

Beyond the Aggregates: Unpacking Inflation in Small Open Economies

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⇒ [Embed realistic production network.](#)

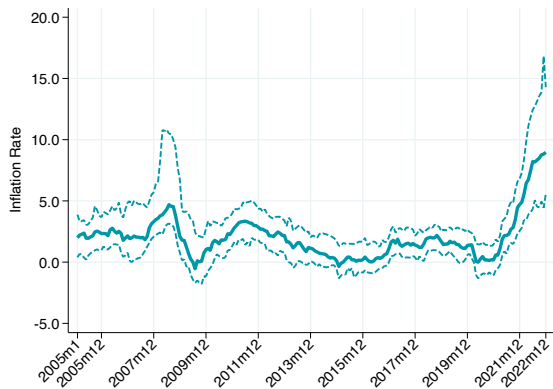
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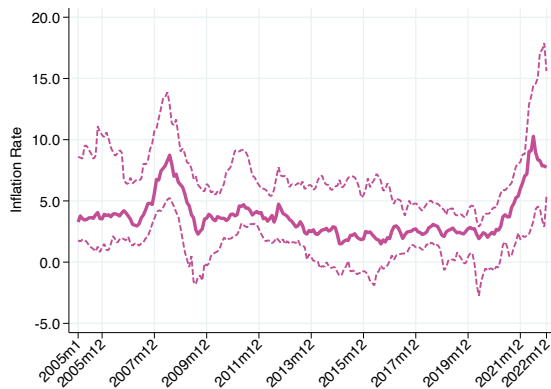
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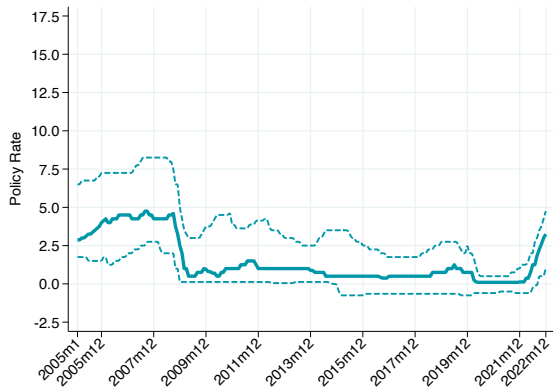
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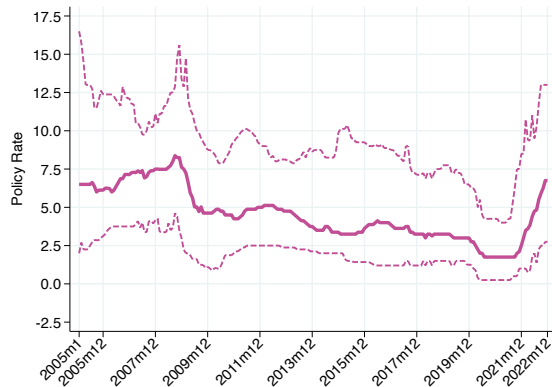
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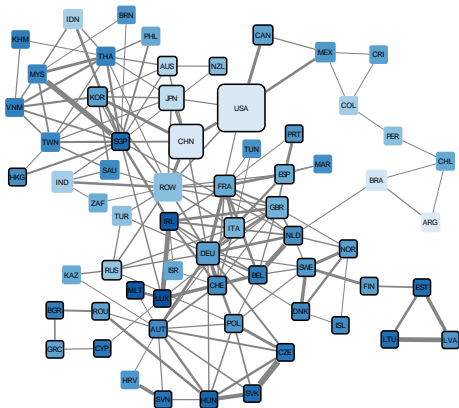
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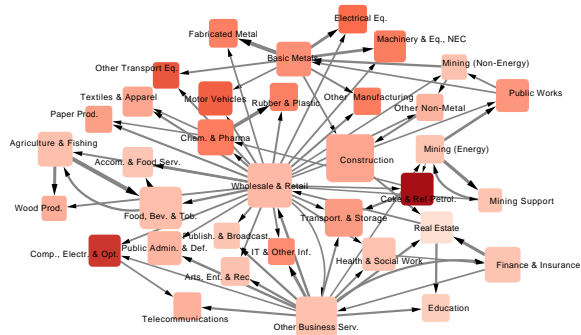
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(a) International Production Network



