

Advanced Trade

Week 2: Eaton and Kortum (2002)

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Consideraciones iniciales

- El modelo es “normativo” en el sentido de que no se basa en datos empíricos, sino en lo que “debería ser”, partiendo de supuestos similares a los de DFS (1977) y ampliándolo a muchos países e incorporando la geografía.
- Entrega 4 hechos estilizados:
 - ① All countries benefit from freer world trade, with small countries gaining more than big ones.
 - ② A decline in geographic barriers from their current level tends to work against the largest countries and favor the smallest.
 - ③ Improvement in technology raises welfare. The gains abroad approach those at home only in countries enjoying proximity to the source and the flexibility to downsize manufacturing.
 - ④ Big countries are likely to suffer if they drop tariffs unilaterally.

¿Why the EK model?

- The EK model is a general equilibrium model of international trade that incorporates the role of geography and technology in shaping trade patterns.
- It provides a framework for understanding how countries interact in the global economy, taking into account factors such as distance, size, and technological differences.
- The model is based on the idea that countries with similar characteristics are more likely to trade with each other, leading to a more efficient allocation of resources.
- In this sense, they want to show that the model can explain that (i) the size of countries matters, and (ii) the distance between countries matters.
- The EK model has been widely used in empirical research to analyze trade patterns and the impact of trade policies on economic outcomes.

El set up del modelo EK

- **Continuo de bienes:** cada país produce potencialmente un conjunto $[0,1]$ de bienes.
- **Preferencias CES:** la demanda final (y de insumos) se modela con una función CES sobre ese continuo.
- **Iceberg trade costs:** mover 1 unidad de un bien desde el país i hasta el país n requiere enviar d_{ni} unidades.
- **Tecnología Ricardiana:** la productividad para cada bien en cada país se extrae de una distribución Fréchet con parámetros $\{T_i, \theta\}$. [► Why Fréchet?](#)
- **Competencia perfecta:** cada bien se compra al productor (país) que lo ofrece al menor costo puesto en destino.

Cost and prices

- Cada país tiene diferente acceso a tecnología, por lo que la eficiencia varía entre commodities y entre países.
- Given this, the cost of producing a unit of good j in country i is $c_i/z_i(j)$ where c_i is the input cost of country i .
- Delivering a unit of good j produced in country i to country n costs

$$p_{ni}(j) = \left(\frac{c_i}{z_i(j)} \right) d_{ni}$$

which is the unit cost multiplied by the geographic barrier.

- Given perfect competition, the actual price paid for good j in country n is:

$$p_n(j) = \min \{p_{ni}(j); i = 1, \dots, N\}$$

Consumers: Utility Maximization

- En cada país, un consumidor representativo elige $\{Q(j)\}_{j \in [0,1]}$ para maximizar:

$$U = \left[\int_0^1 Q(j)^{(\sigma-1)/\sigma} dj \right]^{\sigma/(\sigma-1)} \quad \text{donde } \sigma > 0 \text{ es la elasticidad de sustitución.}$$

- La restricción presupuestaria (con gasto total X_n) es:

$$\int_0^1 p_n(j) Q(j) dj \leq X_n,$$

donde $p_n(j)$ es el precio de cada bien j en el país n .

- Dadas las condiciones de primer orden, la demanda individual $Q(j)$ depende de los precios relativos y del gasto total X_n .

Tecnología: distribución Fréchet

- Cada país i obtiene un “sorteo” de productividad $z_i(j)$ para cada bien $j \in [0, 1]$.
- Se asume que $z_i(j)$ proviene de una **distribución Fréchet**:

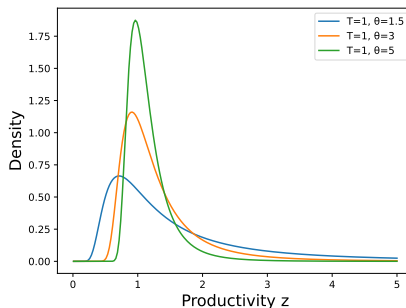
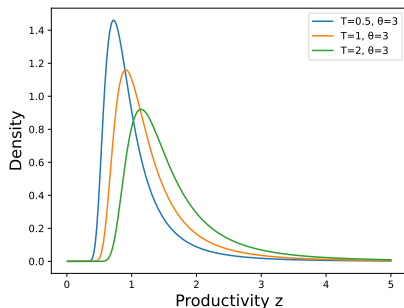
$$F_i(z) = \Pr(Z_i \leq z) = e^{-T_i z^{-\theta}}, \quad T_i > 0, \theta > 1.$$

by the law of large numbers, $F_i(z)$ is also the fraction of goods for which country i 's efficiency is below z .

