

# Sectoral Shifts, Production Networks, and the Term Structure of Equity

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## Abstract

In this paper, I argue that the term structure of equity as characterized by expected holding period returns on dividend strips can be used as a diagnostic to evaluate the quantity dynamics that arise in a macroeconomic model. I do this by showing that the risk exposures associated with dividend futures are equal to the impulse responses aggregate consumption with respect to the underlying shocks. As an application, I derive the asset pricing implications of a multi-sector production network model and use this to shed light on relative importance of idiosyncratic and aggregate total factor productivity (TFP) shocks. Though aggregate TFP in the U.S. over the last 60 years has grown approximately 1.4 percent annually, these gains have been dispersed across individual sectors, with some sectors even seeing substantial declines. This dispersion is either the result of idiosyncratic sectoral shocks or aggregate shocks that shift the composition of the economy without necessarily affecting long-run aggregate output. Decomposing the contribution of each shock to this term structure of equity, I show that the shift shocks contribute to a downward sloping term structure of equity while others contribute to an upward sloping term structure. Thus, imposing a downward sloping term structure in this model amounts to putting a lower bound on the contribution of aggregate shifts relative to other shocks.

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# 1 Introduction

This paper has two objectives. The first is to show how the term structure of equity can be used to inform quantity dynamics in a generic macroeconomics model. The term structure of equity has found use in the asset pricing literature as a way to discriminate between competing asset pricing models. I argue that it can also be used to discriminate between competing macroeconomic models. The second objective is to demonstrate an application of using this set of asset pricing facts within a multi-sector production network model. Output dynamics in this model are driven by idiosyncratic, sector-specific shocks and aggregate shocks to TFP. I show that we can derive the model-implied term structure of equity within this model and compare it against the empirically observed term structure. Furthermore, we can decompose this term structure to observe how each source of uncertainty—each shock—contributes to this term structure. Of these, I show that only the aggregate shocks that shift TFP between sectors without increasing long-run growth can potentially contribute to a downward sloping term structure. Thus, if we were to impose a downward sloping term structure on this model, we must impose a restriction that these shift shocks are large relative to the other shocks in the model. I describe these two objectives in greater detail here.

This first objective amounts to demonstrating how asset pricing data, specifically that associated with the term structure of equity, can be used to inform a macroeconomic model. Though most macroeconomic models of consumption and investment are not used to examine this term structure, they nonetheless contain theoretical predictions for it ([Borovička and Hansen, 2014](#)) and can be used to evaluate the empirical plausibility of various models. To build the intuition for this, I start by defining this term structure. An asset with cash flows or dividend payments paid over time can be viewed as a collection of claims to the individual payments in each period, often called “dividend strips.” That is, when the price of a claim to the cash flows  $\{D_t\}$  given a stochastic discount factor process  $\{S_t\}$  is

$$P_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} D_{t+\tau} \right], \quad (1)$$

the price of the  $\tau$ -horizon dividend strip is

$$P_t^\tau = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} D_{t+\tau} \right] \quad (2)$$

and  $P_t = \sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} P_t^\tau$ . The one-period holding period return on these dividend strips,

$$R_{t+1}^\tau = \frac{P_{t+1}^{\tau-1}}{P_t^\tau}, \quad (3)$$

constitute the *term structure of equity*.<sup>1</sup> There is a literature in finance that seeks to decompose broad market indexes, such as the S&P 500, into these strips and to measure the associated returns, since doing so gives a richer set of information about future cash flows and discount rates. This can be seen by comparing the price of the index,  $P_t$ , in (1) to the price of the strip,  $P_t^\tau$ , in (2). The price of the index contains information about the present discounted sum of future payments, while the strips give information about how those cash flows and discount rates behave at different horizons. This illustrates the intuition behind using this set of facts to inform quantity dynamics in a macroeconomic model.

Furthermore, within this literature there is some evidence that suggests that this term structure is downward sloping, in the sense that the average returns on longer horizon strips is lower than shorter horizon strips (see, e.g., [van Binsbergen, Brandt, and Koijen 2012](#); [van Binsbergen et al. 2013](#); [Gormsen 2018](#)). In this paper, I argue that this information about the slope can put restrictions on the contributions of various shocks to short-run and long-run growth. Thus, together with the previous intuition, we can see that the information contained in the dividend strip prices and their associated returns represent a rich avenue of opportunities to explore the ability of asset prices to inform macroeconomic models.

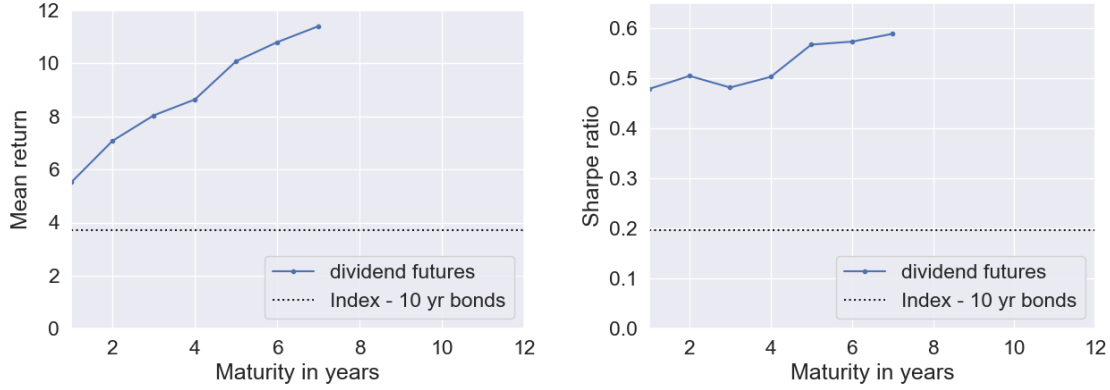
In Figure 1 I plot summary statistics for the average returns and Sharpe ratios on dividend futures based on the dividends paid by the S&P 500 index, as reported in [van Binsbergen and Koijen \(2017\)](#). A *dividend future* is a forward claim on a dividend strip. It is defined as a security where an investor enters into an agreement at time  $t$  in which she agrees to pay  $P_t$  at time  $t + \tau$  in exchange for a risky cash flow  $D_{t+\tau}$ . These assets are closely related to dividend strips since, by no-arbitrage, the return on this future must be equal to the holding period return on the dividend strip in excess of the risk-free bond with the same maturity. The dotted line in the figure reports the average return on the S&P 500 index, in excess of the average holding period returns on 10 year Treasury bonds. Since the return on the index can be expressed (up to a first-order approximation) as a weighted average of the returns on the dividend strips associated with the index, the return on the index in excess of the 10 year bonds approximates a weighted average of the dividend futures over all horizons  $\tau > 0$ .<sup>2</sup> Since these dividend futures are only traded for maturities of one to seven years, the right tail of the plot must be inferred by the

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<sup>1</sup>There are several different definitions of the term structure of equity. Alternatives include “equity yields” (dividend-price ratios associated with equity securities) as well as returns on assets held over different horizons. Here I focus on the term structure as equity as defined by holding period returns on dividend strips.

<sup>2</sup>See [van Binsbergen and Koijen \(2017\)](#) for a more complete discussion.

Figure 1: Term structure of equity



Average returns and Sharpe ratios for dividend futures across maturities of one to seven years. These are dividend futures of dividends paid out by the S&P 500, over a sample of daily returns spanning Nov. 2002 - Jul. 2014, as reported in [van Binsbergen and Koijen \(2017\)](#). Figures reported are annualized. The dotted line represents the figures associated with the index, in excess of returns on 10 year Treasury bonds.

returns on the index. The key stylized fact to be seen in Figure 1 is that, while returns and Sharpe ratios may appear to be rising over the maturities 1–7, the lower average returns on the underlying index suggest that the term structure must be downward sloping at higher, unobserved maturities. Loosely speaking, this means that aggregate cash flows at shorter horizons must be in some sense riskier than cash flows at longer horizons. As is common within the macro-finance literature, if we take the S&P 500 as a proxy for the market portfolio and assume that dividends are proportional to aggregate consumption, then the properties associated with the returns on dividend futures should tell us something about the dynamics of aggregate consumption and output. One of the main results of this paper is to show that the risk exposures associated with these dividend futures are exactly equal to the impulse response functions of aggregate consumption. Thus, the risk premia plotted in Figure 1 have a close relationship to are equal to a weighted sum of these impulse response functions, weighted by the model implied risk prices. Furthermore, I will show that if we impose the restriction that the term structure of equity is downward sloping, this amounts to putting restrictions on the relationship between the permanent and transitory components of cash flow growth.

