

1. Hot to get from Marco's Sraffa price system to a Leontief's price model?

Marco's original Sraffa-like price system (combining the depreciation and mark-up terms into one term for ease of exposition) is:

$$p_{nx1} = \hat{p}_{n \times n} A_{n \times n} (1 + \mu_{nx1}) + \hat{w}_{n \times n} l_{nx1} \quad (1)$$

The Leontief price system is derived from the total output identity in monetary terms:

$$\hat{X}_{n \times n} p_{nx1} = Z_{n \times n} p_{nx1} + v a_{nx1}$$

Dividing everything by total output (X_{nx1}) we have:

$$p_{nx1} = A_{n \times n} p_{nx1} + v_{nx1}$$

And manipulating the equation we get the canonical expression for the Leontief price system:

$$p_{nx1} = (I_{n \times n} - A_{n \times n})^{-1} v_{nx1} \quad (2)$$

Notation:

$\hat{}$ superscript denote diagonalized vector

p_{nx1} = sectoral price vector

$I_{n \times n}$ = Identity matrix

$A_{n \times n}$ = technical coefficient matrix ($= \hat{X}^{-1}_{n \times n} Z_{n \times n}$)

$Z_{n \times n}$ = sectoral intermediate inputs demand vector

$\hat{X}^{-1}_{n \times n}$ = diagonalized total output per sector

i_{nx1} = vector filled with 1's

$\mu_{n \times 1}$ = gross sectoral profit rate (mark – up + depreciation)¹

$w_{n \times 1}$ = sectoral average wage rate vector

$l_{n \times n}$

= diagonal matrix with labour coefficient² per sector vector ($\hat{X}^{-1}_{n \times n} l_{n \times 1}$)

$v_{n \times 1}$ = value added (va) coefficient vector ($= \hat{X}^{-1}_{n \times n} v a_{n \times 1}$)

Now, how to get from one to another?

Manipulating (1) (and omitting dimensions subscripts) we get:

$$p = pA + pA\mu + wl \quad (3)$$

Re-arranging terms in (3) we have:

$$p - pA = pA\mu + wl \quad (4)$$

$$p(I - A) = pA\mu + wl \quad (5)$$

$$p = (I - A)^{-1}(pA\mu + wl) \quad (6)$$

So we have that:

$$v = (pA\mu + wl) \quad (7)$$

Now recall that $v_{1 \times n}$ is nothing but the vector sectoral valued added divided by the sectoral output, and that value added per sector is the sum of total wages and total profits in each sector j :

¹ Combining depreciation and the mark-up from our code into one for simplification.

² The labour coefficient is the inverse of the labour productivity.

$$v_j = \frac{V A_j}{X_j} = \frac{\mu_j K_j + w_j L_j}{X_j}$$

Total wages is expressed as average wages (w_j) multiplied by total employment (L_j) and total profits as the multiplication of gross profit rate (μ_j) multiplied by the stock of capital (K_j). So v can be further simplified into:

$$v_j = \frac{\mu_j K_j}{X_j} + \frac{w_j L_j}{X_j} = \mu_j \kappa_j + w_j l_j$$

Where κ_j is equal to the capital–output ratio and l_j is the labour coefficient (the inverse of labour productivity). As such the equivalence between the two systems (re–introducing dimension subscripts) is given by:

$$v = \mu \kappa + w l = p A \mu + w l$$

Which implies that there is an equivalency between $\mu \kappa = p A \mu$. As such, the total capital in each sector is equal to the total costs of intermediate inputs demanded in each sector:

$$\kappa = p A \rightarrow \frac{K}{X} = \frac{p Z}{X}$$

$$K = p Z$$

which makes sense if we are considering a model only with circulating capital only.