- T_i mide el estado de la tecnología (ventaja absoluta): cuanto mayor T_i , mayor probabilidad de obtener productividades altas.
- θ mide la dispersión de las productividades (ventaja comparativa): valores menores de θ implican mayor heterogeneidad.

Visualizando la distribución Fréchet

- **Izquierda:** Al incrementar T_i , se incrementa la probabilidad de obtener productividades altas. Esto representa un *mayor estado de tecnología*, o *ventaja absoluta*, el país puede producir (en promedio) con mayor eficiencia.
- **Derecha:** Un θ mayor reduce la varianza. Con *menor dispersión* se debilita la fuerza de la ventaja comparativa, ya que es menos probable que un país “gane” por outliers.



¿Quién produce cada bien?

- Ya dijimos que para cada bien j , el productor efectivo es el que logre el menor costo puesto en el destino n .

$$p_n(j) = \min_i \left\{ \left(\frac{c_i}{z_i(j)} \right) d_{ni} \right\}.$$

- La probabilidad de que el país i venda en n equivale a la **fracción de bienes para los cuales i es la fuente más barata en n** :

$$\pi_{ni} = \Pr \left[\left(\frac{c_i}{z_i} \right) d_{ni} \leq \min_{\forall k \neq i} \left\{ \left(\frac{c_k}{z_k} \right) d_{nk} \right\} \right] = \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_{s=1}^N T_s(c_s d_{ns})^{-\theta}}.$$

- Dado que z_i se distribuye con Fréchet, la fracción de bienes que n compra a i resulta en una forma muy sencilla.

Distribución de precios

- Country i presents country n with a distribution of prices:

$$G_{ni}(p) = \Pr(P_{ni} \leq p) = 1 - F_i\left(\frac{c_i d_{ni}}{p}\right),$$

donde $P_{ni} = \left(\frac{c_i}{z_i}\right) d_{ni}$.

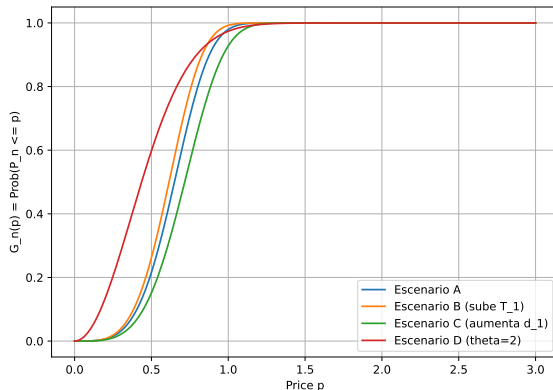
- El precio *efectivo* que paga n por cada bien es $P_n = \min_i \{P_{ni}\}$.
- Hence the distribution of actually prices paid for country n is

$$G_n(p) = \Pr(P_n \leq p) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N [1 - G_{ni}(p)].$$

Distribución de precios

- Substituyendo $G_{ni}(p)$ en la forma Fréchet de F_i , se demuestra que

$$G_n(p) = 1 - \exp(-\Phi_n p^\theta), \quad \text{donde} \quad \Phi_n = \sum_{i=1}^N T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{T_i}{(c_i d_{ni})^\theta}.$$



Distribución de precios

- En particular, cada factor en Φ_n :

① Cambios en T_i : $\frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial T_i} > 0$ y $\frac{\partial G_n(p)}{\partial \Phi_n} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial G_n(p)}{\partial T_i} > 0$.

$G_n(p)$ se “desplaza hacia arriba”, lo cual significa que el país n enfrenta *mayor probabilidad* de encontrar precios bajos, y en promedio paga menos.

- ② Cambios en c_i y d_{ni} afectan en la misma dirección. El país i se vuelve menos competitivo $\Rightarrow n$ enfrenta precios más altos.