The second objective of this paper is an application of the results of the first. As

an application of using the term structure of equity to evaluate a macroeconomic model, I examine a simple multi-sector production networks model through the lens of asset pricing. In this model, the source of uncertainty that I consider are shocks to total factor productivity (TFP). This model features idiosyncratic shocks specific to individual sectors as well as common, aggregate shocks. I consider an aggregate shock that moves all sectors up and down, as well as shocks that shift TFP between sectors without necessarily affecting output in the long-run (shift shocks). I decompose the contribution of each of these shocks to show how each shock contributes to the shape of the term structure of equity. I show that the shift shocks increase the risk premia associated with short maturity dividend strips without having much of an effect of longer maturity dividend strips. Thus, these shift shocks contribute to a downward sloping term structure of equity while all other shocks in this model contribute to an upward sloping term structure. Thus, I demonstrate that if we were to impose a downward sloping term structure, as some of the empirical asset pricing literature suggests, then this model amounts to putting a lower bound on the contribution of aggregate shift shocks relative to other sources. I argue that, given that at the heart of this model is series of real investment decisions, comparing the model's implicit asset pricing predictions against those observed in the data is a reasonable exercise. Furthermore, analyzing the term structure implied by the model serves as a convenient and readily interpretable way to evaluate the contributions of each shocks since the contributions are measured in terms of returns on traded assets.

## 1.1 Related Literature

The literature in asset pricing that studies this term structure of equity is a relatively new one. [van Binsbergen, Brandt, and Koijen \(2012\)](#) and [van Binsbergen et al. \(2013\)](#) were among the first to develop and explore empirical counterparts to the holding-period return associated with dividend strips and the associated term structure. They document that the term structure is downward sloping on average, meaning that the expected holding-period return on short-maturity equity is higher than the return on long-maturity equity. Although there is an ongoing debate regarding the measurement of this term structure, the slope of this term structure has emerged as a powerful way to distinguish between competing asset pricing models, since a downward sloping term structure is inconsistent with many traditional asset pricing models, such as the long-run risk model of [Bansal and Yaron \(2004\)](#) the external habits model of [Campbell and Cochrane \(1999\)](#). Consequently, measuring the term structure and addressing this potential challenge represents an important and active area of research within finance.

Lettau and Wachter (2007) and Hansen, Heaton, and Li (2008) were among the first to emphasize the importance of the term structure of risk prices and risk exposures for asset pricing. The model of Lettau and Wachter (2007) exhibits a downward-sloping term structure, as it is designed to. However, the stochastic discount factor analyzed is specified exogenously and does not represent a fully-fledged model of equilibrium. A logical next step would be to explore micro foundations that could give risk to such a model. What is more, though standard consumption-based asset pricing models already consider the joint modeling of asset prices and aggregate consumption, an equally important endeavor is to consider the joint restrictions between these series and other components within general equilibrium, such as aggregate output and investment. The literature that studies asset prices in full general equilibrium models with production does exactly this. As emphasized by Borovička and Hansen (2014), a fully specified dynamic stochastic general equilibrium model will have predictions for asset prices, including the term structure of risk premia. Thus, evidence regarding the term structure of equity represents a rich opportunity to “examine macroeconomic models through the lens of asset pricing.”<sup>3</sup>

Several models have had some success in explaining the average downward sloping term structure of risk premia. A few examples of models that capture this feature are Ai et al. (2012), Andries, Eisenbach, and Schmalz (2014), and Nakamura et al. (2013). Some do so by modifying the preferences of the representative agent, altering their beliefs, or considering alternative technology specifications. van Binsbergen and Koijen (2017) provide a nice overview of such models. In this paper, I focus on the asset pricing outcomes within a relatively standard, frictionless production network economy. I use the model-implied term structure of equity in this setting to demonstrate how one can use the term structure to inform the relative importance of different shocks within this model and how the term structure of equity can be used to evaluate the empirical plausibility of the model’s dynamics.

With regard to studying the asset pricing implications within a production network model, there are a few relative studies. For example, Herskovic (2018) explores a related question. In that paper, he decomposes consumption growth into three factors, where one is an aggregation of TFP shocks and the other two are related to innovations in the shape of the production networks. TFP growth, along with changes in the network structure over time, proxy for consumption growth and shocks to any of these factors should be priced in equilibrium. In contrast, the shape of the network in my model is constant over time. Furthermore, I distinguish between the

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<sup>3</sup> Hansen, Heaton, and Li (2008), Hansen and Scheinkman (2012), Borovicka et al. (2011), Hansen (2012), and Borovička and Hansen (2014) are examples of papers that develop tools and methods to examine macroeconomic models in this way.

network for intermediate goods and the network for investment goods and emphasize the ability of the investment network to propagate shocks over time. It is this gradual shock propagation that helps to inform the shape of the term structure of equity.

In a similar vein, [Richmond \(2019\)](#) explores centrality in global trade networks and shows a strong relationship between centrality and both interest rates and currency risk premia. The main mechanism in this paper is that central countries' consumption growth is more exposed to global consumption growth shocks via the trade network. This exposure is a contemporaneous exposure and it explains differences in the currency risk premia. In contrast, cross-sectional differences in risk-premia in my paper may arise due to differences in exposures across time. Though I also explore the effects of centrality on risk, the mechanism that I explore leads to a different measure of centrality depending on the horizon analyzed. Risk exposures in the short-run depend more on the intermediate goods network, while risk exposures in the long run tilt more towards the investment network.

Also, the main mechanism that drives the results in this production networks model relies on the hypothesis that shocks propagate through the network over time. Several recent papers provide evidence that these effects exist and are strong. [Barrot and Sauvagnat \(2016\)](#) and [Carvalho et al. \(2016\)](#) use natural disasters as a source of exogenous variation to identify firm- or industry-level idiosyncratic shocks. [Acemoglu, Akgigit, and Kerr \(2015\)](#) explore a variety of instruments and show that supply shocks transmit from supplier to customer and that shocks resembling demand shocks transmit from customer to supplier. An important paper related to the mechanism explored in my model is [vom Lehn and Winberry \(2019\)](#). While other papers have also explored the consequences of the shape of production networks, this paper emphasizes that the implications of the shape of the intermediate goods network are different from the investment network. They document that the investment network is dominated by a few "investment hubs" and that this structure is important for understanding the business cycle and the nature of sectoral comovement. Shocks to investment hubs have larger and more persistent effects on aggregate GDP and employment and these shocks lead many of these effects. In this paper, I adopt their framework and study the asset pricing implications of the model. However, it's important to note that I consider a different source of variation. While they de-trend the data to study how the model propagates transitory shocks, I consider the variation stemming from the stochastic trends in sectoral TFP growth. I do this because, in order to produce a realistic model of asset prices, I must model the sources of non-stationarity in the model. While the transitory variation in TFP growth is certainly very important, modeling it adds additional complexity to the

model that I avoid for now. As an extension, I will later consider the case in which TFP is modeled as a unit root process.

## 2 Term structure equity in log-linear economies

I begin by introducing the several asset pricing objects of interest in a generic model, including risk prices, risk exposures, and the term structure of equity. I will reference these definitions and results later when analyzing the multisector production network model. Consider a macroeconomic model in which the vector of state variables  $x_t$  can be written as a linear state-space model,

$$x_{t+1} = Gx_t + Hw_{t+1}, \quad (4)$$

where  $G$  is an  $N \times N$  matrix with spectral radius less than one,  $H$  is a  $N \times M$  constant matrix, and  $w_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  is an i.i.d. random vector representing the underlying structure shocks of the model. Suppose further that the model-implied stochastic discount factor (SDF) and a given cash flow process (e.g., aggregate dividends) can be written as

$$\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda'_s w_{t+1} \quad (5)$$

$$\log D_{t+1} - \log D_t = \mu_d + U'_d x_t + \lambda'_d w_{t+1}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_d$  are constants, and  $U_s$ ,  $U_d$ ,  $\lambda_s$ , and  $\lambda_d$  are conforming vectors.

By definition of the SDF, the gross returns over the period  $t$  to  $t+1$ ,  $R_{t+1}$ , satisfy

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} R_{t,t+1} \mid x_t \right] = 1.$$

Supposing that we can express the log one-period returns of a given asset as

$$\log R_{t+1} = \mu_r + U'_r x_t + \lambda'_r w_{t+1},$$

for some fixed  $\mu_r$ ,  $U_r$ , and  $\lambda_r$ , the one-period risk-premium takes on a simple form, given in Lemma 1.

