

# A dynamic approach to input-output modeling

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## Abstract

Previous frameworks for input-output modeling have made the assumption that flows into and out of each economic sector balance, such that there is no accumulation of economic factors or embodied energy within any of the sectors. This may be an adequate assumption for a sector of the economy operating at ‘steady-state’, however the assumption introduces errors for example in analysis of sectors that are growing rapidly, where a non-negligible proportion of input factors may be invested in accumulation within the sector. This paper presents an extension to the traditional input-output framework, wherein accumulation is incorporated explicitly using a dynamic (transient) analysis method. This new approach gives new insight into macro-economics including an alternative metric for social development. It also raises issues for input-output-based methods for net energy analysis. The alternative perspective offered by this new method is used to explore the implications of extraction of declining quality resources from the environment.

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## 59 1. Introduction

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### 61 1.1. Brief history of input-output (I-O) modeling

62 Input-output analysis, developed by Wassily Leontief in the 1930's as an extension to the work of Quesnay and Walras Leontief (1936), is of primary importance in  
63 national accounting, allowing determination of the structure of an economy as well  
64 as, among other things, calculation of a nation's gross domestic product (GDP), the  
65 predominant measure of economic activity.

### 67 1.2. Basic I-O method

68 The basic premise of the I-O method, as outlined in Figure 1A, is that each  
69 economic sector takes in factors of production from other sectors (and possibly itself)  
70 to produce an economic good at some rate. E.g., the automotive sector takes in steel,  
71 rubber, glass, etc. and produces a number of cars per year. In contrast to high-level  
72 economic growth models that include only a few factors of production (such as land,  
73 capital, and labor), the I-O analysis technique allows many differentiated factors  
74 of production and raw material feedstocks. ? In I-O frameworks, each factor of  
75 production is considered to be the output from a sector of the economy. As will be  
76 discussed later [MAKE SURE TO DISCUSS THIS LATER!], the traditional primary  
77 factors of production (land, capital, and labor) are not *flows* into the production  
78 processes. Rather, they are *stocks* that, when present, allow factors of production  
79 (steel, rubber, and glass) to be transformed into final products (automobiles).

80 In addition to stocks of land, capital, and labor, a flow of energy (or more  
81 precisely, the degradation of an exergetic gradient/destruction of exergy) is also  
82 required for economic activity. These energy flows originate from the natural environment,  
83 recognition of which has provoked researchers from fields of net energy  
84 analysis (NEA), material flow analysis (MFA), industrial ecology (IE) and life-cycle  
85 assessment (LCA) to extend the traditional (Leontief) input-output framework to  
86 include important material and energy flows to and from the environment, as depicted in Figure 1B  
87 Carter (1974); Bullard and Herendeen (1975); Bullard (1978);  
88 Herendeen (1978); ?); Casler and Wilbur (1984); ?); Suh and Huppes (2009). While  
89 the Leontief I-O approach relies exclusively on monetary units to represent value

flows among sectors of an economy, the key insight of these extensions of the Leontief I-O framework is to rely upon physical units (especially energy units of joules) to represent some of the value flows among economic sectors. In doing so, energy and material intensities of value flows can be estimated. Their approaches are similar to Figure 1B.

Both the original Leontief I-O framework and the extensions cited above assume steady-state conditions in an economy, i.e., flows of value and material into and out of each economic sector are in balance. Dynamic or transient behavior of the economic system is not considered. Thus, there is no accumulation of economic factors or embodied energy within any of the sectors. The analysis techniques provide “snapshots” of economic activity at an instant in time.

[MIK’S NEW ADDITION]

Assuming no accumulation of materials, within economic sectors or society itself, is tantamount to assuming that *all* material flows through the economy are directed toward the production of non-durable goods. However, evidence of the durability of goods and the accumulation of materials surrounds us. Furthermore, energy was required to both fabricate and emplace the durable goods and infrastructure of modern economies. (The energy it took to create the durable goods and infrastructure can be considered “embodied” within the built environment, a point to which we will return in detail later). As Georgescu-Roegen notes, “in the everyday world one cannot possibly cross a river only on the flow of maintenance materials of a non-existent bridge.” Georgescu-Roegen (1975).

Analysis methods that neglect the accumulation of materials and embodied energy in the durable goods and infrastructure of the everyday world lack explanatory power. Such models can tell us how at what rates materials and energy are required to *use* our built environment. But, such models cannot tell us *how* the built environment came to be (and how much energy was required to construct it) or *why* flows of goods are needed. To use Georgescu-Roegen’s imagery, models that neglect accumulation fail to explain why we need any material flows to maintain a non-existent bridge. Stocks of accumulated materials (capital, appliances, even people) are the drivers of demand. It is to service their needs and wants that we put the economy to work.

Because economic activity requires energy, we need to understand the way energy flows through economies. The steady-state I-O techniques of Bullard, Herendeen, and others [Bullard and Herendeen (1975); Herendeen (1978) [REFERENCES NEEDED –MKH]] offer a means to that end. We contend, however, that these techniques need to be extended and modified to include transient effects that arise when durability of goods and infrastructure (and associated embodied energy) are considered. This paper attempts to address that need.

### 1.3. An I-O method for dynamic (transient) economic analysis

In this paper, we develop a physical input-output, matrix-based method for modeling multi-sector economies, in the tradition of Georgescu-Roegen’s “flow-fund” model [Georgescu-Roegen (1979b,a)]. The method presented in this paper takes a decidedly engineering approach to extend the techniques of Bullard, Herendeen, and others to account for durability of goods and embodied energy. This method allows us to see how energy and materials flow through the economy, where embodied energy accumulates in the economy, and how declining resource quality may affect these dynamics. [NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ACHIEVE THIS LAST POINT]

This paper is organized as follows. We first discuss methodology and the model economy. Thereafter, we present three examples, each with increasing levels of disaggregation among society, the energy sector, and goods and services sectors, culminating with a matrix formulation of the new method. The examples leverage the First Law of Thermodynamics, account for total energy ( $T$ ), and develop accounting relationships for embodied energy ( $B$ ). Within the examples, we develop a precise definition for embodied energy and a matrix formulation of the method that can be extended to an arbitrarily large number of economic sectors. Finally, we draw several implications from the development of the new method.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1. Model economy

The model economy employed herein consists of sectors that produce a single product, either an energy product (energy sectors) or other goods and services (non-energy sectors). Economic sectors receive as inputs direct energy ( $E$ ) and materials

152 in which energy is embodied ( $B$ ).<sup>1</sup> Economic sectors emit waste heat ( $Q$ ).

153 *2.2. Direct energy ( $E$ ), indirect (embodied) energy ( $B$ ), and waste heat ( $Q$ )*

154 We distinguish between direct energy resources ( $E$ ), such as coal or oil, and in-  
155 direct energy ( $B$ ) “embodied” in outputs from economic sectors.  $E$  represents the  
156 energetic value of an energy resource (measured as heating value, chemical potential  
157 energy, or exergy). In contrast,  $B$  represents the energy expended in the production  
158 and delivery of goods in the economy, and, as such, measures accumulated upstream  
159 energy consumption from the network of economic sectors within the economy. ‘In-  
160 direct’ energy and ‘embodied’ energy are synonyms. Both  $E$  and  $B$  are measured  
161 in energy units (joules or BTUs). The flow rates of direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) and indirect  
162 energy ( $\dot{B}$ ) among sectors of the economy, the Earth, and society are in units of  
163 power (energy per unit time, J/time or BTU/time).

164 Waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) flows from sectors of the economy and society to the Earth and  
165 its atmosphere, the necessary result of inefficient consumption of direct energy  $E$ .  
166 Like  $\dot{E}$  and  $\dot{B}$ , the units of  $\dot{Q}$  are energy per unit time.

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<sup>1</sup>A formal definition for embodied energy ( $B$ ) is presented in Section 6.4.

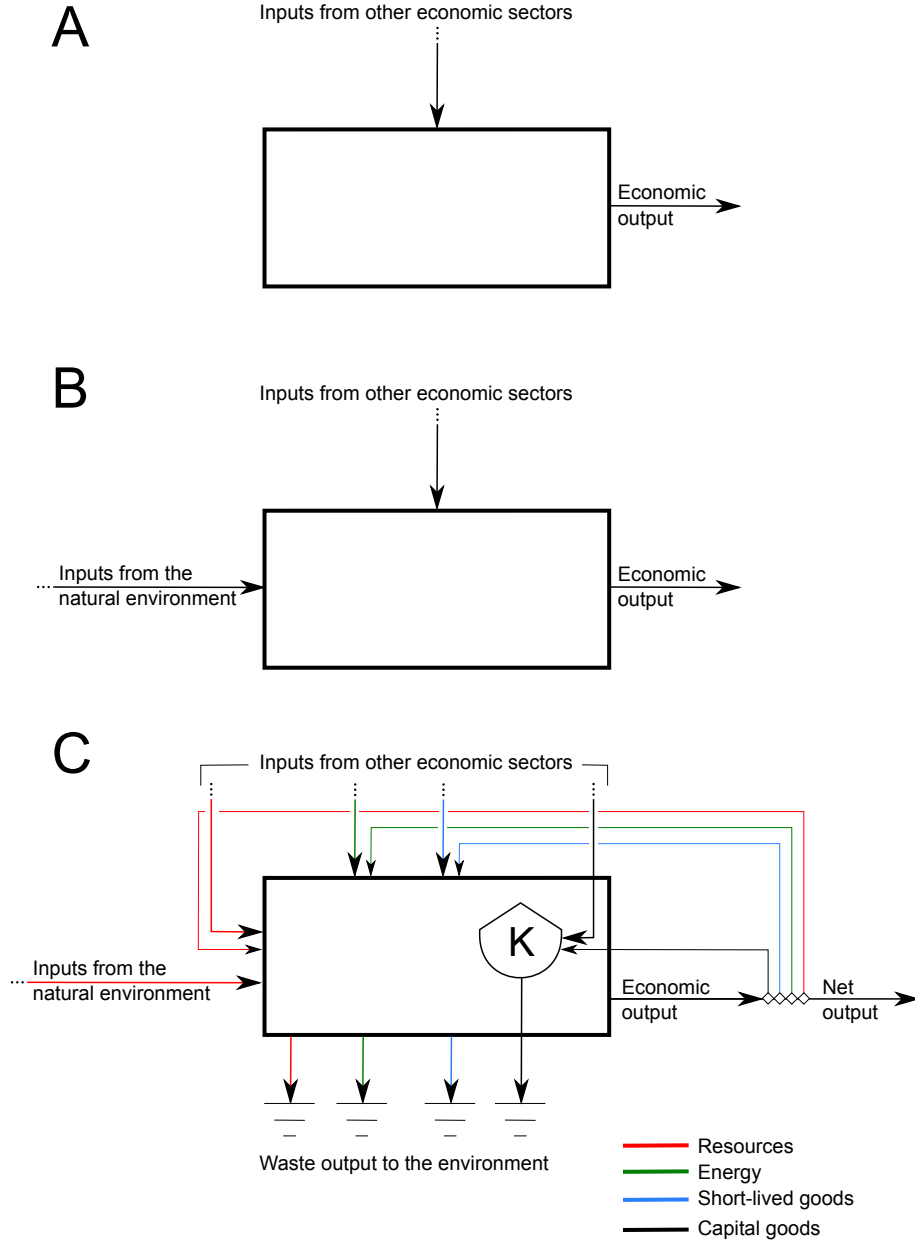


Figure 1: The basic unit of input-output modeling: A) the standard economic approach includes only transactions among sectors of the economy; B) the ecological economics approach models inputs from the natural environment outside the economy as factors of production and; C) the method presented here accounts also for accumulation,  $K$ , of embodied energy within materials in economic sectors.

### 167 2.3. Total energy ( $T$ )

168 Total energy ( $T$ ) is the sum of the direct and indirect (embodied) energy.

$$T \equiv E + B \quad (1)$$

169 In general, the flow rate of total energy among sectors in the economy, the earth,



170 and society is given by

$$\dot{T} = \dot{E} + \dot{B}. \quad (2)$$

171 In some cases, total energy flows may consist of direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) or embodied  
172 energy ( $\dot{B}$ ) exclusively. For example, the flow of extracted crude oil from the earth  
173 consists of direct energy only ( $\dot{B} = 0$  and  $\dot{T} = \dot{E}$ ), because, in this method, no  
174 embodied energy ( $B$ ) has been added to the crude oil until it reaches the downstream  
175 side of the pump. The flow of goods produced by a non-energy sector of the economy  
176 consists of indirect energy only ( $\dot{E} = 0$ , and therefore  $\dot{T} = \dot{B}$ ), because no direct  
177 energy ( $E$ ) is produced by a non-energy sector in this model economy.

178 In other cases, total energy flows may have both direct *and* indirect components.  
179 For example, the flow of refined petroleum from the energy sector has both a direct  
180 energy ( $\dot{E}$ , the energy content of the oil product, usually represented by chemical  
181 potential energy) and embodied energy ( $\dot{B}$ , which accounts for the energy consumed  
182 in upstream processes to extract and refine the crude oil).<sup>2</sup>

183 Single subscripts on  $T$ ,  $E$ , or  $B$  can mean one of two things:  $\dot{T}_i$  indicates the  
184 outflow of total energy from sector  $i$ , whereas  $T_i$  denotes the total energy content of  
185 sector  $i$ . Double subscripts on  $T$ ,  $E$ , or  $B$  (e.g.,  $\dot{T}_{ij}$ ) indicate a flow from sector  $i$  to  
186 sector  $j$ ,<sup>3</sup> in this case for total energy ( $T$ ).