In autarky, $d_{ni} \rightarrow \inf, \forall i \neq n \Rightarrow \Phi_n = T_n c_n^{-\theta}$ (prices only depends on local conditions).

- ③ Aumentos en θ disminuyen la varianza de la distribución *rightarrow* se debilita la ventaja comparativa (menos outliers) $\Rightarrow n$ enfrenta precios más altos.

- Un Φ_n *grande* significa más “competencia” de proveedores eficientes/cercanos, reduciendo los precios que paga n .

Tres propiedades clave de la distribución de precios

(a) Fracción de bienes que país n compra a i : ► Math

$$\pi_{ni} = \frac{T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} \implies \text{“probabilidad de que } i \text{ sea la fuente más barata”}.$$

(b) Distribución del precio comprado: ► Math

El precio de cualquier bien que n *efectivamente* compra en i sigue la misma $G_n(p)$.

(c) Índice de precios CES: ► Math

$$p_n = \gamma \Phi_n^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}, \quad \text{con } \gamma = \left[\Gamma\left(\frac{\theta+1-\sigma}{\theta}\right) \right]^{1/(1-\sigma)}.$$

Al depender Φ_n de $\{T_i, c_i, d_{ni}\}$, surgen *desviaciones de paridad de poder de compra* (PPP).

Corolario de la propiedad (b): *Conditional = Unconditional*

- Esto es bien bien importante:
 - ▶ Countries that have higher $c's$, $d's$, or lower $T's$, sell a smaller range of goods, but charge the same average prices. **Adjustment is at the extensive margin.**
 - ▶ Aunque cada proveedor i sea distinto en costos/tecnología, la dispersión de los precios comprados es la misma para todo i .
- Esto implica que el gasto promedio **por bien** del país n no varía según el origen del bien.
- La fracción de bienes que el país n compra al país i también representa la fracción del gasto total del país n en bienes provenientes del país i :

$$\pi_{ni} = \frac{X_{ni}}{X_n} = \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} = \frac{T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_{k=1}^N T_k(c_k d_{nk})^{-\theta}} \quad X's \text{ are expenditures.}$$

Aquí, el numerador $T_i(c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}$ captura la competitividad de i , y el denominador agrega esta medida para todos los exportadores. En consecuencia, si, por ejemplo, n compra el 30% de sus bienes a i , también gasta el 30% de su presupuesto en bienes de i .

Aggregate Trade Flows

- At this point, we can also solve for aggregate trade flows.
- **Total Production of Country i :**

$$Q_i = \sum_{m=1}^N X_{mi} = T_i(c_i)^{-\theta} \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{d_{mi}^{-\theta} X_m}{\Phi_m}$$

- Solving for $T_i(c_i)^{-\theta}$ and plugging this into our expression from the last slide for X_{ni}/X_n and also with $\Phi_n = (p_n)^{-\theta} \gamma^\theta$, we get:

$$X_{ni} = \frac{\left(\frac{d_{ni}}{p_n}\right)^{-\theta} X_n}{\sum_{m=1}^N \left(\frac{d_{mi}}{p_m}\right)^{-\theta} X_m} Q_i$$

- Lo cual exhibe una forma “gravity-like” en la que X_{ni} depende del tamaño de mercado X_n , de la competitividad Q_i , y de las barreras d_{ni} relativas al nivel de precios p_n .

Gravity in Trade Flows

If we take logs of the equation on the previous slide, we get something that looks a lot like a gravity regression:

$$\ln X_{ni} = \underbrace{-\ln \left(\sum_{m=1}^N \left(\frac{d_{mi}}{p_m} \right)^{-\theta} X_m \right)}_{\text{Country } i \text{ f.e.}} + \underbrace{\theta \ln p_n}_{\text{Country } n \text{ f.e.}} - \underbrace{\theta \ln d_{ni}}_{\text{distance}} + \underbrace{\ln X_n + \ln Q_i}_{\text{Country } i \text{ and } n \text{'s sizes.}}$$

- Gross output, X_n and Q_i , enters linearly (unit elasticities).
- Distance is regulated by $-\theta$ —more dispersion in productivity (lower θ), more likely goods will travel farther distances.