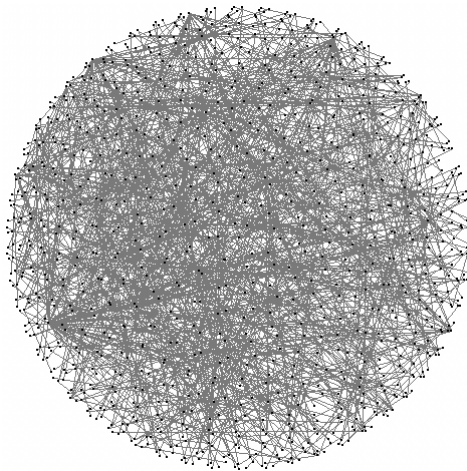
(b) Sectoral Production Network



Source: Cakmakli, Demiralp, Kalemli-Özcan, Yeşiltaş, and Yıldırım (2022) based on OECD Input-Output Tables 2018.

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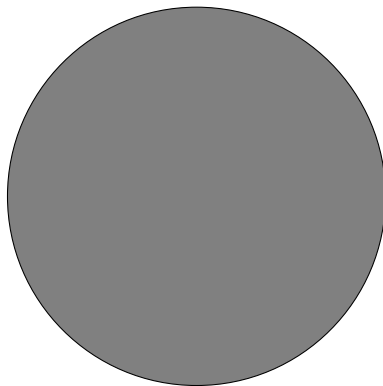


Note: Chilean firm-to-firm level network 2019Q4: 2000 firms random sample, intermediate input sales represents at least 10% of client's total intermediate input purchases.

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Model

Non-Parametric Model of a Small Open Economy with Production Networks

- ▶ Static setup
- ▶ Many domestic goods ($i \in N$), multiple factors ($f \in F$) and imported goods ($m \in M$)
- ▶ Perfectly competitive goods and factor markets

Household

- ▶ Representative household with homothetic preferences

$$U(\{C_i^D\}_{i \in N}, \{C_m^M\}_{m \in M})$$

- ▶ Budget constraint

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i \in N} P_i^D C_i^D + \sum_{m \in M} P_m^M C_m^M + T}_{\equiv E} \leq \underbrace{\sum_{f \in F} W_f L_f + \sum_{i \in N} \Pi_i}_{\equiv nGDP}$$

T : net transfer to the rest of the world.

- ▶ Cash-in-advance constraint

$$\sum_{i \in N} P_i^D C_i^D + \sum_{m \in M} P_m^M C_m^M \leq \mathcal{M}$$

\mathcal{M} : money supply.

Firms

- Representative firm in each domestic sector $i \in N$ with constant returns to scale production function

$$Q_i = Z_i F_i(\{L_{if}\}_{f \in F}, \{M_{ij}^D\}_{j \in N}, \{M_{im}^M\}_{m \in M})$$

Note: i is buyer (user), j is supplier (seller).

- Given (W, P_M, P_D) and production function, firms solve

$$\min_{\{L_{if}\}_{f \in F}, \{M_{ij}^D\}_{j \in N}, \{M_{im}^M\}_{m \in M}} \sum_{f \in F} W_f L_{if} + \sum_{j \in N} P_j^D M_{ij}^D + \sum_{m \in M} P_m^M M_{im}^M$$

$$\text{subject to } Z_i F_i(\{L_{if}\}_{f \in F}, \{M_{ij}^D\}_{j \in N}, \{M_{im}^M\}_{m \in M}) \geq \bar{Q}_i$$

Market Clearing

- ▶ Factor markets clear

$$\bar{L}_f = \sum_{i \in N} L_{if} \quad f \in F$$

- ▶ Goods markets clear

$$Q_i = C_i^D + X_i + \sum_{j \in N} M_{ji}^D \quad i \in N$$

- ▶ Aggregate resource constraint

$$\sum_{i \in N} P_i^D X_i - \sum_{m \in M} P_m^M (C_m + \sum_{i \in N} M_{im}) = T$$