187 The I-O literature Bullard and Herendeen (1975); Herendeen (1978) [REF TO  
188 BULLARD AND HERENDEEN, ETC. HERE –MKH] assumes (a) that steady  
189 state conditions exist (i.e., no accumulation of total energy in economic sectors) and  
190 (b) that flows of total energy ( $\dot{T}$ ) are *conserved*, where by *conserved*, it is meant  
191 that total energy can be neither created nor destroyed. Like the literature, we  
192 assume that total energy is conserved. However, we depart from the literature to  
193 allow durability of goods as represented by total energy accumulation in economic  
194 sectors. Steady state, this approach is not.

195 Total energy may accumulate within an economic sector as stocks of direct energy

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<sup>2</sup>Outputs from agricultural sectors will be similar: both the direct energy component (comprising chemical potential energy) and the embodied energy component will be non-zero.

<sup>3</sup>In the following discussion, the first index always indicates the sector *from* which a quantity flows, and the second index indicates the sector *to* which a quantity flows.

196 materials (piles of coal or tanks of oil) but also as embodied energy in stocks of capital  
 197 goods (e.g. machinery or buildings). The rate of accumulation of total energy ( $\frac{dT}{dt}$ )  
 198 in a sector of the economy, the Earth, or society is given by the time derivative of  
 199 total energy:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{dE}{dt} + \frac{dB}{dt}. \quad (3)$$

200 We note that the definition of total energy (Equation 1) includes direct energy  
 201 ( $E$ ) and embodied energy ( $B$ ) terms. On the other hand, the First Law of Thermo-  
 202 dynamics includes direct energy ( $E$ ) and waste heat ( $Q$ ) terms. The consequence of  
 203 the foregoing difference is that an interesting relationship exists between embodied  
 204 energy ( $B$ ) and waste heat ( $Q$ ). We shall see in the following example that waste  
 205 heat from an economic sector can be considered to contribute to energy embodied  
 206 within the products of that sector.

### 207 **3. Example A: single sector economy**

208 In this section, we present an example economic analysis using a single-sector  
 209 economy wherein the economy and society are merged together.

210 Figure 2 shows a single-sector Economy (represented by “economy/society,” 2)  
 211 that extracts direct energy from the earth ( $\dot{E}_{12}$ ). Direct energy and waste heat flows  
 212 are identified by vectors. No direct energy flows from the economy (2) to the earth  
 213 (1), only waste heat ( $\dot{Q}_{21}$ ).

#### 214 *3.1. First Law of Thermodynamics*

215 Both direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ , such as the energy content of coal, oil, and electricity),  
 216 and waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) are accounted by the First Law of Thermodynamics. Account-  
 217 ing for possible accumulation of direct energy in the economy, the First Law of  
 218 Thermodynamics indicates that

$$\frac{dE_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{12} - \dot{Q}_{21}. \quad (4)$$

219 Aside from, for example, the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, we are not stock-  
 220 piling oil and coal at any meaningful rate, i.e. we consume fossil fuels at a rate equal

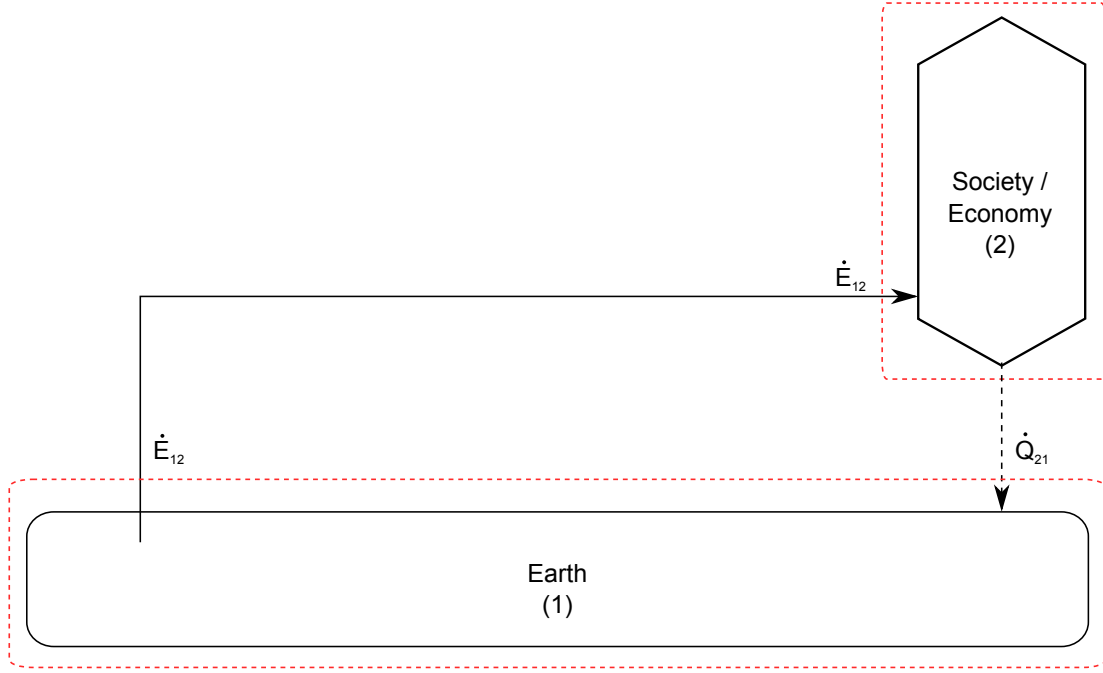


Figure 2: Direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) and waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) flows for a single-sector economy.

221 to the extraction rate. Thus, the world is not accumulating direct energy in the econ-  
 222 omy.<sup>4</sup> (The world *is*, however, accumulating embodied energy in the economy as we  
 223 shall see shortly.) Thus, the accumulation rate for direct energy ( $\frac{dE_2}{dt}$ ) in the above  
 224 equation can be set to zero to obtain

$$0 = \dot{E}_{12} - \dot{Q}_{21}. \quad (5)$$

### 225 3.2. Total energy accounting

226 Figure 3 shows the flows of total energy ( $\dot{T}$ ) through the single-sector economy.

227 We follow the I-O literature in assuming that total energy ( $T$ ) is conserved. The  
 228 I-O literature assumes steady-state operation of the economy with no accumulation  
 229 of embodied energy in the economic sectors. (We will see later how the assumption in  
 230 the literature introduces errors into I-O analyses.) We depart from the I-O literature  
 231 by accounting for both accumulation and depreciation of energy embodied in sectors  
 232 of the economy and society. By doing so, the present analysis does *not* assume a

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<sup>4</sup>A counter-example could be made for nuclear fuels where ‘spent’ fuel represents a large exergetic stockpile, however, this reserve is not (presently) economically useful.

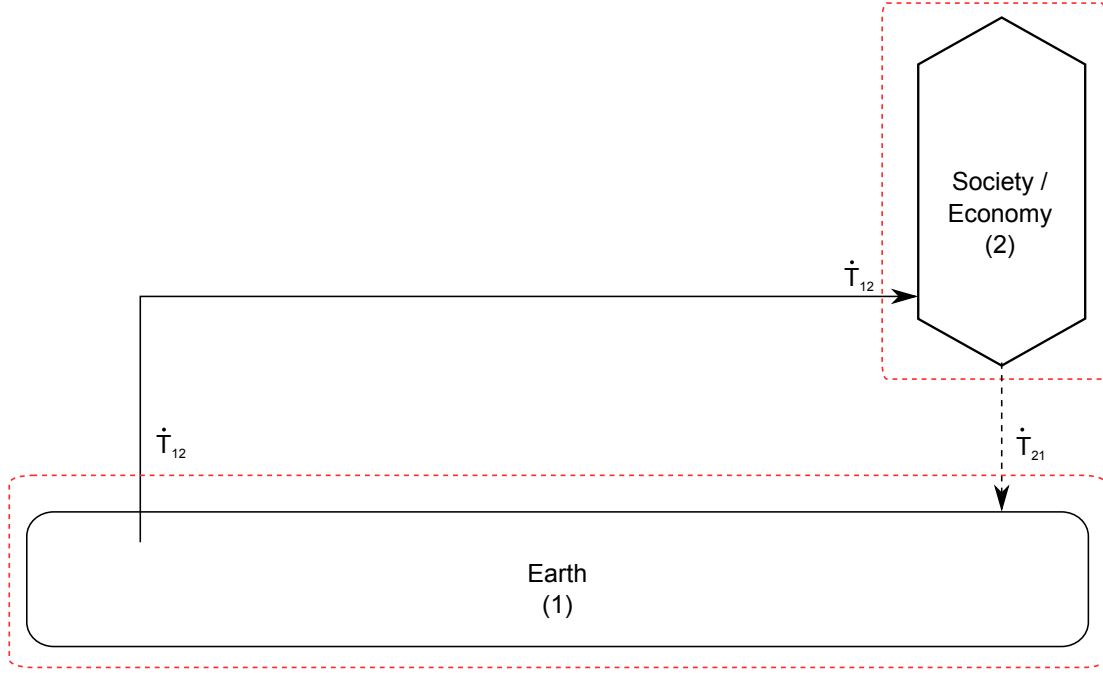


Figure 3: Total Energy Flows ( $\dot{T}$ ) in a Single-sector Economy.

steady-state economy. A total energy accounting around the single-sector economy (2) gives

$$\frac{dT_2}{dt} = \dot{T}_{12} - \dot{T}_{21}. \quad (6)$$

### 3.3. Embodied energy accounting

The First Law of Thermodynamics accounts for both direct energy ( $E$ ) and waste heat ( $Q$ ), whereas total energy ( $T$ ) accounting tracks direct energy ( $E$ ) and embodied energy ( $B$ ). If we substitute the First Law into the total energy accounting equation, we can eliminate direct energy ( $E$ ) to arrive at an embodied energy accounting equation. We begin by expanding the  $T$  terms in Equation 6 using Equations 1 and 2 to obtain

$$\frac{dE_2}{dt} + \frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{12} + \dot{B}_{12} - \dot{E}_{21} - \dot{B}_{21}. \quad (7)$$

Realizing that  $\frac{dE_2}{dt} = 0$  (because direct energy does not accumulate in meaningful amounts in the economy) and  $\dot{E}_{21} = 0$  (because energy is returned to the earth as waste heat, see Figure 2) yields

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{12} + \dot{B}_{12} - \dot{B}_{21}. \quad (8)$$

Equation 8 shows that the accumulation rate of embodied energy in the economy is a function of the inflows of direct and embodied energy less the outflow of embodied energy.

In this example, we substitute<sup>5</sup> Equation 5 into Equation 8 to obtain an embodied energy accounting equation:

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{B}_{12} - \dot{B}_{21}. \quad (9)$$

An important result of Bullard-Herenden-style I-O analyses, historically, has been the quantification of the embodied energy content of economic sector outputs, in this case  $\dot{B}_{21}$ . Equation 8 can be rearranged to give

$$\dot{B}_{21} = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{B}_{12} - \frac{dB_2}{dt}. \quad (10)$$

Equation 10 indicates that the embodied energy content of the product of an economic sector (in this case  $\dot{B}_{21}$ ) can be thought of as the sum of the embodied energy inputs to the sector (in this case  $\dot{B}_{12}$ ) and the waste heat from the sector (in this case  $\dot{Q}_{21}$ ) less the accumulation rate of embodied energy in the sector (in this case  $\frac{dB_2}{dt}$ ). This derivation indicates that waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) plays an important role<sup>6</sup> in Bullard-Herenden-style I-O analyses: the accumulation of waste heat along a production path leads to energy being ‘embodied’ in the output of an economic sector.

In Equation 10 we also see the first indication that the traditional approach of neglecting dynamic effects in I-O analyses may lead to errors. If  $\frac{dB_2}{dt}$  is both neglected and nonzero, calculation of the embodied energy outflow rate ( $\dot{B}_{21}$ ) will be in error.

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<sup>5</sup>We shall encounter this move to substitute the First Law of Thermodynamics into the total energy accounting equation repeatedly below.

<sup>6</sup>To our knowledge, there has been no prior identification of the role of waste heat in Bullard-Herenden-style I-O analyses.

### 265 3.4. Depreciation

266 It is worthwhile to note that  $\dot{B}_{21}$  represents the disposal rate of embodied energy  
 267 from the economy back to the earth, akin to depreciation of physical assets. This  
 268 physical depreciation is different from, but related to, financial depreciation, as  
 269 financial depreciation is usually faster than physical depreciation. Embodied energy  
 270 depreciation ( $\dot{B}_{21}$  in this example) can be represented by a depreciation term such  
 271 as

$$\dot{B}_{21} = \gamma_2 B_2, \quad (11)$$

272 where  $\gamma$  represents the depreciation rate in units of inverse time (e.g., 1/year) with  
 273  $\gamma > 0$ . The depreciation rate ( $\gamma$ ) indicates that a fraction of the total stock of  
 274 embodied energy is disposed over a period of time (e.g.,  $\gamma = 0.05/\text{year}$ ). In the  
 275 absence of other inputs or outputs, this depreciation function provides exponential  
 276 decay of embodied energy ( $B$ ).  $\gamma$  is, in general, a function of time.