Closing the Model

- So far, the model has taken input costs c_i as given (constant). But in a GE setting, these costs are endogenous: they depend on wages and prices of intermediate inputs, which themselves adjust to global changes.
- This matters especially in counterfactuals: when trade barriers or technology change, input costs must respond, otherwise we'd miss key general equilibrium effects.
- Therefore, to close the model, they explicitly model how c_i depends on wages and intermediate prices, and how those in turn are determined by trade and production structure.

Production Structure

- EK assume production is Cobb-Douglas in labor and a basket of intermediate goods.
- Intermediate goods form a CES bundle of the same goods consumed.
 \Rightarrow Input costs are now affected by trade.
- This implies that the cost of an input bundle in country i will be equal to:

$$c_i = w_i^\beta p_i^{1-\beta}$$

where w_i is wages and p_i is the same CES price index we derived earlier.

Real Wages

Next, we can write down an expression for real wages. Start with the price index, p_i :

$$p_n = \gamma (\Phi_n)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \implies \Phi_i = (p_i)^{-\theta} \gamma^{\theta}$$

$$\frac{X_{ni}}{X_n} = \frac{T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} \implies \pi_{ii} = \frac{T_i (c_i)^{-\theta}}{\Phi_i}$$

Plugging in for c_i and Φ_i , we have:

$$\pi_{ii} = \frac{T_i (w_i^{\beta} p_i^{1-\beta})^{-\theta}}{(p_i)^{-\theta} \gamma^{\theta}} \implies \frac{w_i}{p_i} = \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} \left(\frac{T_i}{\pi_{ii}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta\theta}}$$

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Trade Gains Insight

In autarky, $\pi_{ii} = 1$. \implies We can infer **gains from trade** from the share of imports in total purchases $(1 - \pi_{ii})$. Importantly, for a given import share, **gains are larger when:**

- θ is **small** (i.e., greater heterogeneity in efficiency);
- β is **large** (i.e., higher share of intermediates in production).

Equilibrium Prices

Next, we can plug in input costs to get an expression for the price level:

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= \gamma (\Phi_n)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} = \gamma \left(\sum_{i=1}^N T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \\ &= \gamma \left(\sum_{i=1}^N T_i (w_i^\beta p_i^{1-\beta} d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \end{aligned}$$

Given w_i , this generally needs to be solved numerically. We can also plug in input costs here:

$$\frac{X_{ni}}{X_n} = \pi_{ni} = T_i \left(\frac{\gamma d_{ni} w_i^\beta p_i^{1-\beta}}{p_n} \right)^{-\theta}$$

Labor Market Equilibrium

Labor income equals labor's share of output value:

$$w_i L_i = \beta Q_i = \beta \sum_{i=1}^N X_{ni} = \beta \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} X_n$$

Total expenditures in country n are:

$$X_n = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} w_n L_n + w_n L_n = \frac{1}{\beta} w_n L_n$$

Wages thus satisfy:

$$w_i L_i = \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} w_n L_n$$

Labor Market Equilibrium

Labor Income from Manufacturing

$$Q_i = \sum_{n=1}^N X_{ni} \Rightarrow w_i L_i = \beta Q_i = \beta \sum_{n=1}^N X_{ni} = \beta \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} X_n$$

The model closes by focusing on **manufacturing**:

- Value added in manufacturing: $Y_n^M = w_n L_n$
- Final total expenditure: $Y_n = \alpha Y_n^M + (1 - \alpha) Y_n^O \rightarrow Y_n^M = \alpha Y_n$

By Cobb-Douglas production, intermediate input demand is (using $\beta Q_n = w_n L_n$):

$$(1 - \beta) Q_n = (1 - \beta) \frac{w_n L_n}{\beta} = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} w_n L_n$$

Then total manufacturing expenditure is:

$$X_n = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} w_n L_n + \alpha Y_n = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} w_n L_n + \alpha w_n L_n$$

Special Case

We can assume $\alpha = 1$ (all expenditure on manufactures).