- ▶ Households maximize utility subject to budget and cash-in-advance constraint.
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- Break relationship between what is produced ($nGDP$) and what is consumed (E): $E \neq nGDP$

$$E = nGDP - T \implies \uparrow T, \downarrow E \quad \text{given } nGDP$$

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- Role of **production network** goes beyond usual sufficient statistics in closed economies with production networks.
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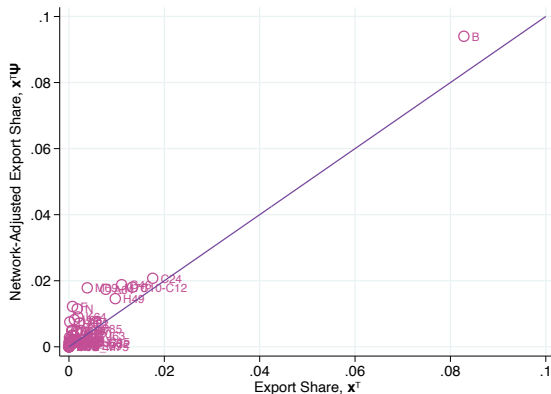
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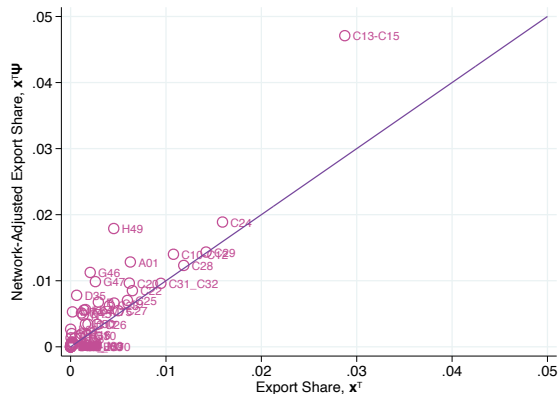
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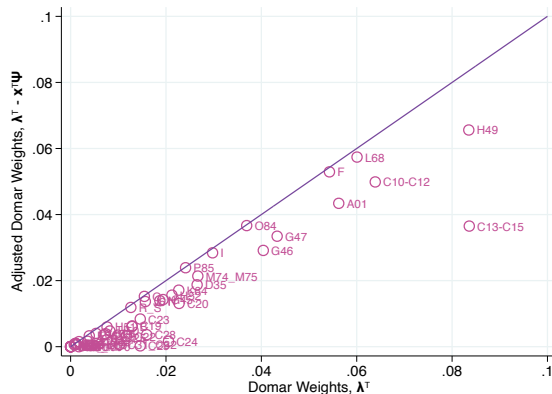
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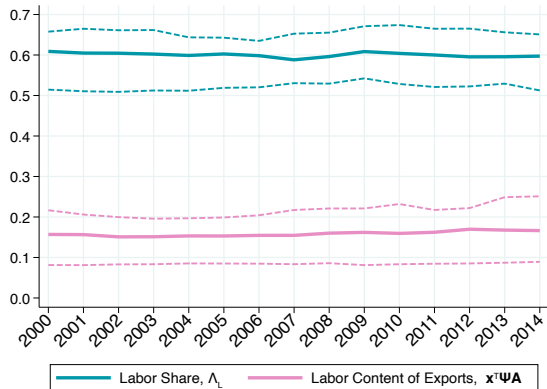


► Take textiles (C13-C15) in Turkey:

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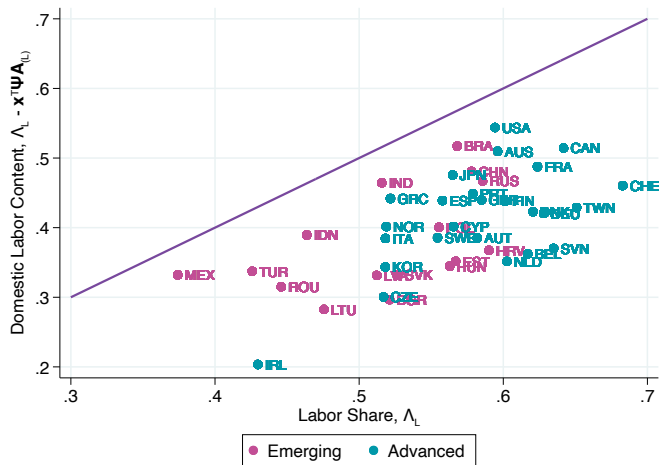