277 Equation 11 can be substituted into Equation 9 and rearranged to obtain

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{B}_{12} - \gamma_2 B_2 \quad (12)$$

278 which indicates that the accumulation rate of embodied energy in an economic sector  
 279 (in this case  $\frac{dB_2}{dt}$ ) is equal to the sum of the waste heat rate from the economic sector  
 280 ( $\dot{Q}_{21}$ ) and the inflow rate of embodied energy to the sector ( $\dot{B}_{12}$ ) less the embodied  
 281 energy disposal rate ( $\gamma_2 B_2$ ).

## 282 4. Value ( $X$ ), energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ), and the input-output ratio ( $a$ )

283 We now turn to defining flows of value ( $\dot{X}$ ), energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ), and input-  
 284 output ratios ( $a$ ).

### 285 4.1. Value flows ( $\dot{X}$ )

286 Among sectors of the economy and society, value ( $\dot{X}$ ) flows in the same direction  
 287 as goods, services, and energy, but in the opposite direction from currency payments.  
 288 Typical of the Bullard-Herenden I-O analyses technique [NEED REFERENCE  
 289 HERE –MKH], we allow value flows to be in either monetary units or physical  
 290 units. For non-energy sectors of the economy, value outflows are in currency units

per time (\$/time). For energy-producing sectors, value outflows are in units of J/time or BTU/time.

#### 4.2. Energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ )

Energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ) is the ratio of total energy and value outflow rates from an economic sector, such that for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  economic sector,

$$\varepsilon_j \equiv \frac{\dot{T}_j}{\dot{X}_j}. \quad (13)$$

For goods and services sectors of the economy,  $\varepsilon$  is in units of J/\$, but for energy-producing sectors of the economy, the units of  $\varepsilon$  are J/J. For inter-sector flows, we have

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{\dot{T}_{ij}}{\dot{X}_{ij}}. \quad (14)$$

Furthermore, we note that

$$\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{ij} \quad (15)$$

for all  $j$ , because the energy intensity of a sector's output is the same regardless of its destination. I.e., we assume that all goods produced within a sector are produced at the average energy intensity of that sector.<sup>7</sup>

#### 4.3. Input-output ratios ( $a$ )

We define a parameter  $a_{ij}$  that represents the input of good  $i$  required to produce a unit of output from sector  $j$ .

$$a_{ij} \equiv \frac{\dot{X}_{ij}}{\dot{X}_j} \quad (16)$$

Input-output ratios are given in mixed units, depending on the purpose of each sector of the economy and the type of input as shown in Table 1.

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<sup>7</sup>If this approach is unsatisfactory, the sector may be divided into sub-sectors with different energy intensities.

Table 1: Units for input-output ratios ( $a$ ).

		Output of	
		Non-energy sector	Energy sector
Inputs from	Non-energy sector	$\frac{\$}{\$}$	$\frac{\$}{J}$
	Energy sector	$\frac{J}{\$}$	$\frac{J}{J}$

## 308 5. Example B: a one sector economy with external demand

309 At this point, we move to a second example wherein a single economic sector  
 310 (3) interacts with Society (2, which provides final demand) and the Earth (1, the  
 311 destination for waste heat and the source of all resources). In this economy, we  
 312 assume that the purpose of the goods and services sector is to produce goods and  
 313 provide services, including the provision of direct energy available to the economy  
 314 and society.

### 315 5.1. First Law of Thermodynamics

316 The First Law of Thermodynamics requires that energy (direct and waste heat)  
 317 is conserved around each Sector of the economy (3) as well as around the Earth (1)  
 318 and Society (2) as shown in Figure 4.

319 The First Law around the economic Sector (3) including the accumulation rate  
 320 of direct energy in the sector ( $\frac{dE_3}{dt}$ ) yields

$$\frac{dE_3}{dt} = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{Q}_{31}. \quad (17)$$

321 It is notable that the economic Sector (3) consumes a portion of its own energy  
 322 output ( $\dot{E}_{33}$ ) as it produces its goods and services: it takes energy to make energy.

323 First Law energy accounting around the Earth (1) and Society (2) gives

$$\frac{dE_1}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{E}_{13}, \quad (18)$$

324 and

$$\frac{dE_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{32} - \dot{Q}_{21}. \quad (19)$$



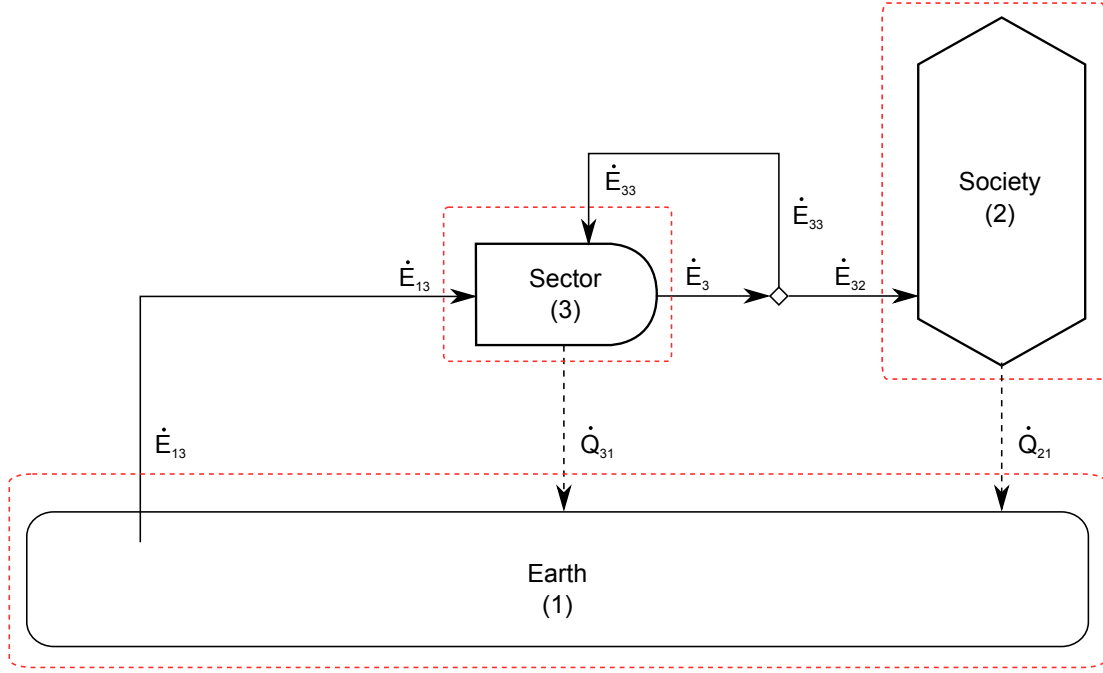


Figure 4: Flows of direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) and waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) in a one-sector economy with separate demand.

325 As in Example A, we can set the accumulation of direct energy within each sector  
 326 to zero to obtain

$$0 = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{Q}_{31}, \quad (20)$$

$$0 = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{E}_{13}, \quad (21)$$

327 and

$$0 = \dot{E}_{32} - \dot{Q}_{21}, \quad (22)$$

### 328 5.2. Total energy accounting

329 Again, we follow the I-O literature in assuming that total energy (i.e., the sum  
 330 of direct energy and indirect energy) is conserved. Thus, we can draw a diagram  
 331 similar to Figure 4 for total energy flows. See Figure 5.

332 Accounting for accumulation of total energy and using the assumption that total  
 333 energy is conserved, we can write the following equations.

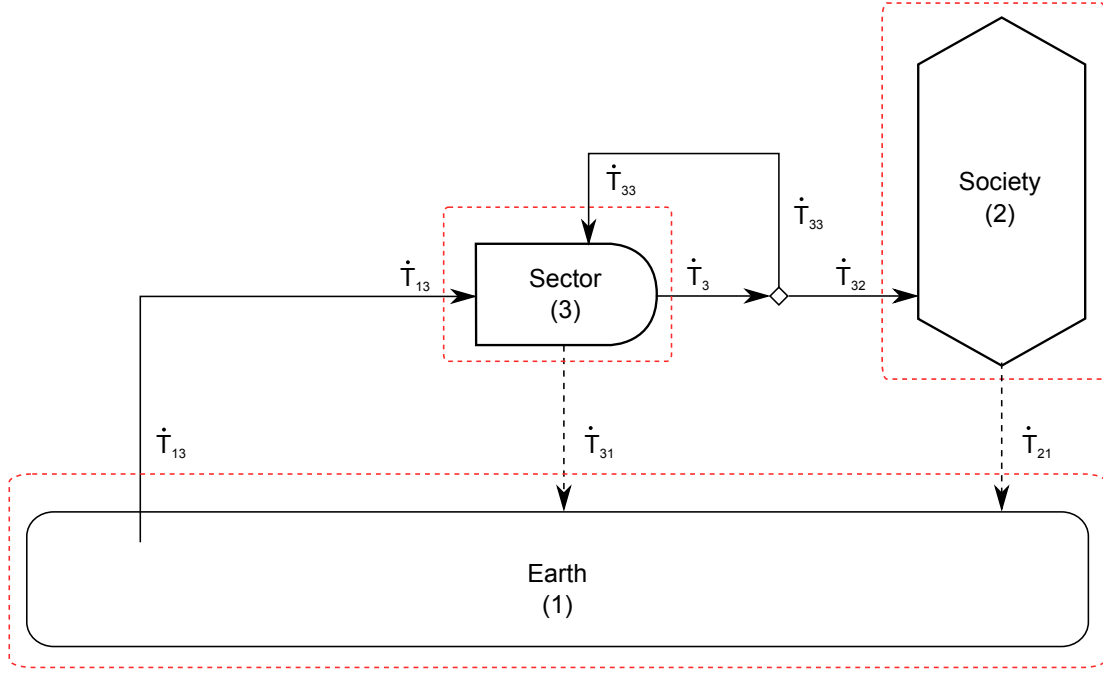


Figure 5: Flows of total energy ( $\dot{T}$ ) in a one-sector economy with separate demand.

$$\frac{dT_1}{dt} = \dot{T}_{21} + \dot{T}_{31} - \dot{T}_{13}, \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{dT_2}{dt} = \dot{T}_{32} - \dot{T}_{21}, \quad (24)$$

and

$$\frac{dT_3}{dt} = \dot{T}_{13} + \dot{T}_{33} - \dot{T}_3 - \dot{T}_{31}. \quad (25)$$

### 5.3. Embodied energy accounting

Given that  $\frac{dE_i}{dt} = 0$  and  $\dot{T} = \dot{E} + \dot{B}$ , we note that

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{dB_i}{dt}, \quad (26)$$

and we can rewrite the total energy accumulation accounting equations as

$$\frac{dB_1}{dt} = \dot{E}_{21} + \dot{B}_{21} + \dot{E}_{31} + \dot{B}_{31} - \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{B}_{13}, \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{B}_{32} - \dot{E}_{21} - \dot{B}_{21}, \quad (28)$$

338 and

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{B}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{B}_{33} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{B}_3 - \dot{E}_{31} - \dot{B}_{31}. \quad (29)$$

339 As in Example A, we can substitute the First Law of Thermodynamics for the  
340 economic Sector (Equation 20) into the total energy accounting equation for the  
341 economic Sector (Equation 29). Assuming that  $\dot{E}_{31} = 0$  (because energy is returned  
342 to the Earth as waste heat, not direct energy), we obtain

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{B}_{13} + \dot{B}_{33} - \dot{B}_{31} \quad (30)$$

343 Similar to Example A, we observe that the accumulation rate of embodied energy  
344 in the Goods and Services sector (3) is the sum of the rates of waste heat from  
345 the sector ( $\dot{Q}_{31}$ ) and embodied energy into the sector ( $\dot{B}_{13} + \dot{B}_{33}$ ) less the rate of  
346 embodied energy leaving the sector on its output stream ( $\dot{B}_{31}$ ).

#### 347 5.4. Depreciation

348 We can substitute a depreciation term for the flow rate of embodied energy from  
349 the economic Sector (3) to the Earth (1) to obtain

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{B}_{13} + \dot{B}_{33} - \gamma_3 B_3. \quad (31)$$

#### 350 5.5. Estimating energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ) of the economy

351 The following figure shows value flows ( $\dot{X}$ ) in the one-sector economy with sep-  
352 arate demand.

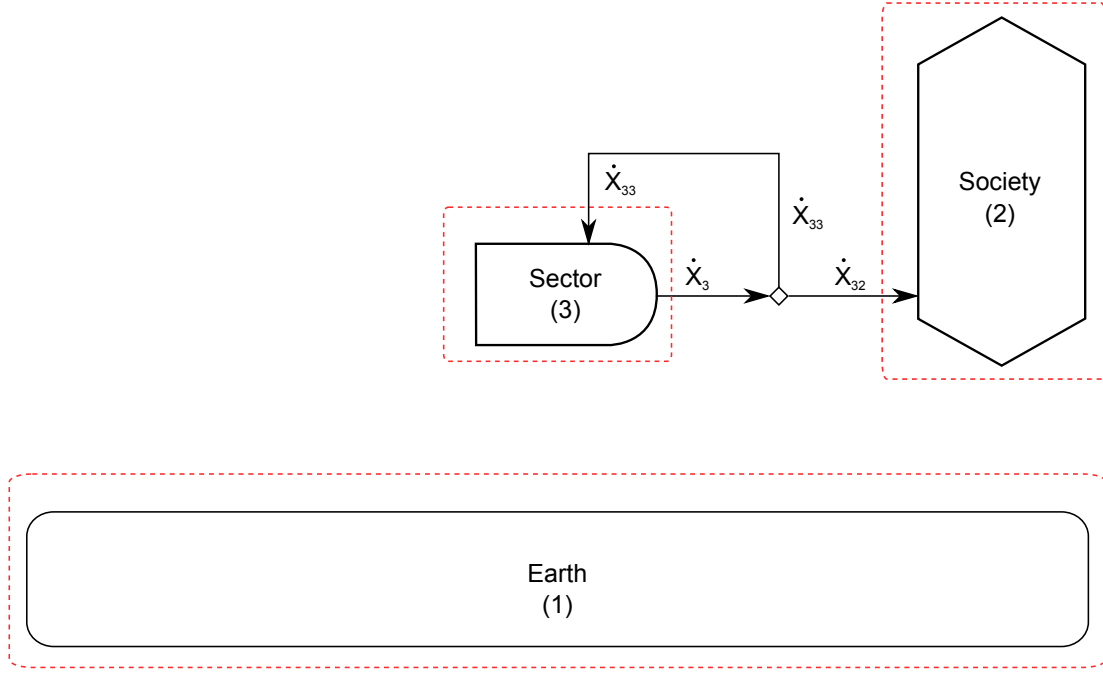


Figure 6: Flows of economic value ( $\dot{X}$ ) in a one-sector economy with separate demand.