This is a special case of the model, but it's not the only one. In this case, total expenditure on manufactures is:

$$X_n = \frac{1}{\beta} w_n L_n$$

And then

$$w_i L_i = \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} w_n L_n$$

Model Closure: Two Labor Market Assumptions

E&K consider two polar cases regarding how labor interacts with the manufacturing sector:

Case 1: Mobile Labor (wage is exogenous)

- ▶ Workers freely reallocate between manufacturing and nonmanufacturing.
- ▶ Nonmanufacturing productivity pins down the wage w_n .
- ▶ Manufacturing employment L_i adjusts to satisfy

$$w_i L_i = \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} [(1 - \beta) w_n L_n + \alpha \beta Y_n] \quad \text{where } Y_n \text{ is exogenous.}$$

Case 2: Immobile Labor (employment is exogenous)

- ▶ Each country has a fixed manufacturing labor force L_n .
- ▶ Wage w_i adjusts to clear the market:

$$w_i L_i = \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} [(1 - \beta + \alpha \beta) w_n L_n + \alpha \beta Y_n^O] \quad \text{where } Y_n^O \text{ is exogenous.}$$

$\alpha = 1$ and mobile labor

If $\alpha = 1$ then there is no nonmanufacturing sector. This simplification makes the equilibrium to be determined by three sets of equations:

Wages:

$$w_i L_i = \sum_{n=1}^N \pi_{ni} w_n L_n, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Trade Shares:

$$\pi_{ni} = T_i \left(\frac{\gamma d_{ni} w_i^\beta p_i^{1-\beta}}{p_n} \right)^{-\theta}, \quad i, n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Prices:

$$p_n = \gamma \left[\sum_{i=1}^N T_i \left(d_{ni} w_i^\beta p_i^{1-\beta} \right)^{-\theta} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

This particular case makes the model easier to interpret and solve.

Special Case: Free Trade

EK show that in **free trade**, $d_{ni} = 1$, real GDP per worker (Welfare) is:

$$W_i = \frac{Y_i/L_i}{p_i} = \frac{w_i}{p_i} = \gamma^{-1/\beta} T_i^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left[\sum_{k=1}^N T_k^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left(\frac{L_k}{L_i} \right)^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)}$$

Take L_i outside the bracket:

$$W_i = \gamma^{-1/\beta} T_i^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} L_i^{-1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left[\sum_{k=1}^N T_k^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} L_k^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)}$$

- Welfare is increasing in T_k everywhere.
- Increase in home T also benefits foreign wages.
- Gains depend on relative labor force size. Small countries benefit more from technological improvements abroad.

Special Case: Autarky

Since $\pi_{ii} = 1$, Eaton-Kortum show that:

$$\frac{w_i}{p_i} = \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} \left(\frac{T_i}{\pi_{ii}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta\theta}} \implies \frac{w_i}{p_i} = \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} T_i^{\frac{1}{\theta\beta}}$$

Welfare simply increases in own technology, T_i . Using the free trade solution (with $d_{ni} = 1$), we can express welfare as:

$$= \underbrace{\gamma^{-1/\beta} T_n^{1/(\theta\beta)}}_{\text{Autarky}} \underbrace{\left[\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{T_i}{T_n} \right)^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left(\frac{L_i}{L_n} \right)^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)}}_{>1}$$

► See derivation

Why > 1 ?

If all countries were identical to n , then:

$$\frac{T_i}{T_n} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{L_i}{L_n} = 1$$

\implies The term in brackets would equal 1.

If at least one country has higher T_i or L_i , n can import cheaper goods.

With a positive exponent, these differences raise the bracketed term. **Hence, welfare is higher under trade.**

Empirical Analysis

- In order to perform counterfactuals, we need to estimate several parameters.
- The model is estimated using a two-step procedure:
 - 1 Estimate θ . Several ways depending on the data available:
 - ★ Eaton and Kortum (2002) use a panel of trade flows in manufactured goods from 19 OECD countries in 1990 and a method of moments.
 - ★ Simonovska and Waugh (2011) said that the EK method of moments is not consistent, and developed a simulated method of moments and then applied it to disaggregate price and trade-flow data for the year 2004.
 - ★ Others who have used similar approaches are Constantinou, Donaldson and Komunjer (2012) (estimated θ using sectoral productivities and a dif-in-dif strategy) and Caliendo and Parro (2014) (used another dif-in-dif strategy).
 - ★ In summary, the estimates of θ are between 2 and 12, but the most common value is ~ 8 .
 - 2 Given θ , estimate T_i and d_{ni} .