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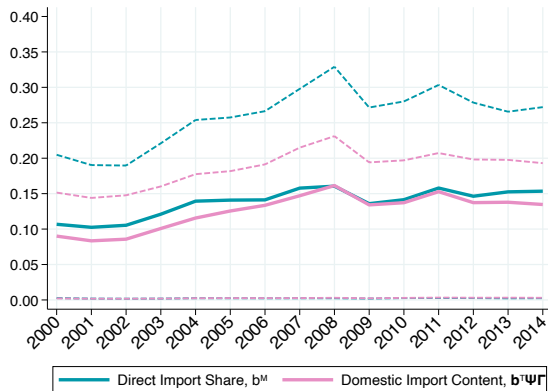
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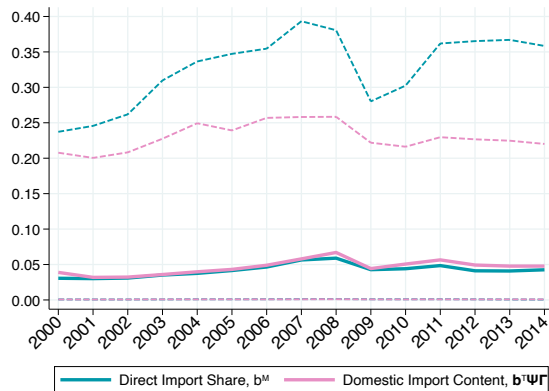
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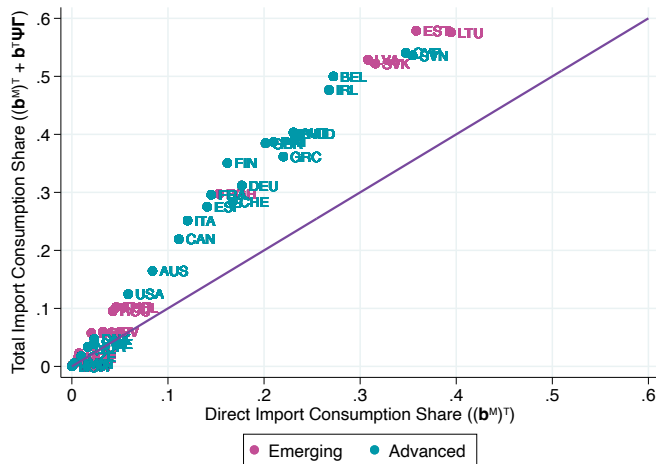