**Lemma 1.** *The risk premium, the expected returns associated with  $R_{t+1}$  in excess of the short-term risk-free rate, is equal to a product of risk prices and risk exposures:*

$$\log E[R_{t+1}] - \log[R_{t+1}^f] = - \underbrace{\lambda_s}_{\text{risk-prices}} \cdot \underbrace{\lambda_r}_{\text{risk-exposures}} \quad (7)$$



where  $R_{t+1}^f$  is the one-period risk-free rate implied by the SDF.<sup>4</sup> The vector  $\lambda_s$  thus represents a vector of risk prices associated with exposure to each source of risk in  $w_{t+1}$ . The vector  $\lambda_r$  represents the vector of risk exposures, defining the exposure of the returns  $R_{t+1}$  to each source of risk.

The risk prices represent the marginal risk-premium associated with an additional unit of risk while the risk exposures represent the quantities of each source of risk that the asset with return  $R_{t+1}$  is exposed to.

Similarly, for any given cash flow process  $\{D_t\}$  (e.g. aggregate dividends), the price of an asset that pays such cash flows is

$$P_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_{t+k}}{S_t} D_{t+k} \right], \quad (1)$$

where the conditional expectation at time  $t$  is evaluated conditional on the state  $x_t$ . A *dividend strip* is a claim to one of the individual dividend payments of this asset. Denote the price of the  $\tau$ -horizon dividend strip as  $P_t^\tau$ , defined in (2) and repeated here:

$$P_t^\tau = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} D_{t+\tau} \right]. \quad (2)$$

The return associated with holding this asset for one period (the one-period holding period return) is defined in (3) and repeated here:

$$R_{t+1}^\tau = \frac{P_{t+1}^{\tau-1}}{P_t^\tau}. \quad (3)$$

These are analogous to the holding period returns on zero-coupon bonds, in which the payment  $D_{t+\tau}$  is fixed. For example, if the payment were fixed at unity, the time  $t$  price of the risk-free bond maturing at time  $t + \tau$  would be  $B_t^\tau = \mathbb{E}_t [S_{t+\tau}/S_t]$ . Define the holding period return on this bond as

$$R_{t+1}^{f,\tau} = \frac{B_{t+1}^{\tau-1}}{B_t^\tau}. \quad (8)$$

In a sense the dividend strips are a generalization of the bonds. In addition, the price of dividend strip contains information associated with the risky cash flow and its interaction with the evolution of discount factor over the given horizon. Studying dividend strips, and their relationship to bonds, can therefore improve our understanding of investor preferences and the dynamics of the endowments or technologies that drive the risky cash flows.

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<sup>4</sup> See the Appendix, equations (59) and (65) for the proof.

I now characterize the expected excess returns on these dividend strips in terms of the underlying model dynamics. In this setting the risk premium associated with holding period returns has a simple characterization in terms of the impulse response functions of the dividends and stochastic discount factors processes, given in Proposition 3. I preface this with a definition of these impulse response functions.

**Definition 2.** Let  $\psi_d(\tau)$  be the impulse response function of the dividends process  $D_t$  at horizon  $\tau$ . That is,

$$\Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log D_{t+\tau}] = \psi_d(\tau) \cdot w_{t+1}. \quad (9)$$

Define  $\psi_s$  similarly as the impulse response function for the log SDF,  $\log S_t$ .

Most of the derivations that I will present are written in terms of the impulse response functions, as they provide a convenient way to link asset pricing results with commonly studied objects in macroeconomics. Now, define  $R_{t+1}^{\tau,f}$  as the holding period return associated with holding the zero-coupon risk-free bond with maturity  $\tau$  and the short-term risk-free rate as  $R_{t+1}^f = R_{t+1}^{f,1}$ . This gives us the following characterization of the returns on dividend strips.

**Proposition 3.** *The risk premium associated with the holding-period return on the  $\tau$ -horizon dividend strip is*

$$\log \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}^{\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}^f] = - \underbrace{\lambda_s}_{\text{risk-prices}} \cdot \underbrace{(\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau))}_{\text{risk-exposures}}, \quad (10)$$

The proof of this claim is given in the appendix, in Section A.2. To better understand this formula, first note that the impulse response functions measure the sensitivity of each process to the underlying shocks over alternative horizons.  $\lambda_s$  describes the prices associated with a unit of risk from each source while  $\psi_d(\tau)$  describes the quantities of risk that the dividend process is exposed to at horizon  $\tau$ .<sup>5</sup> An interpretation of (10) is that the risk exposures associated with the holding-period return are comprised of two components: a dividend-risk channel, embodied in the term  $\psi_d(\tau)$ , and a valuation channel, embodied in the term  $\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)$ . The dividend-risk channel captures the risk associated with fluctuations in the cash-flow process and the valuation channel captures the risk associated with changing prices of the claim.

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<sup>5</sup> In the more general framework of Borovička and Hansen (2014), these are shock-value and shock-exposure elasticities, respectively, and their product  $\lambda_s \cdot \psi_d(j)$ , represents the shock-price elasticities at each horizon  $j$ .

With this result in hand, the derivation of the expected returns associated with dividend futures follows immediately. This, along with the expected holding period returns on  $\tau$ -maturity risk-free bonds, is given in Corollary 4.

**Corollary 4.** *Since the zero-coupon bond with maturity  $\tau$  has fixed a fixed cash flow, the risk premium associated with holding this bond is*

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t+1}^f] = - \underbrace{\lambda_s}_{\text{risk prices}} \cdot \underbrace{(\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1))}_{\text{risk exposures}}. \quad (11)$$

Thus, expected return on dividend strip in excess of the expected holding period return on a risk-free bond with the same maturity is

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}] = - \underbrace{\lambda_s}_{\text{risk prices}} \cdot \underbrace{\psi_d(\tau)}_{\text{risk exposures}}. \quad (12)$$

This derivation can be interpreted as the expected return on a dividend future with maturity  $\tau$ , less a one-half variance term.

The expression (12) is particularly useful because, it demonstrates that we can control for the valuation channel in this setting by simply netting out the returns associated with holding a risk free bond with the same maturity as the dividend strip. Thus, the risk exposures in this expression are simply equal to the impulse responses of dividends  $\psi_d$ . Furthermore, this expression can conveniently be interpreted as the return on a dividend future. A *dividend future* is a forward claim on a dividend strip that is defined as a security where an investor enters into an agreement at time  $t$  in which she agrees to pay  $P_t$  at time  $t + \tau$  in exchange for the cash flow  $D_{t+\tau}$ . That is, the price is agreed upon at time  $t$  while the money is exchanged at time  $t + \tau$ . By no-arbitrage, the price of a dividend future must be

$$F_t^\tau = \frac{P_t^\tau}{B_t^\tau}. \quad (13)$$

Thus, the log of the holding period return associated with a dividend futures is

$$\log \frac{F_{t+1}^{\tau-1}}{F_t^\tau} = \log R_{t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}. \quad (14)$$

Although this expression differs from that used in (12) by a half-variance term, this can be correct for in empirical work. The full characterization of the the expected holding period returns on dividend futures is given in the appendix. In this paper, however, I will use (12) to characterize the term structure of equity.

**Definition 5** (Dividend Future Premium). Define  $DF_\tau$  is the expected return on a dividend strip in excess of the expected return on a risk-free bond with the same maturity,

$$DF_\tau := \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}]. \quad (15)$$

I refer to this as the “dividend future premium.” It is characterized in (12). It differs from the expected holding period return on a dividend future by a half-variance term.

I use the expression for the dividend future premium,  $DF_\tau$ , over all horizons  $\tau = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  to represent the *term structure of equity*. Thus, as demonstrated in Corollary 4, average returns in Figure 1 constitute moment conditions that put restrictions on the dynamics of aggregate dividends, as characterized by the impulse responses  $\psi_d(\tau)$ , and the risk prices  $\lambda_s$ .

An expression for the Sharpe ratios, also given in Figure 1, follow similarly. These are given in the follow proposition.

**Proposition 6.** *From the definition of the impulse response functions and the derivation of the dividend future returns in Proposition 3,*

$$\text{Cov}(\Delta \log S_{t+1}, \Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log D_{t+\tau}]) = \psi_s(1) \cdot \psi_d(\tau)$$

and

$$\text{Var}(\log R_{t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}) = \|\psi_d(\tau)\|^2.$$

*It then follows that the ratio of this risk premium to the standard deviation of the excess returns is*

$$SR_\tau := \frac{\log \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\log R_{t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t+1}^{f,\tau})}} = -\psi_s(1) \cdot \frac{\psi_d(\tau)}{\|\psi_d(\tau)\|}. \quad (16)$$

Again, the definition I use for the Sharpe ratio,  $SR_\tau$ . I examine the ratio  $SR_\tau$  for ease of discourse. Again, this can be accounted for in empirical work.

As a final note, see that we can decompose the term structure into the contributions of each of the individual shocks in the economy. The shocks,  $w_{t+1}$ , are an i.i.d. random, normally distributed vector with mean  $\vec{0}$  and variance-covariance matrix  $I$ . So, decomposing the contribution of each component in the vector  $w_{t+1}$  is a trivial Corollary of the expression in (12).