EK Counterfactuals

- About the gains from trade, EK show that smaller countries tend to be hurt more by trade barriers (i.e. when we move to autarky). [Link to the appendix table](#)
- Moving to zero gravity $d_{ni} = 1$ would imply bigger gains for all countries. [Link to the appendix table](#)

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Apéndice A (I): Definición y paso a la integral

$$\pi_{ni} = \Pr[P_{ni}(j) \leq \min_{k \neq i} \{P_{nk}(j)\}] = \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\prod_{s \neq i} \Pr[P_{ns} > p]}_{\text{Ningún otro país ofrece precio menor a } p} \underbrace{d \Pr[P_{ni} \leq p]}_{\text{País } i \text{ sí ofrece } \leq p}.$$

- Es la probabilidad de que, para un bien j , el país i ofrezca el precio más bajo entre todos los países.
- **Idea:** We take the set of all prices for which any country is offering a price lower than p and integrate over that set for the products in which country i is offering a price lower than p .

Apéndice A (II): Uso de la distribución Fréchet

Pero recuerden que por la distribución Fréchet para z_i :

$$G_{ni}(p) = \Pr(P_{ni} \leq p) = 1 - \exp\left[-T_i\left(\frac{c_i d_{ni}}{p}\right)^{-\theta}\right].$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \pi_{ni} &= \int_0^\infty \prod_{s \neq i} [1 - G_{ns}(p)] dG_{ni}(p) \\&= \int_0^\infty \prod_{s \neq i} \left[e^{-T_s (c_s d_{ns})^{-\theta} p^\theta} \right] \left[(T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}) \theta p^{\theta-1} e^{-T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p^\theta} \right] dp \\&= \left[T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right] \int_0^\infty \prod_{s \neq i} \left[e^{-T_s (c_s d_{ns})^{-\theta} p^\theta} \right] \theta p^{\theta-1} dp \\&= \left[T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right] \int_0^\infty e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} \theta p^{\theta-1} dp \\&\text{donde } \Phi_n = \sum_{s=1}^N T_s (c_s d_{ns})^{-\theta}\end{aligned}$$

Apéndice A (III): Resultado

Finally, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{ni} &= \left[T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right] \int_0^\infty \theta p^{\theta-1} e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} dp \\ &= \left[T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right] \left[-\frac{1}{\Phi_n} e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} \right]_{p=0}^\infty = \left[T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} \right] \frac{1}{\Phi_n} \\ &= \frac{T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\Phi_n} = \frac{T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}{\sum_m T_m (c_m d_{nm})^{-\theta}}\end{aligned}$$

which is the fracción de bienes que n compra a i .

- Al aumentar T_i , $c_i d_{ni}$ se vuelve “más competitivo” en promedio, subiendo π_{ni} .
- θ modula la sensibilidad a esas diferencias (menos dispersión \rightarrow menor “ventaja comparativa”).

Apéndice B: Derivación de $G_n(p)$

- Remember that

$$P_n(j) = \min_i \{P_{ni}(j)\}.$$

- La CDF de P_n en p es

$$G_n(p) = \Pr[P_n \leq p] = \Pr\left[\min_i \{P_{ni}\} \leq p\right].$$

- Reescribir la prob. de la “mínima” como

$$G_n(p) = 1 - \Pr\left[\min_i \{P_{ni}\} > p\right] = 1 - \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^N \Pr[P_{ni} > p]}_{\text{todos los precios} > p}.$$

- Using $\Pr[P_{ni} > p] = 1 - G_{ni}(p)$, $P_{ni} = \frac{c_i}{z_i} d_{ni}$ y $z_i \sim \text{Fréchet}$,

$$G_{ni}(p) = 1 - \exp\left[-T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p^\theta\right].$$

- Entonces

$$\Pr[P_{ni} > p] = \exp\left[-T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p^\theta\right].$$

- Sustitución y definición de Φ_n :

$$G_n(p) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^N \exp\left[-T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta} p^\theta\right] = 1 - \exp\left[-p^\theta \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}}_{\Phi_n}\right].$$