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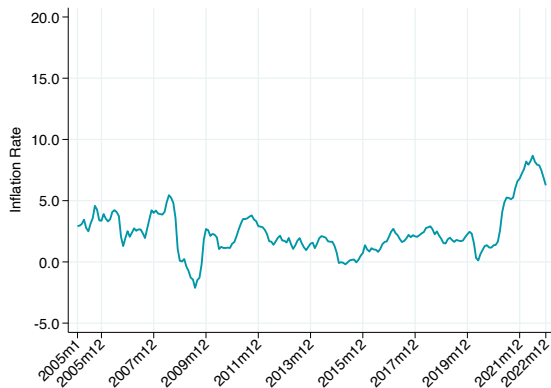
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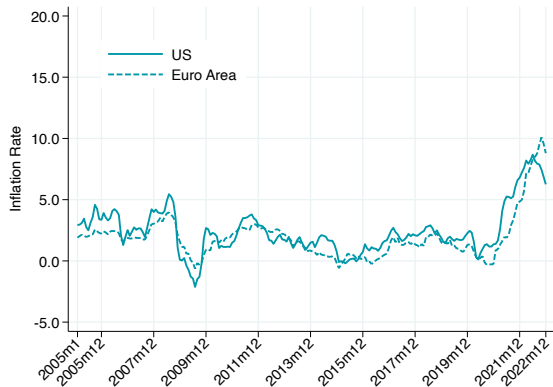
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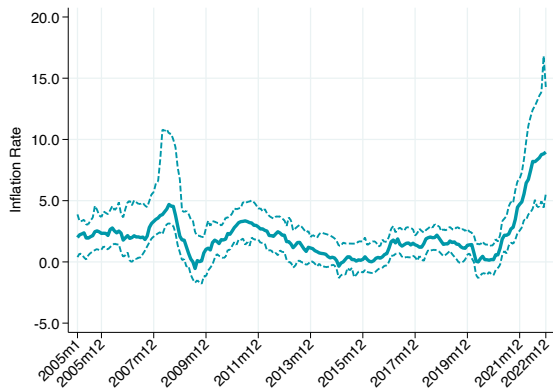
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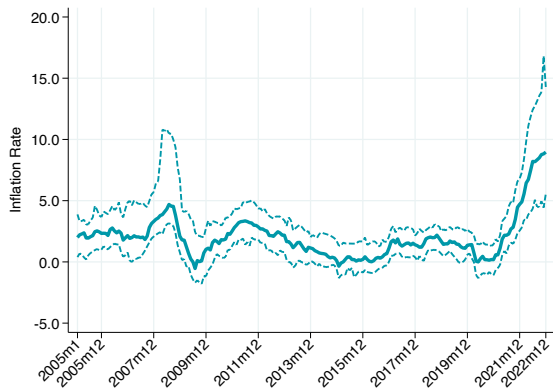
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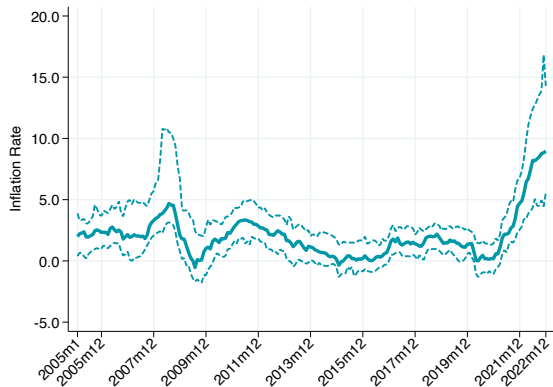
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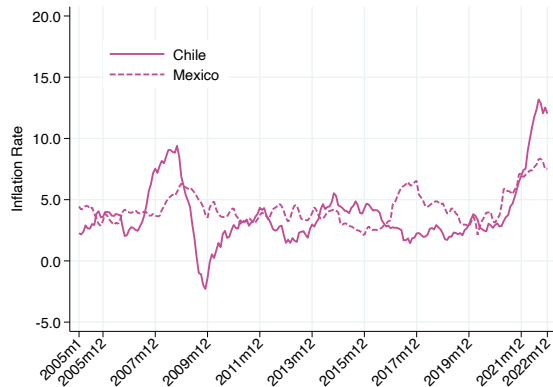
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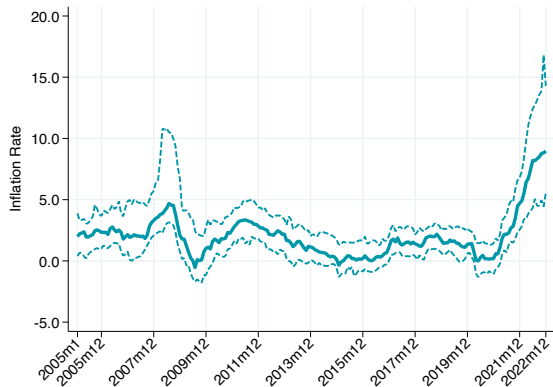
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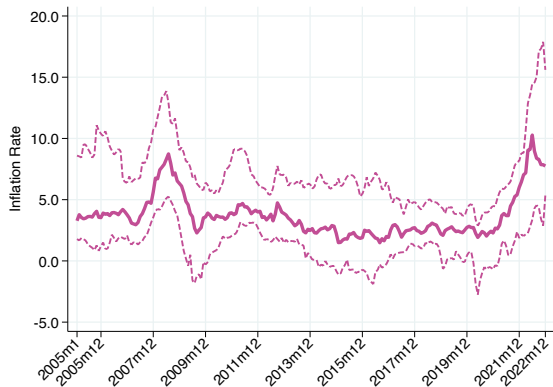
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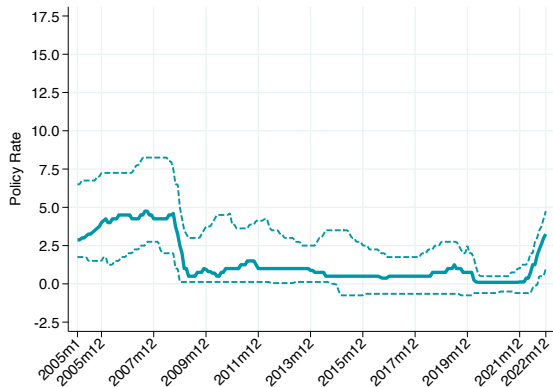