However, in our model we have fixed capital. With fixed capital the more accurate way to represent the price system would be to have a matrix for capital–output (B) relationships akin to the role played by the A matrix in representing the ratio of intermediate inputs to total output in each sector. **Nevertheless, this is something for another time, as it would require some more fundamental changes into our model (we don't have this B matrix and it is not trivial to estimate one), which we don't have time to do now.**

2. Introducing indirect taxes and tariffs:

a) Indirect (carbon) taxes on production:

My proposal is that we re–write the price system in the following format, which avoids the need for the iteration. And, in principle, with appropriately calibrated values should yield all prices equal to 1 (without having to add another explicit normalization factor):

$$p_{nx1} = (I_{n \times n} - A_{n \times n})^{-1} (\hat{\mu}_{n \times n} \kappa_{nx1} + \hat{w}_{n \times n} l_{nx1})$$

$$p_{nx1} = (I_{n \times n} - A_{n \times n})^{-1} v_{nx1}$$

Let's define indirect (carbon) taxes on production on each sector as the carbon price charged on each good ($\hat{\theta}_{n \times n}$), which can be set to zero for some goods and areas, multiplied by the emission intensities of each sector vector (β_{nx1}^e) :

$$t_{nx1} = \hat{\theta}_{n \times n} \beta_{nx1}^e$$

The price vector can be amended in the following format:

$$p_{nx1} = (I_{n \times n} - A_{n \times n})^{-1} \hat{v}_{n \times n} (1 + t_{nx1})$$

Question: How should be the t vector populated if we want to add carbon tax only to some domestically produced goods of some sectors?

Example with 3 industries (Z1 produces good 1 and 2, and Z2 produces good 3):

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I - a_{11} & -a_{12} & -a_{13} \\ -a_{21} & I - a_{22} & -a_{23} \\ -a_{31} & -a_{32} & I - a_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1+t_1 \\ 1+t_2 \\ 1+t_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substituting the terms inside the Leontief inverse matrix $(I_{n \times n} - A_{n \times n})^{-1}$ by b_{ij} to simplify notation and doing the first step of the multiplication:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}v_1 & b_{12}v_2 & b_{13}v_3 \\ b_{21}v_1 & b_{22}v_2 & b_{23}v_3 \\ b_{31}v_1 & b_{32}v_2 & b_{33}v_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1+t_1 \\ 1+t_2 \\ 1+t_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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If we want to introduce the tax only in industry 1, we set $t_2 = t_3 = 0$ which simplify this equation to would simplify to:

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b) (Carbon) tariffs (carbon border adjustment mechanism):

To do so we need to do following multiplication:

$$p_{n \times 1} = (I_{n \times n} - A_{n \times n})^{-1} \hat{v}_{n \times n} (1 + cbam_{n \times 1}) - q_{n \times 1}$$

Where $cbam_{n \times 1}$ is vector filled with 1 for non-tariffed goods and $1 + tr_j$ for good j which is subjected to a tariff. Considering the multiregional setting, ***we need to enter an adjustment factor vector ($q_{n \times 1}$), to avoid that domestic prices in Z2 for the good subjected to import tariff's in Z1 are affected by the tariff.***

Now in the 2–region, 3–goods example, if we want to add a trade tariff imposed on imported inputs of Z2, that is in good 3. We want to arrive at the following expression:

$$\begin{array}{l} p_1 \quad b_{11}v_1 + b_{12}v_2 + b_{13}v_3(1 + cbam_3) \\ (p_2) = (b_{21}v_1 + b_{22}v_2 + b_{23}v_3(1 + cbam_3)) \\ p_3 \quad b_{31}v_1 + b_{32}v_2 + b_{33}v_3 \end{array}$$

where tar_3 is the trade tariff imposed in the imported good 3 used as an input in the production of goods 1 and 2, which are produced by Z1. To do so we would have to do the following multiplication:

$$\begin{array}{l} p_1 \quad I - a_{11} \quad -a_{12} \quad -a_{13} \quad v_1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \\ (p_2) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} -a_{21} & I - a_{22} & -a_{23} \end{array} \right)^{-1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & v_2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \\ p_3 \quad -a_{31} \quad -a_{32} \quad I - a_{33} \quad 0 \quad \underbrace{0}_{\hat{v}_{n \times n}} \quad v_3 \quad \underbrace{1 + tar_{n \times 1}}_{1 + cbam_3} \quad \underbrace{b_{33}v_3}_{q_{n \times 1}} \end{array}$$

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