**Corollary 7.** *Since the dividend future premium is a dot product of a vector of risk prices and risk exposures associated with the individual components of  $w_{t+1}$ , expressed as  $DF_\tau = -\lambda_s \cdot \psi_d(\tau)$ , the contribution of the  $i$ 'th shock to the dividend future premium  $DF_\tau$  is given by*

$$DF_{\tau,i} := -\lambda_{s,i} \psi_{d,i}(\tau),$$

where  $\lambda_s = [\lambda_{s,i}]$ ,  $\psi_d(\tau) = [\psi_{d,i}(\tau)]$ , and

$$DF_\tau = \sum_i DF_{\tau,i}.$$

This decomposition can be used to examine how each shock contributes to the term structure to identify which shocks might be most important for achieving an adequate fit of the model-implied term structure to the empirically-observed term structure.

## 2.1 The term structure and permanent and transitory variation in dividends

Here I discuss the information contained by the extremes of the term structure of equity. As demonstrated in (12), the risk exposures associated with the dividend futures are equal to the impulse response functions of dividends. The long-term limit of impulse responses,  $\psi_d(\infty) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \psi_d(\tau)$ , has a useful interpretation as the permanent component of  $D_t$ . This helps us understand the information content of term structure of equity.

To see this, consider the following decomposition.

**Lemma 8.** *Given an arbitrary log linear process of the form  $\log Y_{t+1} - \log Y_t = \mu_y + U'_y x_t + \lambda'_y w_{t+1}$  with  $x_{t+1} = Gx_t + Hw_{t+1}$ , the process can be decomposed into a deterministic trend, permanent, and transitory component. That is,*

$$\log Y_t = \underbrace{t \mu_y}_{\text{det. trend}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^t M_y w_k}_{\text{permanent component}} + \underbrace{F_y x_t}_{\text{stationary component}} + \underbrace{\log Y_0 - F_y x_0}_{\text{initial conds.}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F_y &:= -U'_y(I - G)^{-1} \\ M_y &:= \lambda'_y + U'_y(I - G)^{-1}H. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Furthermore, given the impulse response function of  $Y$ ,  $\psi_y$ , note that

$$\psi'_y(\infty) := \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \psi'_y(\tau) = M_y \quad (18)$$

and

$$\psi'_y(1) - \psi'_y(\infty) = F_y H. \quad (19)$$

Note that, in this decomposition, the permanent and transitory components are generally not uncorrelated.

Applying Lemma 8 to the results in Corollary 12, we see that the risk exposures in the extreme long-run depend exclusively on the permanent component of dividend growth while those associated with the short-term asset depend on a combination of the permanent and transitory components. This is written out in the following proposition,

**Proposition 9.** *The risk exposures associated with the dividend future premium at the extreme long horizon depend only on the permanent component of the dividend process,*

$$DF_\infty = -\lambda_s \cdot \underbrace{M_d}_{\text{risk exposures}} \quad (20)$$

and the exposures associated with the short horizon futures depend on the sum of the permanent and transitory components,

$$DF_1 = -\lambda_s \cdot \underbrace{(F_d H + M_d)}_{\text{risk exposures}} \quad (21)$$

where  $F_d$  and  $M_d$  are defined as in (17).

Thus, the term structure of equity can give us information regarding the permanent and transitory variation of the cash flow process,  $D_t$ .<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> In contrast, from (11) we can see that the risk exposures associated with the holding period returns on long-term bonds,  $\psi_s(\infty) - \psi_s(1)$ , depends exclusively on the transitory component of the SDF,  $S_t$ . In the context of a model of macroeconomic equilibrium, this would tell us about permanent and transitory components in marginal utility, mirroring the result of Alvarez and Jermann (2005).

## 2.2 The macroeconomic implications of the slope of the term structure of equity

Up until this point, I have only considered a reduced form representation of the stochastic discount factor,  $S_t$ , and computed prices and expected returns associated with a generic cash flow process  $D_t$ . If we now put some structure on the economy, we can derive the restrictions that the term structure imposes on the economy. Here I do so by specifying that a representative household has Epstein-Zin preferences and defining the dividends process in terms of aggregate consumption.

As argued by (Lucas, 1978), a portfolio consisting of all available assets in the economy should amount to a claim to all future consumption (and leisure, if the model includes labor and human capital). This portfolio is called the wealth portfolio. Similarly, when the cash flow process equals the total dividends paid by the aggregate stock market, the claim to these dividends is the market portfolio (Gordon, 1962). To that extent that the market portfolio represents a sufficient proxy for the wealth portfolio,<sup>7</sup> we can then explore the restrictions that the term structure of equity associated with, say, the S&P 500 puts on the macroeconomy. In this spirit, assume that the cash flow process  $D_t$  represents aggregate consumption, or at least is proportional to consumption:

**Assumption 10.** *Let the aggregate dividends process be equal to a levered index of consumption,*

$$\log D_t = \eta \log \mathcal{C}_t, \quad (22)$$

where  $\eta \geq 1$  is the leverage factor.

Now, suppose also that consumption  $\mathcal{C}_t$  is defined exogenously by

$$\log \mathcal{C}_{t+1} - \log \mathcal{C}_t = \mu_{\mathcal{C}} + U'_{\mathcal{C}} x_t + \lambda'_{\mathcal{C}} w_{t+1}, \quad (23)$$

given constant conforming scalars and vectors,  $\mu_{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $U'_{\mathcal{C}}$ , and  $\lambda_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Suppose further that that a representative household has Epstein-Zin preferences given by the recursion

$$V_t = \{(1 - \beta)(\mathcal{C}_t)^{1-\rho} + \beta[\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})]^{1-\rho}\}^{1/(1-\rho)} \quad (24)$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_t$  is the certainty equivalent operator defined by

$$\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}) \equiv \mathbb{E}_t[(V_{t+1})^{1-\gamma}]^{1/(1-\gamma)},$$

$\rho^{-1}$  is the elasticity of intertemporal substitution, and  $\gamma$  is the risk-aversion parameter.

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<sup>7</sup> See the critique of Roll 1977

When  $\rho = 1$  with  $\gamma > 1$ , the agent still exhibits a concern for long-run risk. However, the form of the SDF simplifies and can be written in the previously described form. This characterization was first used in [Hansen, Heaton, and Li \(2008\)](#).

**Lemma 11.** *Given the dynamics of consumption in (23) and the assumption of Epstein-Zin utility with  $\gamma > \rho = 1$ , the stochastic discount factor in equilibrium is*

$$\frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} = \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-1} \frac{V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}}{\mathbb{E}_t[V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}]}.$$

and can be written as

$$\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda'_s w_{t+1},$$

where constants  $\mu_s$ ,  $U_s$ , and  $\lambda_s$  are expressed as functions of the model parameters  $G$ ,  $H$ ,  $\mu_C$ ,  $U_C$ ,  $\lambda_C$ . The expressions are given in the appendix.

Now, with this additional structure in place, suppose we now impose a restriction on the sign of slope of the term structure of equity. Supposing that over the extremes the term structure is downward sloping amounts to imposing  $DF_\infty < DF_1$ . Given our previous results, this amounts to putting restrictions on the relationship between the permanent and transitory components of consumption growth. This is expressed as follows.

**Proposition 12.** *Given the dynamics of consumption in (23) and the assumption of Epstein-Zin utility with  $\gamma > \rho = 1$ , imposing that the term structure of equity is downward sloping,  $DF_\infty < DF_1$ , amounts to imposing bounds on the permanent and transitory components of consumption,*

$$0 > \gamma \underbrace{\lambda_C \cdot (U'_C(I - G)^{-1}H)}_{\text{Cov. of contemp. } C_t \text{ and transitory}} + (\gamma - 1) \underbrace{\beta U'_C(I - \beta G)^{-1}HH'(I - G')^{-1}U_C}_{\approx \text{Var. of transitory}}. \quad (25)$$

When the subjective discount factor approaches unity,  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ , this takes on a simpler form. Applying this approximation and using the notation of Lemma 8, this becomes

$$\text{Cov}_t(\log C_{t+1} - \log C_t, F_C x_{t+1}) > \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \text{Var}_t(F_C x_{t+1}). \quad (26)$$

Since the variance term must be nonnegative and since  $\gamma > 1$ , a downward sloping term structure imposes the restriction that the covariance of conditional consumption growth must be positively correlated with the transitory component of consumption growth. In other words, the consumption growth process must exhibit some degree of mean-reversion.