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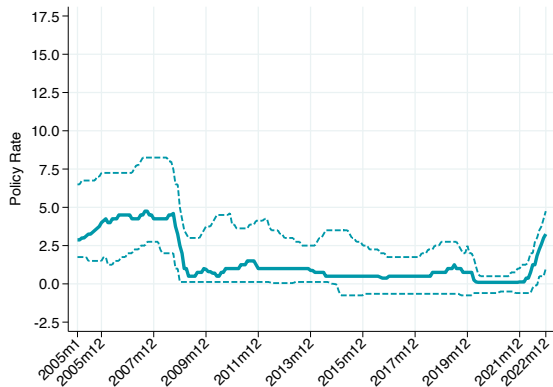


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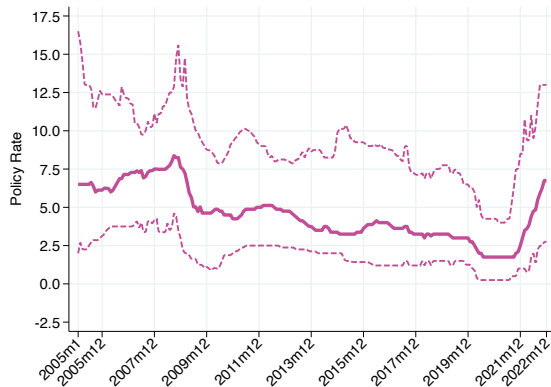
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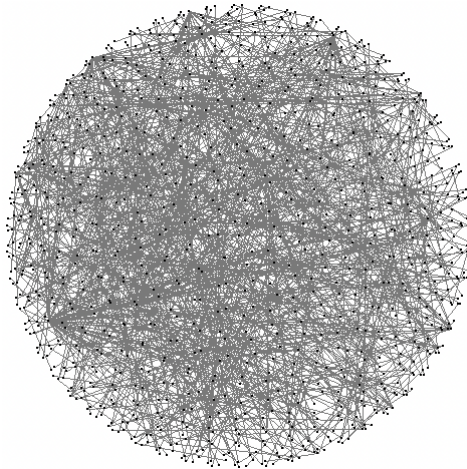
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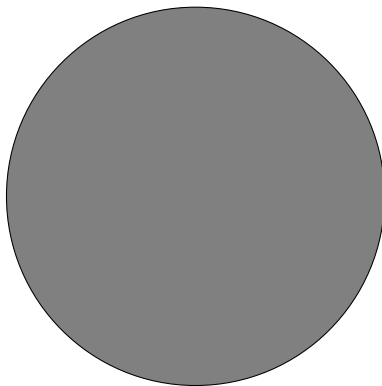


Note: Chilean firm-to-firm level network 2019Q4: 2000 firms random sample, intermediate input sales represents at least 10% of client's total intermediate input purchases.

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Key Equations

$$Q_i = C_i^D + X_i + \sum_{j=1}^N M_{ji}^D \quad \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (4)$$

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Another way to write CPI changes

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C18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media
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C20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
C21	Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations
C22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products
C23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
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C25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
C26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
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C28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.
C29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
C30	Manufacture of other transport equipment
C31_C32	Manufacture of furniture; other manufacturing
C33	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment
D35	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
E36	Water collection, treatment and supply
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F	Construction
G45	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
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H50	Water transport
H51	Air transport
H52	Warehousing and support activities for transportation
H53	Postal and courier activities
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J58	Publishing activities
J59_J60	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities; programming and broadcasting activities
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J62_J63	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities; information service activities
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K65	Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security
K66	Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities
L68	Real estate activities
M69_M70	Legal and accounting activities; activities of head offices; management consultancy activities
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M72	Scientific research and development
M73	Advertising and market research
M74_M75	Other professional, scientific and technical activities; veterinary activities
N	Administrative and support service activities
O84	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
P85	Education
Q	Human health and social work activities
R_S	Other service activities
T	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies

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$\downarrow Z_A \implies \uparrow P_A \implies \uparrow P_{B_1} = \Omega_{B_1,A} d \log P_A$ (First round) $\implies P_{B_2} = \Omega_{B_2,B_1} d \log P_{B_1}$ (Second round)

$\Psi = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Omega^s$ takes into account all these higher order effects!



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