353 The energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ) of the economic Sector (3) is given by

$$\varepsilon_3 = \frac{\dot{T}_3}{\dot{X}_3} = \frac{\dot{T}_{33}}{\dot{X}_{33}}. \quad (32)$$

354 The input-output ratio ( $a$ ) for the economic Sector (3) is

$$a_{33} = \frac{\dot{X}_{33}}{\dot{X}_3}. \quad (33)$$

355 Thus,

$$\dot{T}_3 = \varepsilon_3 \dot{X}_3, \quad (34)$$

356 and

$$\dot{T}_{33} = \varepsilon_3 a_{33} \dot{X}_3. \quad (35)$$

357 Realizing that (a)  $\frac{dT_3}{dt} = \frac{dB_3}{dt}$  because  $\frac{dE_3}{dt} = 0$ , (b)  $\dot{T}_{13} = \dot{E}_{13}$  because  $\dot{B}_{13} = 0$   
 358 due to processing of raw energy carriers occurring *within* the economic Sector (3),  
 359 and (c) substituting Equations 34 and 35 into Equation 25 gives

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \varepsilon_3 a_{33} \dot{X}_3 + \dot{E}_{13} - \varepsilon_3 \dot{X}_3 - \gamma_3 B_3. \quad (36)$$

360 We can estimate the energy intensity of the economy by solving Equation 36 for  
 361  $\varepsilon_3$ .

$$\varepsilon_3 = (1 - a_{33})^{-1} \dot{X}_3^{-1} \left[ \dot{E}_{13} - \left( \frac{dB_3}{dt} + \gamma_3 B_3 \right) \right] \quad (37)$$

362 Equation 37 is similar to the typical energy intensity equation found in the I-O  
 363 literature [REFERENCE BULLARD AND OTHERS HERE. –MKH], except that  
 364 Equation 37 applies to a single economic sector and contains scalar (as opposed to  
 365 matrix) terms. Using Example C below, we will derive a matrix representation of  
 366 Equation 37 that is directly comparable to energy intensity equations found in the  
 367 I-O literature.

### 368 5.6. Derivation of economic sector energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ) by a convergent infinite se- 369 ries

370 The single-sector economy of Figures 4 through 6 can be re-drawn as shown in  
 371 Figure 7.

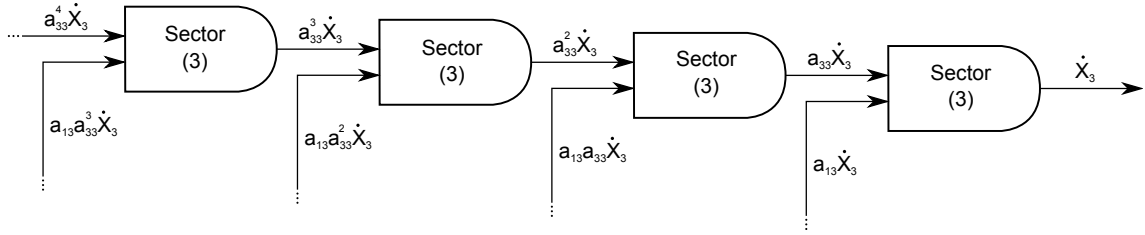


Figure 7: Process flows in a single-sector economy.

372 The economy produces output at a rate of  $\dot{X}_3$ , but it requires energy from the  
 373 Earth ( $\dot{E}_{13} = a_{13} \dot{X}_3$ ) to do so. The economy also consumes a fraction of its own  
 374 gross output ( $\dot{X}_{33} = a_{33} \dot{X}_3$ ). To produce  $a_{33} \dot{X}_3$ , the economy requires an additional  
 375  $a_{13} a_{33} \dot{X}_3$  of energy from the Earth. The total energy required for the economy to  
 376 produce at a rate of  $\dot{X}_3$  is an infinite sum.

$$\dot{E}_{demand} = a_{13} \dot{X}_3 + a_{13} a_{33} \dot{X}_3 + a_{13} a_{33}^2 \dot{X}_3 + \dots \quad (38)$$

377 The energy intensity of the economy ( $\varepsilon_3$ ) is

$$\varepsilon_3 = \frac{\dot{E}_{demand}}{\dot{X}_3} = a_{13}(1 + a_{33} + a_{33}^2) + \dots = a_{13} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{33}^n. \quad (39)$$

378 Realizing that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{33}^n = \frac{1}{1-a_{33}}$  and  $a_{13} = \frac{\dot{E}_{13}}{\dot{X}_3}$  gives

$$\varepsilon_1 = (1 - a_{33})^{-1} \dot{X}^{-1} \dot{E}_{13}. \quad (40)$$

379 Neglecting accumulation of embodied energy in the economy ( $\frac{dB_3}{dt}$ ) and depreci-  
 380 ation ( $\gamma_3 B_3$ ), Equations 37 and 40 are identical (assuming  $\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \gamma_3 = 0$ ), indicating  
 381 that the I-O approach accounts for the infinite recursion of energy demand by the  
 382 economy.

## 383 6. Example C: a two-sector economy

384 We extend single-sector Example B to derive a matrix representation for the I-O  
 385 method that can be generalized to any number of economic sectors. A two-sector  
 386 economy consisting of an Energy sector (3) and a Goods and Services sector (4) is  
 387 considered. Both the Earth (1) and Society (2) are also included. Resources are  
 388 extracted from the Earth (1), and Society (2) provides the final demand for both  
 389 the Goods and Services (4) and the Energy (3) sectors.

### 390 6.1. First Law of Thermodynamics

391 The First Law of Thermodynamics requires that energy is conserved around each  
 392 sector of the economy as well as around the Earth (1) and Society (2) as shown in  
 393 Figure 8.

394 In this economy, we assume that the purpose of the Goods and Services sector  
 395 (4) is to produce goods and provide services, it provides no direct energy to society.  
 396 The purpose of the Energy sector (3) is to make direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) available to the  
 397 economy and society in a useful form. Both direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) (such as chemical  
 398 potential energy in coal, oil, and electricity) and waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) are accounted by  
 399 the First Law of Thermodynamics. The First Law around the Goods and Services  
 400 sector (4) including, for now, the accumulation rate of direct energy in the sector  
 401 ( $\frac{dE_4}{dt}$ ) yields

$$\frac{dE_4}{dt} = \dot{E}_{14} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{E}_{44} - \dot{E}_4 - \dot{Q}_{41}. \quad (41)$$

402 Note that we may simplify Equation 41 by realizing that  $\dot{E}_4 = \dot{E}_{4i} = 0$ , because  
 403 the goods and services sector is assumed to produce no flows of energy, and that

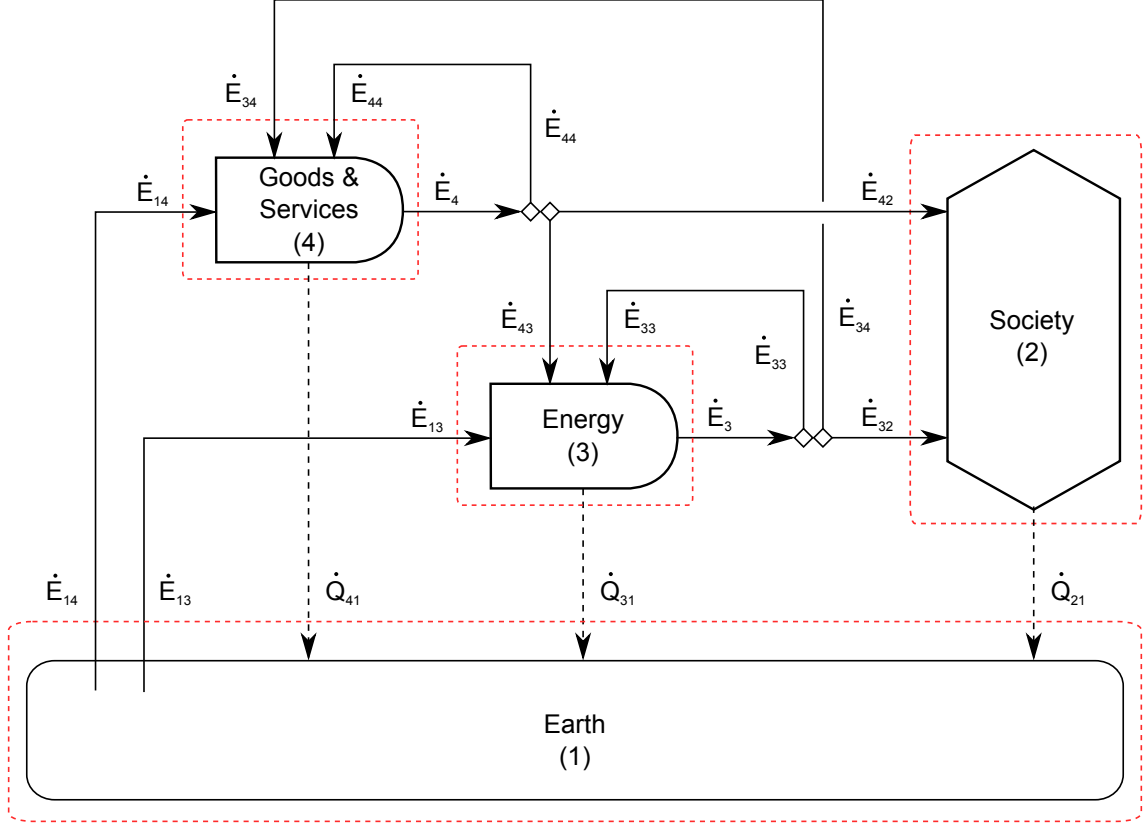


Figure 8: Flows of direct energy ( $\dot{E}$ ) and waste heat ( $\dot{Q}$ ) in a two-sector economy.

404  $\dot{E}_{14} = 0$ , since sector (4) receives no direct energy from the earth, except via the  
 405 energy sector (3), hence:

$$\frac{dE_4}{dt} = \dot{E}_{34} - \dot{Q}_{41}. \quad (42)$$

406 The First Law of Thermodynamics around the Earth (1), Society (2), and the  
 407 Energy sector (3) gives

$$\frac{dE_1}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \dot{E}_{13} - \dot{E}_{14}, \quad (43)$$

$$\frac{dE_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{E}_{42} - \dot{Q}_{21}, \quad (44)$$

408 and

$$\frac{dE_3}{dt} = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{E}_{43} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{Q}_{31}. \quad (45)$$

409 As in Examples A and B, we can set the accumulation of direct energy to zero.

$$0 = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \dot{E}_{13} - \dot{E}_{14} \quad (46)$$

$$0 = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{E}_{42} - \dot{Q}_{21} \quad (47)$$

$$0 = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{E}_{43} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{Q}_{31} \quad (48)$$

and

$$0 = \dot{E}_{14} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{E}_{44} - \dot{E}_4 - \dot{Q}_{41} \quad (49)$$

## 6.2. Total energy accounting

Again, we follow the I-O literature in assuming that total energy (i.e., the sum of direct energy and embodied energy) is conserved. Thus, we can draw a diagram similar to Figure 8 for total energy flows.