Thus, we have shown here that the term structure of equity can inform us about the dynamics of consumption growth. Observation of the average returns on dividend futures at each horizon amount to an extra moment condition that can inform us of the impulse response function governing dividend growth (Corollary 11). Furthermore, in the context of a macroeconomic model where dividends are taken to be levered consumption, the slope of the term structure of equity puts bounds on the relationship between the permanent and transitory components of consumption growth (Proposition 12). It is my position that this information can be used to discriminate between various models that aim to describe the important sources of aggregate variation.

### 3 A multi-sector production network model

In this section, I analyze the dynamics of a multi-sector production network model through the lens of the term structure of equity. Recent evidence regarding the shape of this term structure have proven to be useful for discriminating between competing asset pricing models. My position is that this information can similarly be used to discriminate between various models of the sources of macroeconomic variation. I focus here on a production network model only as an example. As discussed in the previous section, this information applies generally.

I use a standard multi-sector production model, amended so that households have recursive preferences of the Epstein-Zin variety (Epstein and Zin, 1989). The production and investment technology specification is otherwise standard, as in Foerster, Sarte, and Watson (2011). In this model, aggregate consumption growth follows from growth in sectoral TFP. Transitory variation at business cycle frequencies arises due to the interaction of the shape of the production networks with the covariance structure of sectoral TFP growth. I demonstrate the use of the term structure of equity to evaluate the magnitudes and relationship of these sources of variation in consumption growth. This section therefore proceeds as follows:

1. Describe the multisector production network model and derive its solution.
2. Show that the solution can be written in the form studied in the previous section, described in equations (4), (5), and (6).
3. Describe how each source of uncertainty in the model contributes to the model-implied shape of the term structure. In this case, only one shock—sectoral shift shocks—contributes to a downward sloping term structure. Thus, I’ll show that

if we wish to replicate this fact, then the shift shock must be sufficiently large relative to the other shocks.

### 3.1 Model Description

Consider an economy with  $n$  distinct industries, indexed  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Each industry produces a quantity  $Q_{it}$  of a distinct good. Industries have Cobb-Douglas production technologies with constant returns to scale, transforming intermediate goods, capital, and labor into a new product. The gross output of good  $i$  is

$$Q_{i,t} = \exp(\xi_{i,t}) K_{it}^{a_i^k} L_{it}^{a_i^\ell} M_{it}^{a_i^m}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (27)$$

where  $\xi_t = (\xi_{1,t}, \dots, \xi_{n,t})'$  is the vector of log total factor productivity associated with each sector, with capital  $K_{it}$ , labor  $L_{it}$ , and  $M_{it}$  a bundle of intermediate goods used in the production of good  $i$  at time  $t$ .  $a_i^k$ ,  $a_i^\ell$ , and  $a_i^m$  are fixed parameters and, since the production function features constant returns to scale,  $a_i^k + a_i^\ell + a_i^m = 1$ .

In each sector  $i$ , the capital stock follows the law of motion,

$$K_{i,t+1} = I_{it} + (1 - \delta)K_{it},$$

where  $I_{it}$  is a bundle of investment goods used in sector  $i$  and  $\delta$  is the depreciation rate common to all sectors.

The bundle of intermediates goods used by  $i$  is an aggregation of goods produced by other industries,

$$M_{it} = \prod_{j=1}^n M_{ijt}^{a_{ij}}.$$

When  $a_{ij}$  is higher, it means that good  $j$  is more important in producing good  $i$ . With respect to intermediate goods,  $a_{ij}$  characterizes the input-output linkages between sectors. With respect to intermediate goods, I summarize the input-output linkages between sectors with the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [a_i^m a_{ij}]$ , which I refer to as the intermediate goods network input-output matrix, or just the *input-output matrix*.

The bundle of investment goods used in sector  $i$  is formed according to the constant returns to scale technology

$$I_{it} = \prod_{j=1}^n I_{ijt}^{\theta_{ij}},$$

with  $\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{ij} = 1$  and  $I_{ijt}$  as the quantity of good  $j$  used to produce investment in sector  $i$  at time  $t$ . I summarize these linkages between sectors with the matrix  $\Theta = [a_i^k \theta_{ij}]$ , which is referred to as the *investment network matrix*.

The goods produced in each sector can be used as intermediate goods applied to the production to other goods, can be used towards the capital investments in a particular sector, or can be consumed. Thus, each sector is subject to the resource constraint,

$$C_{jt} + \sum_{i=1}^n M_{ijt} + \sum_{i=1}^n I_{ijt} = Q_{jt},$$

where  $C_{jt}$  denotes the quantity of good  $j$  that is consumed at time  $t$  by a representative household.

I assume that the economy has a representative household. This household divides time between labor allocated to the various industries,  $L_{it}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and leisure  $\mathcal{L}_t$ . The household consumes the  $n$  different goods  $C_{it}$ , which it aggregates with a Cobb-Douglas aggregator,

$$C_t = \prod_{i=1}^n C_{i,t}^{\alpha_i}, \quad (28)$$

with  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)'$  and  $1 = \sum_i \alpha_i$ . This household has Epstein-Zin utility, given by the recursion

$$V_t = \{(1 - \beta)(\mathcal{C}_t)^{1-\rho} + \beta[\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})]^{1-\rho}\}^{1/(1-\rho)} \quad (29)$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_t = \mathcal{L}_t^{1-s_c} C_t^{s_c}$  is a measure of per-period utility,  $s_c \in [0, 1]$  controls preferences for consumption relative to leisure,  $\mathcal{R}_t$  is the certainty equivalent operator defined by

$$\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}) \equiv \mathbb{E}[(V_{t+1})^{1-\gamma} | \mathcal{F}_t]^{1/(1-\gamma)},$$

$\rho^{-1}$  is the elasticity of intertemporal substitution, and  $\gamma$  is the risk-aversion parameter. The households is endowed with  $H$  units of labor/leisure, so that is

$$H = \mathcal{L}_t + \sum_{i=1}^n L_{it}.$$

Finally, let sectoral TFP growth be distributed as a factor model,

$$\Delta \xi_{i,t+1} = \mu_{\xi,i} + \beta_{ai} \varepsilon_{a,t+1} + \beta_{bi} \varepsilon_{b,t+1} + \varepsilon_{i,t+1} \quad (30)$$

where  $\varepsilon_t = (\varepsilon_{1,t}, \dots, \varepsilon_{n,t}, \varepsilon_{a,t}, \varepsilon_{b,t})' \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$  and  $\mu_{\xi,i}$  is a set of constants. Here, I have specified a two-factor model. Though we could include more common factors, the presentation is simpler this way and the data suggest that two is appropriate. As a factor model, let  $\varepsilon_{a,t}$  and  $\varepsilon_{b,t}$  be aggregate (common) shocks, whereas  $\varepsilon_{i,t}$  are

idiosyncratic, industry-specific shocks. That is, assume  $\varepsilon_{i,t}$  is uncorrelated with  $\varepsilon_{j,t}$  for all  $i \neq j$  for  $i, j \in 1, 2, \dots, n$  and that  $\varepsilon_{i,t}$  is uncorrelated with  $\varepsilon_{x,t}$ , for  $x = a, b$ . While many of the derivations presented in this paper hold with a more general model for TFP, I assume this form in order to illustrate properties of the model in a simpler setting. Furthermore, I will later put some extra structure of these common factors by specifying properties of the factor loadings  $\beta_{ai}$  and  $\beta_{bi}$ . I will assume that a positive shock to  $\varepsilon_{at}$  increases long-run aggregate consumption while a positive shock to  $\varepsilon_{bt}$  has a net-zero long-run effect on aggregate consumption. In this sense,  $\varepsilon_{bt}$  has the interpretation as a sectoral shift shock that only shifts the composition of the economy.

Note that one of the costs of modeling asset prices in a macroeconomic model is that, in order to get realistic asset price behavior, the economist must model the sources of non-stationarity. To keep things simple, I have assumed that sectoral TFP grows according to this factor model. Although I allow TFP growth across sectors to be correlated via latent common factors, this model implies that TFP in each sector, when viewed individually, follows a random walk. Thus, any transitory variation must arise from the mechanisms within the model. As shown in the previous section, this transitory variation is important for determining the shape of the term structure of equity.

The competitive equilibrium of this economy is defined in the usual way. That is, a competitive equilibrium is a set of prices and quantities such that the representative household maximizes her utility while taking prices and the wage as given, the representative firm in each sector maximizes its profits while taking prices and the wage as given, and all markets clear. Since I assume no frictions, I solve this model via the social planner's problem.

In the following section, I define the risk prices and risk premia associated with aggregate vs idiosyncratic shocks. In Section 3.2, I examine the competitive equilibrium dynamics and risk prices via a first-order approximation around the non-stochastic balanced growth path. This approximated solution will be especially useful as its simple form will make econometric evaluation simpler. In Section 3.3, I will explore some qualitative features of the equilibrium in a simplified versions of the model. This more stylized environment will help to better understand the model's underlying mechanisms.