- Finalmente, el índice de precios es

$$G_n(p) = 1 - \exp[-\Phi_n p^\theta], \quad \Phi_n = \sum_i T_i (c_i d_{ni})^{-\theta}.$$

- Now think that Si país n compra un bien a i a precio q , i.e. i es el proveedor más barato, queremos ver la distribución de ese q .
- Probabilidad de “ i es el más barato dado que vende a q ”

$$\prod_{s \neq i} \Pr[P_{ns} \geq q] = \prod_{s \neq i} [1 - G_{ns}(q)] = e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta}$$

- Integrar sobre todos los $q \leq p$

$$\int_0^p e^{-\Phi_n^{-i} q^\theta} dG_{ni}(q) = \pi_{ni} G_n(p)$$

- Es decir que la distribución de q condicionada a que i es el más barato coincide con $G_n(p)$.
- El país i ajusta el rango de bienes que vende de modo que “la parte del precio” en la que sí compite exitosamente *hereda* la distribución G_n .

Apéndice C: Derivación del índice de precios p_n

- We need to show that

$$p_n = \left[\int_0^1 \left(p_n(j) \right)^{1-\sigma} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} = \gamma \Phi_n^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_n^{1-\sigma} &= \int_0^1 p_n(j)^{1-\sigma} dj = \int_0^\infty p^{1-\sigma} dG_n(p) && \text{(cambiando variable } j \mapsto p) \\ &= \int_0^\infty p^{1-\sigma} \left[\Phi_n \theta p^{\theta-1} e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} \right] dp && \text{(usando } G'_n(p) \text{ y } G_n(p) = 1 - e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta}) \\ &= \Phi_n \theta \int_0^\infty p^{\theta-\sigma} e^{-\Phi_n p^\theta} dp \\ &= \Phi_n^{\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta}} \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta}} e^{-x} \frac{dx}{\theta x^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}}} && \text{(cambio de variable } x = \Phi_n p^\theta) \\ &= \Phi_n^{\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta}} \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta} + \frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} e^{-x} dx = \Phi_n^{-\frac{1-\sigma}{\theta}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\theta+1-\sigma}{\theta}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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Model Closure: Additional Notes

- **Mobile labor case:**

- ▶ Wage is pinned down by nonmanufacturing productivity (since wages are equalized across sectors).
- ▶ L_n adjusts endogenously in manufacturing.
- ▶ T_i reflects then not only absolute advantage within manufactures, but *comparative advantage in manufacturing relative to nonmanufacturing*.

- **Immobile labor case:**

- ▶ L_n is exogenous and fixed, then:

$$X_n = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} w_n L_n + \alpha Y_n = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} w_n L_n + \alpha (w_n L_n + Y_n^O)$$

- ▶ L_n fixed \Rightarrow specialization is exogenous.
- ▶ T_i affects w_i through its impact on trade shares π_{ni} : higher technology T_i makes country i more competitive, increasing π_{ni} and thus raising labor income $w_i L_i$; with L_i fixed, this implies higher w_i .

- In both cases, θ governs the strength of comparative advantage *within* manufacturing.

Appendix: Deriving Welfare

Using the free trade solution (with $d_{ni} = 1$), we can express welfare as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{w_n}{p_n} &= \gamma^{-1/\beta} T_n^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N T_i^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left(\frac{L_i}{L_n} \right)^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)} \\ &= \gamma^{-1/\beta} \left[T_n^{(\theta\beta)/(1+\theta\beta)} \sum_{i=1}^N T_i^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left(\frac{L_i}{L_n} \right)^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)} \\ &= \gamma^{-1/\beta} \left[T_n^{(\theta\beta)/(1+\theta\beta)} T_n^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{T_i}{T_n} \right)^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left(\frac{L_i}{L_n} \right)^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)}\end{aligned}$$

Rewriting it:

$$= \underbrace{\gamma^{-1/\beta} T_n^{1/(\theta\beta)}}_{\text{Autarky}} \underbrace{\left[\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{T_i}{T_n} \right)^{1/(1+\theta\beta)} \left(\frac{L_i}{L_n} \right)^{\theta\beta/(1+\theta\beta)} \right]^{1/(\theta\beta)}}_{>1}$$