling migrants leads to 45% to 138% increase in state exports.
- First evidence of positive link between migration and trade with a natural experiment.

### 10.3 ?

- Doubling the number of residents with ancestry from a given foreign country relative to the mean increases the probability that at least one local firm engages in FDI with that country by 4 percentage points.
- This effect is primarily driven by a reduction in information frictions, and not by better contract enforcement, taste similarities, or a convergence in factor endowments.

### 10.4 ?

- Firms are significantly more likely to trade with countries that have a large resident population near their firm headquarters, and that these connected trades are their most valuable international trades
- Firms are also more likely to acquire target firms, and report increased segment sales, in connected countries

### 10.5 ?

- Personal relationships for non-economic reasons can be an important determinant of regional economic growth.
- HHs in West Germany with East ties experience rise in incomes and increases returns to entrepreneurial activity, share of HHs as entrepreneurs, and likelihood of West German firm investing East regionally.

## 11 Tax

### 11.1 ?

- 20% of US corporate profits now booked in tax havens. Over 15 years, effective corporate tax rate of US companies declined from 30 to 20p, 2/3 of the decline attributable to increased profit-shifting to low-tax jurisdictions.

## 12 AI

### 12.1 Economic Essence

As a technology:

- As LLM that generates contents (?,?,) Automation technique other than robots: more influence on higher skill demand. Causing cross generation inequality (?, ?, ?, ?) and drop in labor share of income (?, ?) by augmenting capital (?). In capital-skill complementarity (?)
- Reversely, patent data shows lower skill wage rise encourages and higher discourages automation innovation. (?)
- General purpose technology: inherent potential for technical improvements, pervasiveness and innovational complementarities (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)
- More widely speaking, the Schumpeterian idea of creative destruction (?, ?, ?,)

## 12.2 Productivity

- Empirical  
GenAI can improve productivity, especially for those under-skilled tasks, 14% by ? (?). 0.8sd decrease in time taken and 0.4sd raise in output quality in college level writing tasks (?). It also doubles the speed of software engineers coding speed (?). But does not change the direction of technical progress in the applications of ICT (?)
- Model  
? build an endogenous growth model with task approach and hetero HH, finds that 1, AI decrease labor income share 2, with high elasticity of substitution, AI reduce aggregate demand and slow down GDP growth. ? presents a model takes robot capital substitutable with human labor, and only capitalists and skilled workers save. They show in various scenarios automation good for growth and bad for equality (real per capita income rises 30-240% in long run). ?'s three sector endo growth model shows growth increase in transitional dynamics, but not necessarily beneficial to HH in short and long run.

## 12.3 Labor

- Empirical  
? finds that 80% of US workforce have 10% tasks affected, and 19% see 50%. Higher-income, higher education, lower experience jobs more exposed. 15% workers faster with LLM, and 47%-56% with LLM-embedded tools. ? apply their work on China labor market. This weakens job creation stimulus (?). On the other hand, AI reduces the skill premium as long as it is more substitutable for high-skill workers than low-skill workers are for high-skill workers. (?) but increase those with AI-skill (11% ?). In line with a rich body of literature on the impact of automation as polarization (?, ?, ?, ?) and high-tech across generations (?). ? suggests economists can be 10-20% more productive in ideation, writing, background research, data analysis, coding, and mathematical derivations (among other specific impacts research ?, ?, ?)
- Model  
? endogenizes, in a task-based model, capital accumulation, direction of research toward automation and creation of new tasks and argues that if long-run rental rate of capital relative to wage is sufficiently low, all tasks will be automatized, otherwise there exists a stable BGP. Intuition is that automation reduces labor cost, discouraging future automation. Inequality increases during transitions driven by faster automation and the introduction of new tasks. (see also ?, ?, ?)

## 12.4 Inequality

- Empirical  
Within cohort: ?. Cross generation: ?. Globalization: reverse the gains of developing countries by saving labor and resource, giving rise to winner-takes-all dynamics. Tech-skill mismatch in labor cause TFP differences across countries (?, ?, ?)
- Model  
Inequality increase in the US labor market reflects the automation and computerization of routine tasks, favoring high-skill workers (?) and by raising returns to wealth (?). Recent innovations caused occupational composition and training favorable for younger and against older (?, ?). ?'s endogenous growth model shows that less developed economies with low growth at the dawn of data economy may face a new form of poverty trap that potentially

warrants interventions.

## 13 Data

### 13.1 Macro

- Groningen Growth and Development Centre: indicators of growth and development <https://www.rug.nl/ggdc/>

### 13.2 Medical

- Medical Expenditure Panel Survey <https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/>
- FDA Orange book <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases/approved-drug-product>

### 13.3 Trade

- GlobalTradeAlert <https://www.globaltradealert.org/>
- Cboe Trade Alerts <https://www.cboe.com/services/analytics/tradealert/institutions/>
- UN Comtrade: product level bilateral trade data <https://comtradeplus.un.org/TradeFlow>
- Global Antidumping database by Bown, Chad P. <https://www.chadpbown.com/global-antidumping-database>
- OECD's Inter-Country Input-Output (ICIO) tables that maps flows of production, consumption, investment within countries and flows of international trade in goods and services btw countries, by economic activity and by country <https://www.oecd.org/sti/ind/inter-country-input-output-tables.htm>
- ? [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=362069](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=362069)
- Copenhagen Polis Centre of ancient greek cities and people <https://polis.stanford.edu/>
- NAICS 6 <https://www.naics.com/six-digit-naics/>
- profile of US importing and exporting firms <https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/edb/edbrel2021.pdf>
- HS 6 digit <https://wits.worldbank.org/trade/country-byhs6product.aspx?lang=en>

### 13.4 Legal

- LobbyView <https://www.lobbyview.org/>
- QuantGov <https://www.quantgov.org/>

### 13.5 Innovation

- Orgiin IP Solutions <https://orgiin.com/>
- PATENTS-ICRIOS DATABASE <https://icrios.unibocconi.eu/resources/databases/patents-icrios-database>
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### 13.6 Firm

- FactSet Supply Chain Relationships <https://wrds-www.wharton.upenn.edu/pages/about/data-vendors/factset/>

- Cortellis <https://access.clarivate.com/login?app=cortellis>
- Westlaw Edge <https://legal.thomsonreuters.com/en/products/westlaw-edge>
- MIDAS <https://www.iqvia.com/solutions/commercialization/brand-strategy-and-management/market-measurement/midas>
- Namsor <https://namsor.app/>
- GGDC 10 Sector database
- expanded africa sector database
- UNIDO's Indstat2

### 13.7 Transport

- TUD19: multi-city traffic dataset <https://utd19.ethz.ch/>; <https://github.com/ambuehl1/UTD19>
- Ship tracking data Kpler <https://www.kpler.com/product/maritime/ship-tracking>

### 13.8 Migration

- Gallup Global Research <https://www.gallup.com/analytics/318875/global-research.aspx>
- Gallup Country Data Set <https://www.gallup.com/services/177797/country-data-set-details.aspx>
- Bilateral migration data <https://elibrary.worldbank.org/doi/epdf/10.1596/1813-9450-6863>

### 13.9 Others

- GeoDist on bilateral relationships such as common coloniser, colony-coloniser, common language, religion. [http://www.cepii.fr/CEPII/en/bdd\\_modele/bdd\\_modele\\_item.asp?id=6](http://www.cepii.fr/CEPII/en/bdd_modele/bdd_modele_item.asp?id=6)