## 3.2 Equilibrium solution via log-linearization

Here I derive a solution to the model and demonstrate that it can be written in the form described in equations (4), (5), and (6). To simplify the analysis of the

model, assume that the elasticity of substitution  $\rho^{-1} = 1$  and that  $\gamma > 1$ . Under this assumption, utility as characterized in equation (29) simplifies to

$$\log V_t = (1 - \beta) \log \mathcal{C}_t + \beta \log \mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}).$$

Though preferences under these assumptions simplify greatly, note that the assumption that  $\gamma \neq \rho$  ensures that households still exhibit a concern for long-run risk.<sup>8</sup> I then examine equilibrium dynamics and asset prices by analyzing a first-order approximation around a balanced growth path. Though certainty equivalence applies to quantity dynamics under this approximation, assets still exhibit positive risk premia and equilibrium still imposes joint restrictions on quantity dynamics and the term structure of risk premia. Furthermore, since my analysis revolves primarily around output dynamics and consumption, I will abstract away from labor supply decisions by letting labor be supplied inelastically  $L_{it} = L_i$ .

Under these assumptions, the non-stochastic balanced growth path of the model is analytically tractable and a linear approximation of the first-order conditions and the resource constraints around this path yields a vector ARMA(1,1) model for sectoral output growth,

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = \Phi \Delta q_t + \Pi_0 \Delta \xi_{t+1} + \Pi_1 \Delta \xi_t, \quad (31)$$

where  $q_{it} = \log Q_{it}$  is log output in sector  $i$ ,  $q_t = [q_{it}]$  is the vector of output in each sector, and  $\Delta q_{t+1} = q_{t+1} - q_t$  is the vector of log output growth.  $\Phi$ ,  $\Pi_0$ , and  $\Pi_1$  are  $N \times N$  matrices that depends only on the model parameters  $a^k$ ,  $a^\ell$ ,  $a^m$ ,  $A$ ,  $\Theta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $s_c$ , and  $\gamma$ . Furthermore,

$$\Delta \log \mathcal{C}_{t+1} = s_c \alpha' \Delta q_{t+1}, \quad (32)$$

where  $\alpha = [\alpha_i]$ .

The balanced growth path and approximation derivation is given in the appendix, in Section A.3. Note that the shocks  $w_{t+1}$  in (4) are orthogonal, with  $w_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ . Since the shocks in  $\varepsilon_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$  are not, the final step here is to choose an orthogonalization  $P$ , where

$$\varepsilon_{t+1} = P w_{t+1}. \quad (33)$$

Thus, by stacking and applying this orthogonalization, we can write the equilibrium solution as a linear state space model of the form (4).

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<sup>8</sup> Note that when  $\rho = \gamma$ , preferences collapse to CRRA utility and that when  $\rho = \gamma = 1$ , preferences become log-utility. However, here I assume that  $\rho = 1$  and I will typically assume that  $\gamma > 1$ . Under this assumption, the result is still a non-time-additive von Neumann-Morgenstern utility function.

**The stochastic discount factor** I now discuss the derivation of the stochastic discount factor (SDF). In equilibrium with  $\rho = 1$ , the SDF is

$$\frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} = \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}}{\mathbb{E}_t[V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}]} \right]$$

and can be written as  $\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda'_s w_{t+1}$ , where  $\mu_s$ ,  $U_s$ , and  $\lambda_s$  are constants that depend on the model parameters. The proof of this is given in the appendix, in Section A.1.4. Also note that risk prices  $\lambda_s$  can be decomposed into two parts—a part capturing investor concern for long-run risk  $\lambda_{s,LR}$  and myopic risk-prices  $\lambda_{s,SR}$ ,

$$\lambda_s = \lambda_{s,SR} + (\gamma - 1)\lambda_{s,LR}. \quad (34)$$

This interpretation comes from the fact that when  $\gamma = \rho = 1$ , the Epstein-Zin utility functions collapses into log-utility and investors no longer exhibit a concern for long-run risk.

Thus, have shown that SDF takes on the form in (5) and that the state variables follow dynamics of the form in (4).

### 3.2.1 Impulse Responses, Risk Exposures, and Risk Prices

We have now specified a cash flow process that satisfies (6). We have previously shown that SDF takes on the form in (5) and that the state variables follow dynamics of the form in (4). If we now define a dividends process that takes the form (6), the formulas for the term structure of holding period returns described in Proposition 3 apply to this solution of the model. As discussed in Section 2, the risk exposures associated with the dividend futures are equal to the impulse responses of the dividends process. Here I defined aggregated dividends and derive the impulse responses.

As discussed previously, the wealth portfolio is a claim to all future consumption and leisure and I will use the market portfolio as a proxy for this wealth portfolio. Thus, I adopt Assumption 10 and set the aggregate dividends equal to the levered consumption index,

$$\log D_t = \eta \log \mathcal{C}_t, \quad (35)$$

where  $\eta \geq 1$  is the leverage factor. Given this assumption,  $\psi_d(\tau) = \eta \psi_c(\tau)$ . Thus, I now only need to derive the impulse responses of the consumption index,  $\psi_c$ .

**Risk Exposures of Dividend Futures** I now focus on the dividend futures premium defined in Definition 5. Recalling that the risk-exposures associated the dividend futures are equal to impulse response function of the dividend process, to

proceed I simply need compute the impulse response functions for the dividends process. With the assumption of dividends being equal to levered consumption, this is just the impulse response function of the aggregate consumption index  $\mathcal{C}_t$ .

As a preface, define the impulse response function of TFP as the matrix function  $\Psi_\xi$  such that

$$\Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1}[\xi_{t+\tau}] = \Psi_\xi(\tau) w_{t+1}. \quad (36)$$

Under this definition, entry  $(i, j)$  of  $\Psi_\xi(\tau)$  represents the impulse response of TFP of sector  $i$  to a unit impulse to the  $j$ 'th shock at horizon  $\tau$ . Since sectoral TFP growth is i.i.d., this is constant over  $\tau$ , with

$$\Psi_\xi(\tau) = \bar{\Psi}_\xi = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\text{diag} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n \end{pmatrix}}_{\varepsilon_{it} \text{ for all } i} & \underbrace{\sigma_a \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{a1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{an} \end{bmatrix}}_{\varepsilon_{at}} & \underbrace{\sigma_b \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{b1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{bn} \end{bmatrix}}_{\varepsilon_{bt}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (37)$$

for all  $\tau$ , where  $\sigma_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  is the volatility of the idiosyncratic shocks,  $\varepsilon_{it}$ ,  $\sigma_a$  is the volatility of the first common factor  $\varepsilon_{at}$ , and  $\sigma_b$  is the volatility of the second,  $\varepsilon_{bt}$ , defined in the TFP growth process in (30).

Using this, the impulse responses are given as follows.

**Proposition 13.** *The short-term impulse response, the short-term risk exposure, is*

$$\psi'_d(1) = \eta s_c \underbrace{\alpha' \Pi_0}_{\text{sector weights}} \underbrace{\Psi_\xi(1)}_{\text{TFP IRFs}} \quad (38)$$

while the long-term impulse response is

$$\psi'_d(\infty) = \eta s_c \underbrace{\alpha'(I - \Phi)^{-1} \Pi_0}_{\text{sector weights}} \underbrace{\Psi_\xi(\infty)}_{\text{TFP IRFs}}. \quad (39)$$

Given that sectoral TFP growth is i.i.d.,  $\Psi_\xi(\infty) = \Psi_\xi(1) = \bar{\Psi}_\xi$ , as defined in (37).

From this derivation, note that  $\alpha' \Pi_0$  is a vector and that  $\eta$  and  $s_c$  are scalars. From this we can see that the one-period risk exposures are a set of weighted sums, where the risk exposure associated with each shock is a weighted sum of the impulse response functions of TFP, weighted by the vector  $\alpha' \Pi_0$ . Substituting  $\Psi_\xi(1) = \bar{\Psi}_\xi$  we see that the risk exposure associated with the idiosyncratic shocks is just  $\sigma_i$  multiplied by the sector's weight given in the vector  $\eta s_c \alpha' \Pi_0$ . The risk exposures associated with the common, aggregate shocks is a weighted sum of the factor loadings and the

weights  $\alpha'\Pi_0$  and scaled by scalars  $\eta$  and  $s_c$ . E.g., for the shock  $\varepsilon_{at}$ , this is a weighted sum of the  $\beta_{at}$ , multiplied by the volatility  $\sigma_a$ . Similarly, the long-term risk exposures are the impulse responses of sectoral TFP weighted by the vector  $\alpha'(I - \Phi)^{-1}\Pi_0$  rather than  $\alpha'\Pi_0$ . I will argue later that these weights can be interpreted as a measure of sectoral centrality within the production networks and that the short-term weights are governed largely by centrality within the intermediate goods network and that the long-term weights are tilted towards centrality in the investment network. Note that these weights do not sum to one. Though I will later discuss the interpretation of these weights as a measure of centrality, I define them now as such.