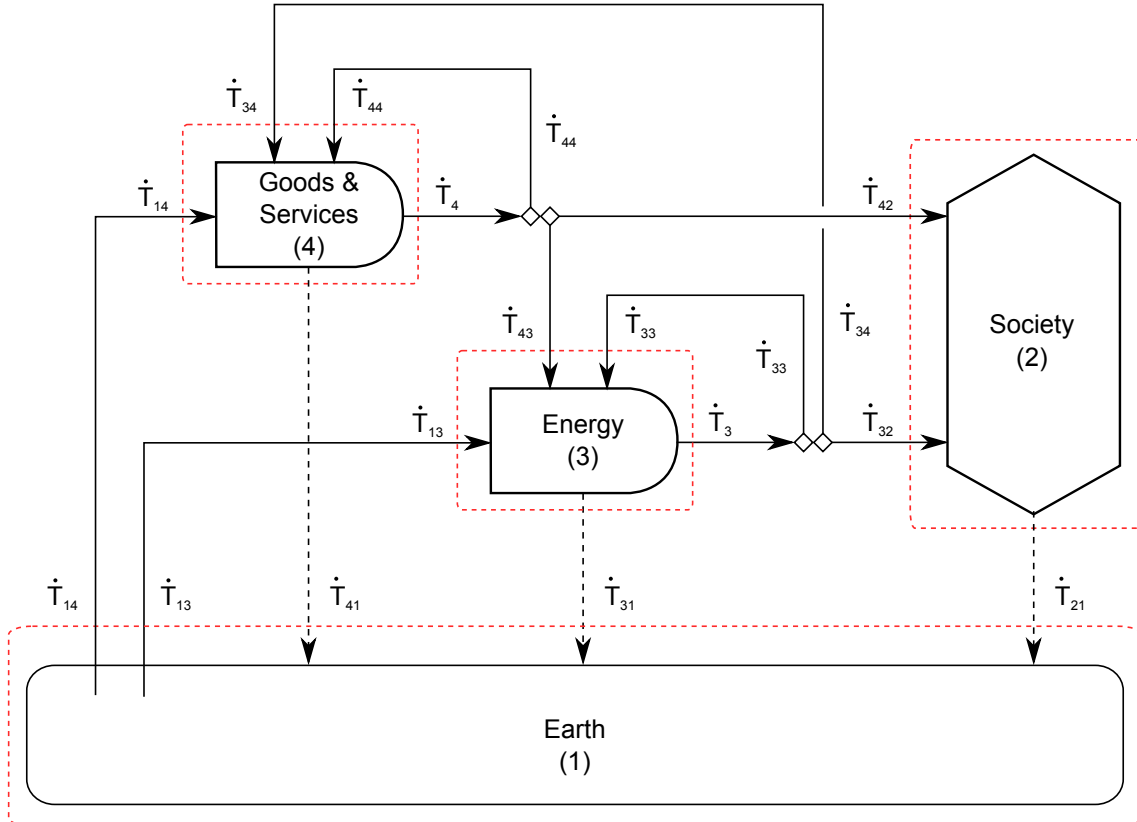


Figure 9: Flows of total energy ( $\dot{T}$ ) in a two-sector economy.

Accounting for accumulation of total energy and using the assumption that total energy is conserved, we can write the following equations.



$$\frac{dT_1}{dt} = \dot{T}_{21} + \dot{T}_{31} + \dot{T}_{41} - \dot{T}_{13} - \dot{T}_{14}, \quad (50)$$

$$\frac{dT_2}{dt} = \dot{T}_{32} + \dot{T}_{42} - \dot{T}_{21}, \quad (51)$$

$$\frac{dT_3}{dt} = \dot{T}_{13} + \dot{T}_{33} + \dot{T}_{43} - \dot{T}_3 - \dot{T}_{31}, \quad (52)$$

417 and

$$\frac{dT_4}{dt} = \dot{T}_{14} + \dot{T}_{34} + \dot{T}_{44} - \dot{T}_4 - \dot{T}_{41}. \quad (53)$$

### 418 6.3. Embodied energy accounting

419 Given that  $\frac{dE_i}{dt} = 0$ , we again note that  $\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{dB_i}{dt}$ . Substituting  $\dot{T} = \dot{E} + \dot{B}$  into  
 420 the total energy accounting equations gives

$$\frac{dB_1}{dt} = \dot{E}_{21} + \dot{B}_{21} + \dot{E}_{31} + \dot{B}_{31} + \dot{E}_{41} + \dot{B}_{41} - \dot{E}_{13} - \dot{B}_{13} - \dot{E}_{14} - \dot{B}_{14}, \quad (54)$$

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{B}_{32} + \dot{E}_{42} + \dot{B}_{42} - \dot{E}_{21} - \dot{B}_{21}, \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{B}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{B}_{33} + \dot{E}_{43} + \dot{B}_{43} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{B}_3 - \dot{E}_{31} - \dot{B}_{31}, \quad (56)$$

421 and

$$\frac{dB_4}{dt} = \dot{E}_{14} + \dot{B}_{14} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{B}_{34} + \dot{E}_{44} + \dot{B}_{44} - \dot{E}_4 - \dot{B}_4 - \dot{E}_{41} - \dot{B}_{41}. \quad (57)$$

422 Substituting the First Law of Thermodynamics (Equations 46 through 49) into  
 423 the total energy accounting equations (Equations 54 through 57) gives embodied  
 424 energy accounting equations for Example C.

$$\frac{dB_1}{dt} = \dot{B}_{21} + \dot{B}_{31} + \dot{B}_{41} - \dot{B}_{13} - \dot{B}_{14} - \dot{Q}_{21} - \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{Q}_{41} \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{B}_{32} + \dot{B}_{42} + \dot{Q}_{21} - \dot{B}_{21} \quad (59)$$

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \dot{B}_{13} + \dot{B}_{33} + \dot{B}_{43} + \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{B}_3 - \dot{B}_{31} \quad (60)$$

$$\frac{dB_4}{dt} = \dot{B}_{14} + \dot{B}_{34} + \dot{B}_{44} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \dot{B}_4 - \dot{B}_{41} \quad (61)$$

425 To verify the above derivation, we sum Equations 58 through 61 and use the  
426 following identities:

$$\dot{B}_3 = \dot{B}_{32} + \dot{B}_{33} + \dot{B}_{34} \quad (62)$$

427 and

$$\dot{B}_4 = \dot{B}_{42} + \dot{B}_{43} + \dot{B}_{44}; \quad (63)$$

428 to obtain

$$\frac{dB_1}{dt} + \frac{dB_2}{dt} + \frac{dB_3}{dt} + \frac{dB_4}{dt} = 0 \quad (64)$$

429 as expected. The total embodied energy content of the system (Earth (1), Society  
430 (2), Energy sector (3), and Goods and Services sector (4)) is constant with respect  
431 to time.

#### 432 6.4. Definition of embodied energy ( $\dot{B}$ )

433 At this point we can develop a rigorous definition of embodied energy. To do so,  
434 we use the Goods and Services sector (4) from Example C. Direct energy accounting  
435 around the Goods and Services sector (Figure 8) yields

$$\frac{dE_4}{dt} = \dot{E}_{14} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{E}_{44} - \dot{E}_4 - \dot{Q}_{41}, \quad (65)$$

436 Total energy accounting around the Goods and Services sector (Figure 9) yields

$$\frac{dT_4}{dt} = \dot{T}_{14} + \dot{T}_{34} + \dot{T}_{44} - \dot{T}_4 + \dot{T}_{41}, \quad (66)$$

437 Solving the direct energy equation (Equation 65) for the rate of direct energy  
438 input from the Energy sector (3) to the Goods and Services sector (4), namely  $\dot{E}_{34}$ ,  
439 substituting into the total energy equation (Equation 66), solving the result for  $\dot{B}_4$ ,

440 and assuming that no direct energy is wasted by the Goods and Services sector (4)  
 441 to the Earth (1), i.e.  $\dot{E}_{41} = 0$ , yields

$$\dot{B}_4 = \dot{B}_{14} + \dot{B}_{34} + \dot{B}_{44} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \frac{dB_4}{dt} - \dot{B}_{41}. \quad (67)$$

442 Written generally, we obtain a formal definition for embodied energy output from  
 443 an economic sector:

$$\dot{B}_j \equiv \sum_i \dot{B}_{ij} - \frac{dB_j}{dt} - \dot{B}_{j1} + \dot{Q}_{j1}. \quad (68)$$

444 Rearranging, we obtain

$$\frac{dB_j}{dt} = \sum_i \dot{B}_{ij} - \dot{B}_j - \dot{B}_{j1} + \dot{Q}_{j1}. \quad (69)$$

445 In words, the rate of accumulation of embodied energy in a sector of the economy  
 446 ( $\frac{dB_j}{dt}$ ) is equal to the sum of the rates of input of embodied energy into the sector  
 447 ( $\sum_i \dot{B}_{ij}$ ) less the rate of useful output of embodied energy from the sector ( $\dot{B}_j$ ) less  
 448 the rate of wasting embodied energy by the sector ( $\dot{B}_{j1}$ ) *plus* the rate of waste heat  
 449 from the sector ( $\dot{Q}_{j1}$ ). The first three terms on the right side of the equation are  
 450 expected: accumulation is the difference between inflow and outflow rates. However,  
 451 we see that the last term ( $+\dot{Q}_{j1}$ ) in the above equations indicates that waste heat is  
 452 *additive* to both accumulation of embodied energy in a sector of the economy (Equa-  
 453 tion 69) and outflow of embodied energy from a sector of the economy (Equation  
 454 68). Furthermore, because the waste heat appears in the embodied energy output  
 455 from a sector, waste heat accumulates along each step of a process such that the  
 456 energy embodied in a finished product is the *sum* of waste heats along a process  
 457 path.

## 458 6.5. Depreciation

459 [SOMEWHERE WE NEED TO DISCUSS THE  $\dot{S}_{i1}$  TERMS]

460 The terms  $\dot{B}_{21}$ ,  $\dot{B}_{31}$ , and  $\dot{B}_{41}$  represent material depreciation (i.e., disposal) rates.  
 461 As before, we can represent the embodied energy content of material depreciation  
 462 as  $\dot{B}_{i1} = \gamma_i B_i$  to obtain

$$\frac{dB_1}{dt} = \gamma_2 B_2 + \gamma_3 B_3 + \gamma_4 B_4 - \dot{B}_{13} - \dot{B}_{14} - \dot{Q}_{21} - \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{Q}_{41} \quad (70)$$

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = \dot{B}_{32} + \dot{B}_{42} + \dot{Q}_{21} - \gamma_2 B_2 \quad (71)$$

$$\frac{dB_3}{dt} = \dot{B}_{13} + \dot{B}_{33} + \dot{B}_{43} + \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{B}_3 - \gamma_3 B_3 \quad (72)$$

$$\frac{dB_4}{dt} = \dot{B}_{14} + \dot{B}_{34} + \dot{B}_{44} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \dot{B}_4 - \gamma_4 B_4 \quad (73)$$

## 463 6.6. Final demand

464 Society's demand vector for total energy,  $\dot{T}$ , can be written as

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\dot{T}} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{T}_{32} \\ \dot{T}_{42} \end{Bmatrix}. \quad (74)$$

465 In terms of total energy, the ultimate demand ( $Y_{\dot{T}}$ ) is given by

$$Y_{\dot{T}} = \sum_{i=3}^N \dot{T}_{i2} = \dot{T}_{32} + \dot{B}_{42}. \quad (75)$$

466 after realizing that  $\dot{E}_{42} = 0$ .

467 [IS THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IN THE RIGHT PLACE?]

468 We acknowledge that there are examples in the real economy which run counter  
 469 to this model, where output from non-energy sectors are valued for their energetic  
 470 content, one example being agriculture. "Direct" energy inputs also flow in the  
 471 opposite direction in the form of labor, which we also neglect. This will serve to  
 472 introduce errors which will be small for industrial economies and larger for less  
 473 industrial societies. To illustrate this we may compare the United States with India.  
 474 To feed an adult requires around 2000 kcal/day  $\approx 3$  GJ/yr. To feed the whole  $\sim 300$   
 475 million population of the States requires around  $1 \times 10^{18}$  J (1 EJ) which is around  
 476 1% of the roughly 100 EJ of primary energy supply. The US labor force currently  
 477 stands at around 240 million. Given that a human can supply around 100 W of  
 478 power and assuming an 8 hour work day, the US labor force will supply 70 TWh/yr  
 479  $\approx 0.25$  EJ. For India, the energy to food to feed 1.25 billion people is nearly 4 EJ  
 480 which is around 15% of the  $\sim 25$  EJ of primary energy consumed. Assuming that  
 481 the labor force makes up 500 million people working at 12 hours per day, the energy  
 482 supplied by labor is around 0.8 EJ or around 3% of the total primary energy. As

such, we can see that food energy accounts for around 1% of primary energy in the US and around 15% in India. Similarly, the labor inputs account for around 0.25% in the US and around 3% in India. The implication of including or omitting these flows is different in each case. Our assumptions introduce small errors for industrial societies where most of the world's energy is consumed.

Using  $\dot{T}_{32} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{B}_{32}$  and rearranging Equation 75 gives

$$\dot{B}_{32} + \dot{B}_{42} = Y_{\dot{T}} - \dot{E}_{32}. \quad (76)$$

Substituting Equation 76 into Equation 71 yields

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = Y_{\dot{T}} - \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{Q}_{21} - \gamma_2 B_2. \quad (77)$$

Substituting Equation 47 into Equation 77 and realizing that  $\dot{E}_{42} = 0$  because direct energy is supplied to society by the energy sector only, we obtain

$$\frac{dB_2}{dt} = Y_{\dot{T}} - \gamma_2 B_2, \quad (78)$$

[IT WOULD BE GOOD TO FIND SOME VERY ROUGH DATA FOR THIS VALUE, E.G. WHAT IS THE AVERAGE LIFETIME OF MANUFACTURED GOODS - INCLUDING PACKAGING AND NON-CONSUMER GOODS. WHAT IS THE BALANCE OF NON-DURABLE VS. DURABLE GOODS? WHAT PROPORTION OF GOODS (E.G. FOOD) IS WASTED BEFORE EVER BEING CONSUMED?]