**Definition 14.** I call the weights vector  $\alpha'\Pi_0$  in the short-term case the *short-term centrality* vector and the weights vector  $\alpha'(I - \Phi)^{-1}\Pi_0$  in the long-term case the *long-term centrality* vector.

The weights in the intermediate term can be interpreted as interpolating these two extremes. Mathematically, these intermediate term weights take on a more complicated form which I will skip for now.

Note that, though the equilibrium solution given in equation (31) admits a VARMA(1,1), the parameters of the model are not easily interpretable in terms of the model primitives. In the Section 3.3, I consider a simpler case of the model that produces analytical expressions  $\Phi$ ,  $\Pi_0$ , and  $\Pi_1$  that will shed additional light on the nature of the sectoral weights discussed here. However, before moving to this simpler case, I proceed with a discussion of the risk prices.

**Risk prices** I now turn my attention to deriving risk prices in equilibrium. These also take on a simple form in terms of the impulse responses. I will derive the two components discussed in (34).

**Proposition 15.** *Use the notation set forth in (34) and the derivation from Lemma 11. Then, the expression for the myopic risk prices,  $\lambda_{s,SR}$ , share proportionally the same form as the short-term risk exposures,*

$$\lambda'_{s,SR} = -s_c \alpha' \Pi_0 \Psi_\xi(1) = -\psi'_c(1). \quad (40)$$

*The risk prices arising from a concern for long-run risk are approximately equal to the long-run risk exposures. If we suppose  $\Delta\xi_t$  is i.i.d. as we did before, then*

$$\lambda'_{s,LR} = -s_c \alpha' (I - \beta\Phi)^{-1} \Psi(\infty), \quad (41)$$

*with*

$$\lambda_s = \lambda_{s,SR} + (\gamma - 1)\lambda_{s,LR}.$$



Note that as  $\beta \rightarrow 1$  we see that

$$\lambda_{s,LR} \approx -\psi_C(\infty). \quad (42)$$

Note that in calculating the risk premium associated with dividend futures, the risk prices do not change with the horizon. Rather, the risk prices  $\lambda_s$  as expression in (34) are a linear combination of  $\lambda_{s,SR}$  and  $\lambda_{s,LR}$ . When  $\gamma$  is larger, the investor puts more weight into the long-term risk prices. As we see in (16), a changing Sharpe ratio over the term structure is due to risk exposures changing, tilting towards sources of risk with a higher or lower risk price. With a derivation of the risk exposures and risk prices in place, we have everything we need to compute the dividend future premiums in Definition 5. However, to better understand the model outcomes, I first consider a simpler case of the model.

I now turn to a special case of equilibrium that will help to interpret these expressions.

### 3.3 The special case of full depreciation

In this section, I explore the special case that admits a closed form solution that will allow for a clearer characterization of equilibrium prices and quantities. In addition to assuming that  $\rho = 1$ , as we did in the previous section, I will assume that capital depreciates fully after one period,  $\delta = 1$ . Note that in this case, I do not need to assume that labor is inelastically supplied. The absence of capital ensures that labor supply is constant. I will discuss the dynamics of sectoral output in this case as well as the resulting asset prices, including the term structure of equity. This setting will allow me to cleanly characterize short-run and long-run centrality in terms of the intermediate goods and investment networks.

Equilibrium in this special case is described in Proposition 16, the proof of which is given in the appendix, Section A.3.3.

**Proposition 16.** *Suppose  $\rho = 1$  and  $\delta = 1$ . Let  $q_t$  be the vector of log-output at time  $t$  such that  $q_{it} = \log Q_{it}$  and let  $\xi_t$  be the vector of log TFP shocks,  $\xi_{it} = \log \Xi_{it}$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the difference operator, so that  $\Delta q_{t+1} = q_{t+1} - q_t$ . Then, output growth in equilibrium must satisfy*

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = (I - A)^{-1} \Theta \Delta q_t + (I - A)^{-1} \Delta \xi_{t+1}, \quad (43)$$

where  $A = [a_i^m a_{ij}]$  and  $\Theta = [a_i^k \theta_{ij}]$ . Equilibrium leisure and labor is constant and, furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \log \mathcal{C}_{t+1} &= s_c \alpha' \Delta q_{t+1} \\ &= s_c \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \Theta \Delta q_t + s_c \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \Delta \xi_{t+1},\end{aligned}\tag{44}$$

where  $\alpha = [\alpha_i]$ .

As can be seen, the resulting dynamics can be considered a special case of form of the dynamics seen previously in equation (31), with  $\Phi = (I - A)^{-1} \Theta$ ,  $\Pi_0 = (I - A)^{-1}$ , and  $\Pi_1 = 0$ . In this special case, we can see that the investment network's role in determining the relationship between output growth today and output growth tomorrow. When capital plays no role in production,  $a_i^k = 0$ , this intertemporal relationship disappears, with  $\Theta = \mathbf{0}$ . Under that assumption, output growth in previous periods would not predict future output growth and propagation through the intermediate goods network happens instantaneously,

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = (I - A)^{-1} \Delta \xi_{t+1}.\tag{45}$$

Evidence of this instantaneous propagation can be seen in the multiplier on log TFP growth, as

$$(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + A^3 + \dots,$$

where the term  $A$  represents the effect after one degree of separation,  $A^2$  represents the effect after two degrees of separation, etc. All of these effects occur simultaneously, leading to (45). In contrast, shocks propagating through the investment network propagate gradually over time. Similarly, if we to omit the intermediate goods network with  $A = \mathbf{0}$ , then we can simplify (43) so that gradual propagation through the investment network would manifest as

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = (I - \Theta L)^{-1} \Delta \xi_{t+1},\tag{46}$$

where  $L$  here is the lag operator. Evident from,

$$(I - \Theta L)^{-1} = I + \Theta L + \Theta^2 L^2 + \Theta^3 L^3 + \dots,$$

the term representing the effects of after one degree of separation,  $\Theta$ , occurs only after one period has passed and the term representing the effects after two degrees,  $\Theta^2$ , occurs after two periods has passed, etc. This difference in the role of each network in the propagation of shocks results in different implications for asset prices and the term structure of risk premia.

### 3.3.1 Risk Prices and Risk Exposures

Given that this simplified version of the model is a special case, I can leverage the derivations from Section 3.2.1. I present the risk exposures in this simplified case as Corollary to Proposition 13.

**Corollary 17.** *When  $\delta = 1$ , the risk exposures for the short-horizon dividend futures are given by*

$$\psi'_d(1) = \eta s_c \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \Psi_\xi(1), \quad (47)$$

*where the sector weights  $\alpha'(I - A)^{-1}$  depend on centrality in the intermediate goods network. This is the short-run centrality vector. The risk exposures for the long-horizon risk exposures are*

$$\psi'_d(\infty) = \eta s_c \alpha' (I - (A + \Theta))^{-1} \Psi_\xi(\infty), \quad (48)$$

*where the sector weights  $\alpha'(I - (A + \Theta))^{-1}$  depend on the sum of the intermediate goods network and investment network matrices. This is the long-run centrality vector.*

**Centrality Interpretation** Within the network theory literature, *alpha centrality* is a measure of a node's centrality within a network. It determines the centrality of a node by computing a weighted sum of the centrality of its neighbors, weighted by the strength of the connection between its neighbors, and then adding some baseline level of “centrality” to each node. For example, let  $c(\alpha, A)$  be the alpha centrality of the intermediate goods network as represented by the matrix  $A$  where  $\alpha$  is the vector of baseline centrality given to each industry. Then, by definition, the alpha centrality is characterized as the vector  $c$  that solves

$$\alpha' + c' A = c'.$$

Since

$$c(\alpha, A) = \alpha' (I - A)^{-1}$$

solves this equation,  $\alpha' (I - A)^{-1}$  is the alpha centrality of the network  $A$ . Recall that  $\alpha$  is the vector of Cobb-Douglas shares in the consumption aggregator, so this expression measures the centrality of industries within the intermediate goods network, weighted by the importance of each industry within the consumption aggregator. With this in mind, we also see that long-run centrality in this case

$$c(\alpha, A + \Theta) = \alpha' (I - (A + \Theta))^{-1}$$

measures centrality within a network formed by summing the shares of the intermediate goods network  $A$  and the investment network  $\Theta$ . Thus, the centrality measure in the long-run is tilted towards giving more weight to industries that are central within the investment network.