[I AGREE. HOW? -MKH]

indicating that the final demand vector for total energy ( $Y_{\dot{T}}$ ) and the accumulation rate of energy in society ( $\frac{dB_2}{dt}$ ) differ by the rate of disposal from society ( $\gamma_2 B_2$ ). We note that as total embodied energy in society ( $B_2$ ) becomes increasingly large, we need an ever-increasing rate of energy supplied to the society ( $Y_{\dot{T}}$ ) to maintain positive growth ( $\frac{dB_2}{dt}$ ). [MAIN POINT THAT MUST BE DISCUSSED IN FURTHER DETAIL LATER, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO INCREASING GDP NOT NECESSARILY SIGNALING INCREASING ACCUMULATION OR GROWTH.]

## 6.7. *Flows of Value ( $\dot{X}$ )*

The following figure shows value flows ( $\dot{X}$ ) in the two-sector economy.

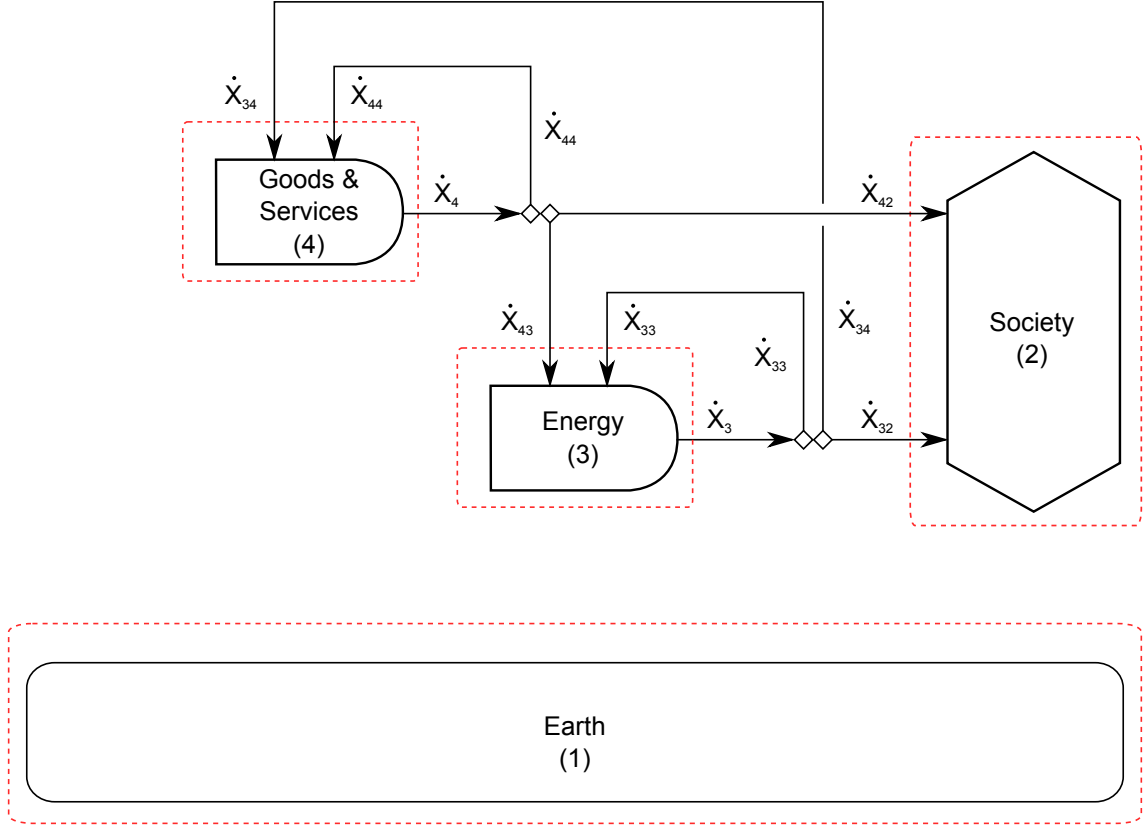


Figure 10: Flows of economic value ( $\dot{X}$ ) in a two-sector economy.

508 Realizing that the valuable output from energy sectors is direct energy,  $\dot{X}_3 = \dot{E}_3$   
 509 and  $\dot{X}_{3j} = \dot{E}_{3j}$ . Thus, outputs from energy sectors are given in energy units (joules  
 510 or BTUs).

511 Written in terms of value flows, the ultimate demand vector ( $\mathbf{Y}$ ) is given by

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\dot{X}} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{X}_{32} \\ \dot{X}_{42} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (79)$$

512 and the total value demand from society ( $Y$ ) is

$$Y_{\dot{X}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \dot{X}_{i2} = \dot{X}_{32} + \dot{X}_{42}. \quad (80)$$

### 513 6.8. Matrix Formulation

514 We can use Equations 13 through 15 to rewrite Equations ?? and ?? as

$$\dot{X}_{33}\varepsilon_3 + \dot{X}_{43}\varepsilon_4 + \dot{E}_{13} - \frac{dB_3}{dt} - \gamma_3 B_3 = \dot{X}_3\varepsilon_3 \quad (81)$$

515 and

$$\dot{X}_{34}\varepsilon_3 + \dot{X}_{44}\varepsilon_4 + \dot{E}_{14} - \frac{dB_4}{dt} - \gamma_4 B_4 = \dot{X}_4\varepsilon_4. \quad (82)$$

516 We can rewrite Equations 81 and 82 in matrix notation with the following defi-  
517 nitions:

$$\varepsilon = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (83)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{E}_{13} \\ \dot{E}_{14} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (84)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{dB_3}{dt} \\ \frac{dB_4}{dt} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (85)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{Bmatrix} B_3 \\ B_4 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (86)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (87)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} & \dot{X}_{34} \\ \dot{X}_{43} & \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (88)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \delta_{ij}\dot{X}_j = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (89)$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \delta_{ij}\gamma_j, \quad (90)$$

518 [CAN WE MAKE THIS EQUATION EXPLICIT]

519 and

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad (91)$$

520 such that:

$$\mathbf{X}_t^T \varepsilon + \mathbf{E} - \left( \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B} \right) = \hat{\mathbf{X}}\varepsilon. \quad (92)$$

521 Additional relationships that will be helpful later include (derived in Appendix):

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}^{-1}\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{A}^T, \quad (93)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_t^T - \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{I}), \quad (94)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T), \quad (95)$$

522 and

$$\left(\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T\right)^{-1} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{X}}^{-1}. \quad (96)$$

523 *6.9. Estimating  $\varepsilon$  and  $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$*

524 With Equation 92, we can solve for either the energy accumulation vector ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ )  
525 or the energy intensity vector ( $\varepsilon$ ), but not both.

526 Solving for the accumulation vector gives

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = (\mathbf{X}_t^T - \hat{\mathbf{X}})\varepsilon + \mathbf{E} - \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}. \quad (97)$$

527 Finally, we can substitute Equation 94 which gives

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{I})\varepsilon + \mathbf{E} - \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}, \quad (98)$$

528 which allows estimation of the embodied energy accumulation in economic sectors  
529 ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ ) knowing only sector outputs ( $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$ ), sector input-output ratios ( $\mathbf{A}$ ), sector energy  
530 intensities ( $\varepsilon$ ), energy input to the economy ( $\mathbf{E}$ ), and sector physical depreciation  
531 rates ( $\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{b}$ ). In theory, the transaction matrix ( $\mathbf{X}_t$ ) is not required if the input-output  
532 ratios ( $\mathbf{A}$ ) are known, though in reality, knowledge of input-output ratios would be  
533 derived from the transaction matrix  $\mathbf{X}_t$ .

534 Solving for the energy intensity vector gives

$$\varepsilon = (\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T)^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{E} - \left( \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B} \right) \right]. \quad (99)$$

535 Substituting Equation 96 gives



$$\varepsilon = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{E} - \left( \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B} \right) \right], \quad (100)$$

which allows estimation of the energy intensity of economic sectors ( $\varepsilon$ ) knowing only sector input-output ratios ( $\mathbf{A}$ ), sector outputs ( $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$ ), energy input to the economy ( $\mathbf{E}$ ), sector embodied energy accumulation rates ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ ), and sector physical depreciation rates ( $\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}$ ).

Comparison of Equations ?? and 100 shows the similarities between the single-sector algebraic formulation and the multi-sector matrix formulation of the I-O analysis method. This newly developed multi-sector matrix formulation can be extended to any desired level of economic and energy sector disaggregation as shown by Bullard (1975, 1978) and others.

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## 7. Example D: a two-sector economy with durable and non-durable goods

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We now extend the two-sector economy from Example C by distinguishing between flows from sector  $i$  into sector  $j$  which are being processed—such as the tailor’s cloth and thread, to use Georgescu-Roegen’s example—and are destined to leave in the products of that sector,  $\dot{T}_j$  (except for some proportion of wastage) and flows which are doing the processing—the tailor’s needle and labor. The processed flows we term *resource* flows,  $\dot{R}_{ij}$  and may comprise either direct energy or energy embodied in goods or services. We assume that these do not accumulate within a sector, such that  $\frac{dR}{dt} = 0$ .

We also introduce a distinction between two types of embodied energy flows: short-lived, non-durable goods (S), such as packaging, newspapers or the embodied energy content of direct energy flows and long-lived, durable goods (L), such as appliances, capital equipment, roads or buildings. In reality, (as the names suggest) the distinction between short- and long-lived goods is really one of degree rather than a difference in kind such that the distribution in lifetime of goods stretches from a matter of hours or days for some intermediate goods right up to thousands of years for some structures still in use today Leask and Fyall (2012). We assume

564 that there is no accumulation of short-lived goods within the economy or society,  
 565 such that  $\frac{dS}{dt} = 0$ .

566 These flows are shown in Figure XXXX for our two sector economy. Resource  
 567 flows enter into the sector from the left and products leave from the right, processing  
 568 flows enter from the top and waste flows leave from the bottom. We may now define  
 569 the following relationships:

$$B_j \equiv S_j + L_j = L_j \quad (101)$$

$$\frac{dB_j}{dt} = \frac{dS_j}{dt} + \frac{dL_j}{dt} = \frac{dL_j}{dt} \quad (102)$$

570 We assume that all non-resource, energy flows  $\dot{E}_{ij}$  are degraded to waste heat  
 571  $\dot{Q}_{j1}$  by the processes of the sector, such that:

$$\sum_i \dot{E}_{ij} = \dot{Q}_{j1} \quad (103)$$

572 Similarly, we assume that all short-lived embodied energy flows  $\dot{S}_{ij}$  are degraded  
 573 to waste  $\dot{S}_{j1}$  by the processes of the sector, such that:

$$\sum_i \dot{S}_{ij} = \dot{S}_{j1} \quad (104)$$

574 Since long-lived embodied energy flows,  $\dot{L}_{ij}$  may accumulate with a sector, we  
 575 can define that:

$$\sum_i \dot{L}_{ij} = \dot{L}_{j1} + \frac{dL_j}{dt} \quad (105)$$

### 576 7.1. First Law of Thermodynamics

577 As before, the First Law of Thermodynamics requires that energy is conserved  
 578 around each sector of the economy as well as around the Earth (1) and Society (2)  
 579 as shown in Figure ??.

580 The First Law of Thermodynamics around the Earth (1), Society (2), the Energy  
 581 sector (3) and Goods and Services sector (4) gives

$$\frac{dE_1}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \dot{E}_{13} - \dot{E}_{14}, \quad (106)$$

$$\frac{dE_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{E}_{42} - \dot{Q}_{21}, \quad (107)$$

$$\frac{dE_3}{dt} = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{E}_{43} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{Q}_{31}. \quad (108)$$

582 and

$$\frac{dE_4}{dt} = \dot{E}_{14} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{E}_{44} - \dot{E}_4 - \dot{Q}_{41}. \quad (109)$$

583 As in Examples A and B, we can set the accumulation of direct energy to zero.

$$0 = \dot{Q}_{21} + \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{Q}_{41} - \dot{E}_{13} - \dot{E}_{14} \quad (110)$$

$$0 = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{E}_{42} - \dot{Q}_{21} \quad (111)$$

$$0 = \dot{E}_{13} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{E}_{43} - \dot{E}_3 - \dot{Q}_{31} \quad (112)$$

584 and

$$0 = \dot{E}_{14} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{E}_{44} - \dot{E}_4 - \dot{Q}_{41} \quad (113)$$

## 585 7.2. Total energy accounting

586 Accounting for accumulation of total energy and using the assumption that total  
587 energy is conserved, we can write the following equations.

$$\frac{dT_1}{dt} = \dot{T}_{21} + \dot{T}_{31} + \dot{T}_{41} - \dot{T}_{13} - \dot{T}_{14}, \quad (114)$$

$$\frac{dT_2}{dt} = \dot{T}_{32} + \dot{T}_{42} - \dot{T}_{21}, \quad (115)$$

$$\frac{dT_3}{dt} = \dot{T}_{13} + \dot{T}_{33} + \dot{T}_{43} - \dot{T}_3 - \dot{T}_{31}, \quad (116)$$

588 and

$$\frac{dT_4}{dt} = \dot{T}_{14} + \dot{T}_{34} + \dot{T}_{44} - \dot{T}_4 - \dot{T}_{41}. \quad (117)$$

589 7.3. Embodied energy accounting

590 Given that  $\frac{dE_i}{dt} = \frac{dR_i}{dt} = \frac{dS_i}{dt} = 0$ , we note that  $\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{dL_i}{dt}$ . Substituting  $\dot{T} =$   
 591  $\dot{R} + \dot{E} + \dot{S} + \dot{L}$  into the total energy accounting equations gives

$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} = \dot{E}_{21} + \dot{S}_{21} + \dot{L}_{21} + \dot{R}_{31} + \dot{E}_{31} + \dot{S}_{31} + \dot{L}_{31} + \dot{R}_{41} + \dot{E}_{41} + \dot{S}_{41} + \dot{L}_{41} - \dot{R}_{13} - \dot{R}_{14}, \quad (118)$$

$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{S}_{32} + \dot{L}_{32} + \dot{E}_{42} + \dot{S}_{42} + \dot{L}_{42} - \dot{E}_{21} - \dot{S}_{21} - \dot{L}_{21}, \quad (119)$$

$$\frac{dL_3}{dt} = \dot{R}_{13} + \dot{R}_{33} + \dot{E}_{33} + \dot{S}_{33} + \dot{L}_{33} + \dot{R}_{43} + \dot{E}_{43} + \dot{S}_{43} + \dot{L}_{43} - \dot{T}_3 - \dot{R}_{31} - \dot{E}_{31} - \dot{S}_{31} - \dot{L}_{31}, \quad (120)$$

592 and

$$\frac{dL_4}{dt} = \dot{R}_{14} + \dot{R}_{34} + \dot{E}_{34} + \dot{S}_{34} + \dot{L}_{34} + \dot{R}_{44} + \dot{E}_{44} + \dot{S}_{44} + \dot{L}_{44} - \dot{T}_4 - \dot{R}_{41} - \dot{E}_{41} - \dot{S}_{41} - \dot{L}_{41}. \quad (121)$$

593 Substituting the First Law of Thermodynamics (Equations 110 through 113) into  
 594 the total energy accounting equations (Equations 118 through 121) gives embodied  
 595 energy accounting equations for Example D.

$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} = \dot{S}_{21} + \dot{L}_{21} + \dot{R}_{31} + \dot{S}_{31} + \dot{L}_{31} + \dot{R}_{41} + \dot{S}_{41} + \dot{L}_{41} - \dot{Q}_{21} - \dot{Q}_{31} - \dot{Q}_{41} \quad (122)$$

$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = \dot{S}_{32} + \dot{L}_{32} + \dot{S}_{42} + \dot{L}_{42} + \dot{Q}_{21} - \dot{S}_{21} - \dot{L}_{21} \quad (123)$$

$$\frac{dL_3}{dt} = \dot{S}_{33} + \dot{L}_{33} + \dot{S}_{43} + \dot{L}_{43} + \dot{Q}_{31} + \dot{E}_3 - \dot{T}_3 - \dot{R}_{31} - \dot{S}_{31} - \dot{L}_{31} \quad (124)$$

$$\frac{dL_4}{dt} = \dot{S}_{34} + \dot{L}_{34} + \dot{S}_{44} + \dot{L}_{44} + \dot{Q}_{41} + \dot{E}_4 - \dot{T}_4 - \dot{R}_{41} - \dot{S}_{41} - \dot{L}_{41} \quad (125)$$

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#### 597 7.4. Depreciation

598 The term  $\dot{B}_{i1}$  represents material depreciation (i.e., disposal) rates. There are  
 599 two components to this disposal of embodied energy: the first is disposal of short-  
 600 lived goods,  $S_{i1}$ , the second is depreciation of long-lived capital,  $L_{i1} = \gamma_i L_i$ . We  
 601 may now substitute these into equation ?? to obtain:

$$\frac{dL_i}{dt} = \sum_j \dot{B}_{ji} - \dot{B}_i - \dot{S}_{i1} - \gamma_i L_i + \dot{Q}_{i1} \quad (126)$$

#### 602 7.5. Final demand

603 Society's demand vector for total energy,  $\dot{T}$ , can again be written as

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\dot{T}} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{T}_{32} \\ \dot{T}_{42} \end{Bmatrix}. \quad (127)$$

604 In terms of total energy, the ultimate demand ( $Y_{\dot{T}}$ ) is given by

$$Y_{\dot{T}} = \sum_{i=3}^N \dot{T}_{i2} = \dot{T}_{32} + \dot{B}_{42} = \dot{T}_{32} + \dot{S}_{42} + \dot{L}_{42}. \quad (128)$$

605 after realizing that  $\dot{E}_{42} = 0$ .

606 Using  $\dot{T}_{32} = \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{S}_{32} + \dot{L}_{32}$  and rearranging Equation 128 gives

$$\dot{S}_{32} + \dot{L}_{32} + \dot{S}_{42} + \dot{L}_{42} = Y_{\dot{T}} - \dot{E}_{32}. \quad (129)$$

607 Substituting Equation 129 into Equation ?? yields

$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = Y_{\dot{T}} - \dot{E}_{32} + \dot{Q}_{21} - \dot{S}_{21} - \gamma_2 L_2. \quad (130)$$

608 Substituting Equation 47 into Equation 130 and realizing that  $\dot{E}_{42} = 0$  because  
 609 direct energy is supplied to society by the energy sector only, we obtain

$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = Y_{\dot{T}} - \dot{S} - 21 - \gamma_2 L_2, \quad (131)$$

610 indicating that the final demand vector for total energy ( $Y_{\dot{T}}$ ) and the accumulation  
 611 rate of energy in society ( $\frac{dL_2}{dt}$ ) differ by the rate of disposal from society ( $\gamma_2 L_2$ ).  
 612 We note that as total embodied energy in society ( $B_2$ ) becomes increasingly large,  
 613 we need an ever-increasing rate of energy supplied to the society ( $Y_{\dot{T}}$ ) to maintain  
 614 positive growth ( $\frac{dL_2}{dt}$ ).

## 615 7.6. Flows of Value ( $\dot{X}$ )

616 The following figure shows value flows ( $\dot{X}$ ) in the two-sector economy.

617 Realizing that the valuable output from energy sectors is direct energy,  $\dot{X}_3 = \dot{E}_3$   
 618 and  $\dot{X}_{3j} = \dot{E}_{3j}$ . Thus, outputs from energy sectors are given in energy units (joules  
 619 or BTUs).

620 Written in terms of value flows, the ultimate demand vector ( $\mathbf{Y}$ ) is given by

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\dot{X}} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{X}_{32} \\ \dot{X}_{42} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (132)$$

621 and the total value demand from society ( $Y$ ) is

$$Y_{\dot{X}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \dot{X}_{i2} = \dot{X}_{32} + \dot{X}_{42}. \quad (133)$$

## 622 7.7. Matrix Formulation

623 We can use Equations 13 through 15 to rewrite Equations ?? and ?? as

$$\dot{X}_{33}\varepsilon_3 + \dot{X}_{43}\varepsilon_4 + \dot{E}_{13} - \frac{dL_3}{dt} - \dot{S}_{31} - \gamma_3 L_3 = \dot{X}_3\varepsilon_3 \quad (134)$$

624 and

$$\dot{X}_{34}\varepsilon_3 + \dot{X}_{44}\varepsilon_4 + \dot{E}_{14} - \frac{dL_4}{dt} - \dot{S}_{41} - \gamma_4 L_4 = \dot{X}_4\varepsilon_4. \quad (135)$$

625 We can rewrite Equations 134 and 135 in matrix notation with the following  
 626 definitions:

$$\varepsilon = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (136)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{E}_{13} \\ \dot{E}_{14} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (137)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{dL_3}{dt} \\ \frac{dL_4}{dt} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (138)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{L} = \begin{Bmatrix} L_3 \\ L_4 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (139)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (140)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} & \dot{X}_{34} \\ \dot{X}_{43} & \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (141)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \delta_{ij} \dot{X}_j = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (142)$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \delta_{ij} \gamma_j, \quad (143)$$

627 and

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{S}_{31} \\ \dot{S}_{41} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (144)$$

628 such that:

$$\mathbf{X}_t^T \varepsilon + \mathbf{E} - \left( \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} + \mathbf{S} + \hat{\gamma} \mathbf{L} \right) = \hat{\mathbf{X}} \varepsilon. \quad (145)$$

629 *7.8. Estimating  $\varepsilon$  and  $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$*

630 With Equation ??, we can solve for either the energy accumulation vector ( $\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$ )  
631 or the energy intensity vector ( $\varepsilon$ ), but not both.

632 Solving for the accumulation vector gives

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = (\mathbf{X}_t^T - \hat{\mathbf{X}}) \varepsilon + \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{S} - \hat{\gamma} \mathbf{L}. \quad (146)$$

633 Finally, we can substitute Equation 94 which gives

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{I}) \varepsilon + \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{S} - \hat{\gamma} \mathbf{L}, \quad (147)$$

634 which allows estimation of the accumulation of long-lived goods in economic sectors  
635 ( $\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$ ) knowing only sector outputs ( $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$ ), sector input-output ratios ( $\mathbf{A}$ ), sector energy  
636 intensities ( $\varepsilon$ ), energy input to the economy ( $\mathbf{E}$ ), and sector physical depreciation  
637 rates ( $\hat{\gamma} \mathbf{L}$ ). In theory, the transaction matrix ( $\mathbf{X}_t$ ) is not required if the input-output  
638 ratios ( $\mathbf{A}$ ) are known, though in reality, knowledge of input-output ratios would be  
639 derived from the transaction matrix  $\mathbf{X}_t$ .

640 Solving for the energy intensity vector gives

$$\varepsilon = (\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T)^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{E} - \left( \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} + \mathbf{S} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{L} \right) \right]. \quad (148)$$

641 Substituting Equation 96 gives

$$\varepsilon = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{E} - \left( \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} + \mathbf{S} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{L} \right) \right], \quad (149)$$

642 which allows estimation of the energy intensity of economic sectors ( $\varepsilon$ ) knowing only  
 643 sector input-output ratios ( $\mathbf{A}$ ), sector outputs ( $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$ ), energy input to the economy ( $\mathbf{E}$ ),  
 644 sector embodied energy accumulation rates ( $\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$ ), and sector physical depreciation  
 645 rates ( $\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{L}$ ).

646 Comparison of Equations ?? and 100 shows the similarities between the single-  
 647 sector algebraic formulation and the multi-sector matrix formulation of the I-O  
 648 analysis method. This newly developed multi-sector matrix formulation can be  
 649 extended to any desired level of economic and energy sector disaggregation as shown  
 650 by Bullard (1975, 1978) and others.

## 651 8. Implications

652 Several implications can be drawn from the above detailed development of the I-  
 653 O method equations in a manner that includes both embodied energy accumulation  
 654 and depreciation.

### 655 8.1. Implications for economic “development”

656 [IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE A COMPARISON BETWEEN  $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$  AND  
 657 STANDARD METRIC OF DEVELOPMENT, I.E. GDP WHICH I GUESS WOULD  
 658 BE SOMETHING LIKE  $\sum_i \dot{X}_i$ . WE CAN CERTAINLY ENVISION SITUATIONS  
 659 WHERE  $\sum_i \dot{X}_i$  IS INCREASING AND

660 One consequence of economic “progress” or “development” is that embodied en-  
 661 ergy accumulates in economic sectors and society. In fact, accumulation of embodied  
 662 energy in economic sectors and society could be considered a *proxy* of development.  
 663 This proxy for development is overly materialistic, one-dimensional, and reduction-  
 664 ist, but alternatives such as GDP can be similarly criticized. In fact, GDP could



continue to increase whilst accumulation of embodied energy or value actually decreased.

Figure 9 shows that energy extraction from the Earth is what ultimately drives development as measured by the accumulation of embodied energy in the economy and society. Development occurs over time. If embodied energy is the measure, development can be expressed as the integral of  $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$  for economic sectors

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{B}(0) + \int_{t=0}^{t=t} \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} dt, \quad (150)$$

or, using Equation 78, as the integral of  $\frac{dB_2}{dt}$  for society,

$$B_2(t) = B_2(0) + \int_{t=0}^{t=t} \frac{dB_2}{dt} dt = B_2(0) + \int_{t=0}^{t=t} (Y_{\dot{T}} - \gamma_2 B_2 - \dot{Q}_{21}) dt. \quad (151)$$

Using embodied energy is obviously an incomplete measure of development. We might also use  $X(t) = X(0) + \int \frac{dX}{dt} dt$ . In fact,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $X$  are two complimentary factors to the economic process. For capital,  $\mathbf{B}$ , to be useful, we need direct energy,  $E$  (to run the capital) and economic value,  $X$  (i.e. money). Therefore each of these factors are necessary, but insufficient.

Table 2 describes some of the dynamics that can be observed from Equation 98. It is quite possible that, especially for regions like the U.S. and Western Europe, the rate of embodied energy accumulation in the economy ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ ) will be small relative to the rate of energy extraction from the Earth ( $\mathbf{E}$ ). On the other hand, in rapidly developing countries, like China or India, the rate of embodied energy accumulation in the economy may be significantly higher than in a developed economy.

The behavior of  $\mathbf{B}$  with  $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$  is vitally important. A developed economy has significantly higher embodied energy ( $\mathbf{B}$ ) than a developing economy, and, thus, the outflow rate of embodied energy due to depreciation ( $\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}$ ) will be higher. As increasingly large amounts of energy are embodied in the economy, increasingly large energy extraction rates ( $\mathbf{E}$ ) are required to offset depreciation ( $\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}$ ) and maintain positive growth ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} > 0$ ) in the sectors of the economy. Depreciation may also be, temporarily, offset by increasing energy efficiency, i.e. by decreasing energy intensity,  $\varepsilon$ .

In a similar manner, Equation 78 indicates that maintaining a positive rate of societal development ( $\frac{dB_2}{dt} > 0$ ) requires ever increasing embodied energy input rates

Table 2: Factors from Equation 98 affecting the rate of embodied energy accumulation in the economy.

Right-side term	Implication
$\hat{\mathbf{X}}$	As economic output increases, $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ goes up (as will $\mathbf{E}$ )
$\mathbf{A}$	As input-output ratios increase, $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ goes up
$\varepsilon$	As the energy intensity of the economy increases, $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ goes up
$\mathbf{E}$	As the rate of energy flow from the Earth increases, $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ goes up
$\hat{\gamma}$	As the depreciation rate increases, $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ goes down
$\mathbf{B}$	As the embodied energy in the economy increases, $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ goes down

to society ( $Y_{\hat{T}}$ ) as the society “develops.” This mechanism provides a natural brake to the continued growth of physical economies.

## 8.2. Implications for the I-O method

The I-O literature (examples include Bullard (1975) and Cassler (1983)) usually writes Equation 100 as

$$\varepsilon = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{-1} \mathbf{E}. \quad (152)$$

It is clear from comparison of Equations 100 and 152 that the literature is not accounting for accumulation of energy in the economic sectors ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$ ), nor does it account for physical depreciation ( $\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}$ ). To be precise, the literature assumes

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (153)$$

Examining Equation 100, we see that to the extent that  $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B} \ll \mathbf{E}$ , estimates of energy intensity ( $\varepsilon$ ) obtained with the assumption of Equation 153 contain little error. However, when the sum of the accumulation and depreciation rates ( $\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}$ ) becomes significant relative to the rate of energy extracted from the Earth ( $\mathbf{E}$ ), estimates of economic sector energy intensities ( $\varepsilon$ ) using the assumption of Equation 153 have a high-side bias (assuming that  $\frac{dB}{dt} > 0$  and  $\gamma B > 0$ ). As discussed above, the assumption of Equation 153 can be violated in developing economies because

708 accumulation  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}\right)$  is large or in developed economies because depreciation  $(\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B})$  is  
 709 large.

710 The assumption of Equation 153 may cause another challenge for energy analysts.  
 711 The I-O method is often used to estimate energy intensities for each sector of the  
 712 economy  $(\varepsilon)$  with Equation 153. With  $\varepsilon$  values in hand, one can estimate changes in  
 713 energy demand from the Earth  $(\mathbf{E})$  as the output of economic sectors  $(\hat{\mathbf{X}})$  increases  
 714 or decreases by solving Equation 152 for  $\mathbf{E}$ .

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)\varepsilon \quad (154)$$

715 When accumulation and depreciation terms are included, we see that the energy  
 716 demands  $(\mathbf{E})$  must be calculated differently. Solving Equation 100 for  $\mathbf{E}$  gives

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)\varepsilon + \left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B}\right). \quad (155)$$

717 By comparing Equations 154 and 155, we see that to the extent that accumulation  
 718  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}\right)$  and depreciation  $(\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B})$  are non-zero, estimates of energy demand are too low.  
 719 If the sum of accumulation  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}\right)$  and depreciation  $(\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B})$  are small relative to total  
 720 energy demand  $(\mathbf{E})$ , then neglecting these effects causes little error. Economies  
 721 with fast growth rates  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}\right)$  or large sizes  $(\mathbf{B})$  are more likely to violate the typical  
 722 assumptions in the literature.

### 723 8.3. Implications for recycling, reuse, and dematerialization

724 Dematerialization is the idea that economic activity can be unlinked from mate-  
 725 rial or energy demands (UNEP, 2011). One of the primary methods for dematerial-  
 726 izing an economy is reuse and recycling of materials. The impact of recycling can be  
 727 seen in the I-O formulation only when depreciation and accumulation are included.

728 One effect of recycling is to reduce the magnitude of the disposal rate  $(\hat{\gamma})$ . Equa-  
 729 tion 98 indicates that recycling of material in an economy, thereby reducing  $\hat{\gamma}$ , will  
 730 slow the effect of depreciation  $(\hat{\gamma}\mathbf{B})$  and put upward pressure on growth  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}\right)$ .

731 Recycling has a mixed effect on energy demand  $(\mathbf{E})$ . Because recycled material  
 732 displaces newly-produced material in the economy and society, recycling will tend  
 733 to reduce energy demand  $(\mathbf{E})$ . Equation 98 indicates that this displacement effect  
 734 will put downward pressure on growth  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}\right)$ . However, recycling processes require

energy to operate, thereby increasing energy demand ( $\mathbf{E}$ ). Equation 98 indicates that additional energy demand will put upward pressure on growth ( $\frac{dB}{dt}$ ).

If recycling produces a net reduction in energy demand ( $\mathbf{E}$ ), that is if the effect of displaced production dominates over the effect of energy consumed in recycling processes, the upward pressure on growth ( $\frac{dB}{dt}$ ) from decrease in  $\hat{\gamma}$  and the downward pressure on growth from net reduction of  $\mathbf{E}$  offset each other, the growth rate ( $\frac{dB}{dt}$ ) will remain near zero, and total embodied energy ( $\mathbf{B}$ ) will remain constant. In that scenario, dematerialization can develop: reduced material and energy input ( $\mathbf{E}$ ) can be accompanied by no change in growth ( $\frac{dB}{dt}$ ).

#### 8.4. Comparison to a Steady-state Economy

\*\*\*\*\* Finish this section. In terms of what a SSE would look like in the I-O framework, at first blush, I would think that  $dB/dt = 0$  is one aspect. Also, with no growth, inflow rates = depreciation rates. The larger that  $B$  is for any society, the larger  $E$  must be (to overcome depreciation). To minimize  $E$ , hyper-recycling is probably useful. Those are at least a place to start. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* In our discussion, we also addressed the attempts at SSE from point of view of society. In order to achieve this goal *without* recycling, the goods and services sector should have to increase extraction to offset decreasing ore grade, the energy sector should have to increase extraction of energy to allow increasing extraction (unless efficiency could make up the gap - unlikely) in which case the SSE would be violated from these two and from the POV of the earth. \*\*\*\*\*

## 9. Conceptual and Theoretical Issues

### 9.1. Choice of Energy Input Vector

Consistent with traditional I-O methods, the derivation presented above counts energy at the point of inflow to the economy. That is, elements of the energy input vector to the economy ( $\mathbf{E}$ ) are zero except for those sectors that receive energy directly from the Earth. With the traditional approach, energy input to energy sectors is non-zero, and energy input to non-energy sectors is zero. So, in the two-sector example C above,  $\dot{E}_{14} = 0$  and  $\dot{E}_{13} \neq 0$ .

Costanza (1984) suggests an alternative approach, namely to count energy input to the economy at the point of conversion to useful work. Theoretical justification

766 for this direct energy conversion (DEC) approach comes from both thermodynamic  
767 and economic considerations. The thermodynamic justification derives from the  
768 purpose of energy consumption in an economy, namely to produce useful work. If  
769 energy flows *through* a sector, it should not be counted “against” that sector: only  
770 energy that is converted to useful work *in* the sector should be counted against that  
771 sector.

772 The economic justification derives from the typical treatment of transportation  
773 sectors of the economy. \*\*\*\*\* More here. See Costanza (1984) for the transporta-  
774 tion analogy. \*\*\*\*\*

775 The DEC approach implicitly redefines energy intensity to be the required amount  
776 of fossil fuel energy to produce a unit of economic output.

777 \*\*\*\*\* Equation redefining  $\varepsilon$  here.

778 In the DEC approach, electricity consumption is converted to its fossil en-  
779 ergy equivalent (coal) before being “applied” to an economic sector. And, refined  
780 petroleum is converted to its fossil energy equivalent (crude) before being “applied”  
781 to an economic sector.

782 \*\*\*\*\* The DEC option is akin to my idea of substituting the 1st Law into  
783 the total energy equation. Show this derivation after redefining  $\varepsilon$  to be embodied  
784 energy per dollar, not total energy per dollar. So, there is a second implicit assump-  
785 tion going on with Costanza (1984), namely that we have a re-derivation of energy  
786 intensity. \*\*\*\*\*

787 \*\*\*\*\* Show that re-derivation results in only counting the energy burned by  
788 each sector (or the waste heat off of each sector). Costanza (1984) shows that  
789 distributing energy input at the point of consumption reduces the variance of energy  
790 intensity across all sectors of the economy. \*\*\*\*\*

## 791 9.2. *What is Endogenous?*

792 Are government and households endogenous? Costanza (1980) was the first to  
793 endogenize government and households, because households provide services to the  
794 economy (labor) in exchange for wages and government provides services to the  
795 economy in exchange for taxes, both of which require energy. Costanza (1980)  
796 showed that by including government and households as sectors in the economy, the  
797 variation of energy intensity is significantly reduced across all sectors of the economy.

798 9.3. What About the Sun?

799 Costanza (1980) includes an option to consider the sun as an input to the econ-  
800 omy, thereby significantly increasing the energy intensity of agricultural sectors and  
801 other sectors that depend upon agricultural outputs, however Costanza (1984) did  
802 not include the sun ???. Whether solar input to the economy should be considered  
803 is probably dependent upon the objectives of the analysis. In this framework we  
804 are primarily interested in the effects of declining energy resource quality in indus-  
805 trial economies, due to depletion of fossil fuels. As such, inclusion of solar flows is  
806 unnecessary. However, expanding the framework to include non-industrial or more  
807 agrarian societies would probably require accounting for these flows. Additionally,  
808 similar concerns might be raised in dealing with a society that is largely reliant  
809 on solar or wind energy. [EARLIER FOOTNOTE ON INDUSTRIAL VS. NON-  
810 INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIES COULD BE BROUGHT IN HERE - MD]

811 There are a number of means by which solar flows can be accounted. Short-term  
812 solar flows could be accounted in the output of agricultural and forestry sectors, as  
813 well as some of the renewable energy producers, such as solar thermal and PV, wind,  
814 ocean thermal, hydro-power and biomass. This method does not account for longer-  
815 term flows of solar energy used to form fossil fuels. The *emergy* accounting method  
816 puts all flows in terms of *embodied energy* flows Odum (1975, 1996). The basic  
817 unit of measure is the *emjoule* which is often given in terms of flows of solar energy  
818 embodied in the energy (or material) - the solar emjoules - per unit of resource,  
819 abbreviated to seJ/J for energy resources, or seJ/g for materials. As such, even  
820 fossil fuels, e.g. coal, extracted from the earth have an embodied energy of around  
821 67,000 seJ/J Brown et al. (2004).

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824 **Appendix A. Proof of Equation 94**

825 We begin with a restatement of Equation 94.

$$\mathbf{X}_t^T - \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{I}) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

826 We expand the matrices to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} & \dot{X}_{43} \\ \dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{33} - 1 & a_{43} \\ a_{34} & a_{44} - 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

827 Multiplication of the matrices provides

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} - \dot{X}_3 & \dot{X}_{43} \\ \dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_{44} - \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 a_{33} - \dot{X}_3 & \dot{X}_3 a_{43} \\ \dot{X}_4 a_{34} & \dot{X}_4 a_{44} - \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

828 Using  $\dot{X}_j a_{ij} = \dot{X}_{ij}$  (see Equation 16) gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} - \dot{X}_3 & \dot{X}_{43} \\ \dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_{44} - \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} - \dot{X}_3 & \dot{X}_{43} \\ \dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_{44} - \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

829 to complete the proof.

## 830 **Appendix B. Proof of Equation 95**

831 We begin with a restatement of Equation 95.

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T) \quad (\text{B.1})$$

832 We expand the matrices to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_{33} & \dot{X}_{43} \\ \dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - a_{33} & -a_{43} \\ -a_{34} & 1 - a_{44} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

833 Multiplication of the matrices provides

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 - \dot{X}_{33} & -\dot{X}_{43} \\ -\dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_4 - \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 - \dot{X}_3 a_{33} & -\dot{X}_3 a_{43} \\ -\dot{X}_4 a_{34} & \dot{X}_4 - \dot{X}_4 a_{44} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

834 Using  $\dot{X}_j a_{ij} = \dot{X}_{ij}$  (see Equation 16) gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 - \dot{X}_{33} & -\dot{X}_{43} \\ -\dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_4 - \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_3 - \dot{X}_{33} & -\dot{X}_{43} \\ -\dot{X}_{34} & \dot{X}_4 - \dot{X}_{44} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

835 to complete the proof.

## 836 **Appendix C. Derivation of Equation 96**

837 We begin with a restatement of Equation 95.

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T = \hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T) \quad (\text{C.1})$$

838 We take the inverse of both sides of the equation to obtain

$$\left(\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T\right)^{-1} = \left(\hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)\right)^{-1}. \quad (\text{C.2})$$

839 We now apply the following matrix identity (formula 6.2, pg. 308 from Zwillinger  
840 (2011))

$$(\mathbf{ABC})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (\text{C.3})$$

841 to the right side of Equation C.2 to obtain

$$\left(\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_t^T\right)^{-1} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{X}}^{-1}, \quad (\text{C.4})$$

842 which is identical to Equation 96.

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