**Risk exposures in the intermediate term** Given the VARMA form for output growth relative to TFP, the risk exposures of the dividend process take on a somewhat complicated form in the intermediate term. However, since in this special case  $\Pi_1 = \mathbf{0}$ , this is simplified here. In this case, the risk exposures in the intermediate term are

$$\psi'_d(\tau) = \eta s_c \alpha' (I - \Phi)^{-1} (I - \Phi^\tau) \Pi_0 \Psi_\xi(\tau) \quad (49)$$

where  $\Phi = (I - A)^{-1} \Theta$  and  $\Pi_0 = (I - A)^{-1}$ . This also has an interpretation similar to alpha centrality. Alpha centrality has a recursive definition but can be interpreted as counted walks that are discounted by distance. Since

$$(I - \Phi)^{-1} (I - \Phi^\tau) = I + A^2 + \dots + A^{\tau-1},$$

the intermediate term risk exposures can be thought of as a truncated form of alpha centrality which counts walks with of length  $\tau - 1$  or shorter.

**Risk Prices** As demonstrated in equations (40) and (42), the short-run and long-run risk exposures can also be used to describe equilibrium risk prices. Substituting the expressions derived in Proposition 16 and Corollary 17 into Proposition 15 gives the risk prices. Again, these depend on the impulse responses of TFP, weighted by short-run and long-run centrality. When  $\gamma = 1$  and the utility function collapses into log utility, the risk prices depend only on short-run centrality. As  $\gamma$  becomes larger, risk prices depend more on long-run centrality.

The composition of these risk prices and risk exposures determine the risk premia that make up the term structure of equity. In the following section I present a quantitative example to demonstrate the dividend future premia in relationship to the model primitives.

### 3.4 Simple two-sector example

In this section I consider the implications of the model for the term structure of equity. I now consider the conditions we must impose on the distribution of TFP in (30) in order to obtain a downward sloping term structure over the long-run. For

	$a_{ij}$		$\theta_{ij}$	
Sector $i, j$	1	2	1	2
1	.9	.1	.1	.9
2	.9	.1	.1	.9

Table 1: Intermediate goods network and investment network for two-sector example. Let the cost shares in the intermediate goods network,  $a_{ij}$ , be defined so that industry 1 is an intermediate goods hub and industry 2 is an investment hub. Let  $a_i^m = .4$ ,  $a_i^k = .4$ ,  $a_i^\ell = .2$ .

Sector $i$	$\mu_{\xi,i}$	$\beta_{ai}$	$\text{std}(\varepsilon_{i,t})$	$\alpha_i$
1	0.005	.02	0.01	0.5
2	0.005	.02	0.01	0.5

Table 2: Model parameters of two-sector example. I will examine two versions. In model A, the factor loadings  $\beta_{bi}$  will be different than those in model B. Let  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_{at}) = \text{Var}(\varepsilon_{bt}) = 1$ .

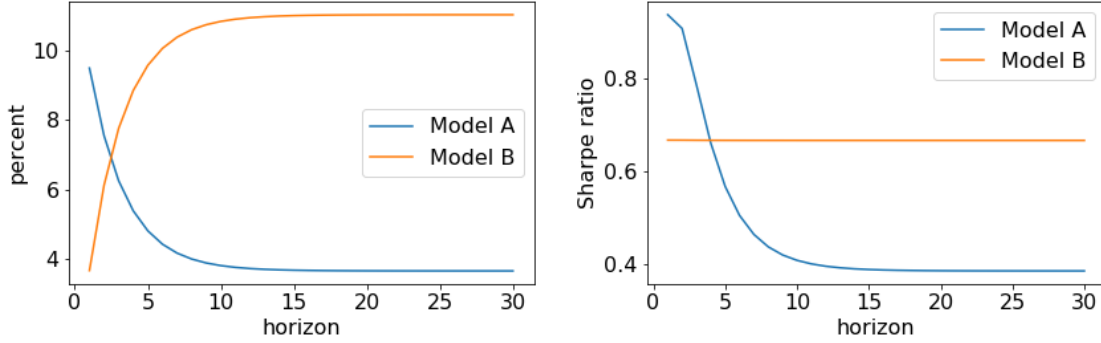
simplicity and for the sake of clear illustration, I will use the full-depreciation version of the model.

We will see that, as specified, if this model has only a single sector then a downward sloping term structure is impossible. When multiple sectors are present, a downward sloping term structure can also be achieved by including a shock that shifts TFP between sectors. Intuitively, this effect will be largest if this shock imposes a negative correlation between the TFP growth of intermediate goods hubs and that of investment hubs. I will illustrate this in a simple, two-sector model.

Consider a two-sector example where 1 sector is a clear intermediates goods hub and the other is an investment hub, with the intermediate goods network and investment network defined in Table 1. In the following examples, let the model have the parameters defined in Table 2, with  $\gamma = 10$ . Consider two alternatives, Model A and Model B:

- Model A: Negatively correlated sectors,  $\beta_{b1} = 1$ ,  $\beta_{b2} = -1$ ,
- Model B: Positively correlated sectors,  $\beta_{b1} = 0.3$ ,  $\beta_{b2} = 0.3$ ,

Model A features a negative correlation between the investment hub and the intermediate goods hub and, thus, exhibits a downward sloping term structure, illustrated in Figure 2. This downward slope appears both in the dividend future premium (Panel (a)) and in the Sharpe ratios (Panel (b)). Here, I have specified the common shock



(a) Expected annual returns on dividends futures. (b) Sharpe ratio on dividends futures

Figure 2: A model with negative correlation between intermediate goods hubs and investment hubs delivers a downward sloping term structure of equity.

$\varepsilon_{at}$  so that both sectors have positive associated loadings. This shock represents an aggregate shock that moves up the TFP of all industries. The second aggregate shock,  $\varepsilon_{bt}$ , shifts TFP between the two sectors. This shock delivers a downward sloping term structure because it delivers sufficient transitory variation to satisfy (26) in Proposition 12. A similar exercise will show also that idiosyncratic shocks alone cannot generate a downward slope.

## 4 Empirical Application

In this section, I take the the benchmark model of Section 3.2, as well as the simplified, full depreciation model of Section 3.3, to the data. That is, I estimate sectoral and aggregate shocks that drive growth in the model and derive the model-implied term structure of equity. I then compare this to the observed term structure of equity, as illustrated in Figure 1.

As I demonstrated previously in Proposition 9, the slope of the term structure of equity depends on both stationary and non-stationary components of growth. Therefore, this empirical exercise must model and estimate the sources of non-stationarity. For this reason I model and estimate TFP growth as described in (30). That is, although I assume sectoral TFP individually follows a random walk, I assume that there exist some latent, common factors that induce some amount correlation among sectoral TFP growth shocks. Once we are able to identify sectoral TFP growth  $\Delta\xi_t$ , a factor analysis can tell us how much each latent factor contributes to the covaria-

tion in sectoral growth. I argue that we can then use these estimates to derive the model-implied term structure of equity and identify how each type of shock contributes to this term structure. This then serves as a diagnostic to evaluate the fit of the model.

In the following exercise, I will demonstrate that we can separate the common factors into two types: an aggregate shock that moves long-term aggregate output up and down and another that doesn’t affect long-term output, but causes short-term disturbances by shifting TFP between sectors. As demonstrated in Section 3.4, these shift shocks contribute to a downward sloping term structure. I’ll show that this shift shock can account for as much as 40% of the covariation of TFP growth among sectors, but that its aggregate effect are not large enough to make the model-implied term structure downward sloping. This indicates to us that we need to search for another source of short-term variation or that we need to introduce frictions into the model to amplify the aggregate effects of these shift shocks.

To summarize, the empirical exercise takes on the following steps:

1. **Model Filter:** Estimate sectoral TFP growth from the implied model filter, following the procedure developed by Foerster, Sarte, and Watson (2011). For example, in the full depreciation case this involves solving  $\Delta\xi_t$  in terms of lags of  $\Delta q_t$  in (43).
2. **Fit Factor Model:** With sectoral TFP growth  $\Delta\xi_t$  recovered, estimate the panel of sectoral TFP as a linear factor model with latent common factors. This estimates the degree to which comovement in TFP is driven by common, “aggregate” shocks, relative to idiosyncratic movements.
3. **Factor Loadings Rotation:** The factor loadings recovered in the previous step are only identified up to an orthogonal rotation. That is, we may choose an alternative rotation of the factor loadings to help us to interpret the fit of the model. Conveniently, a two-factor model appears to provide the best fit in both cases. I therefore choose a rotation so that one factor has no long-run impact on aggregate output. This factor will be called the “shift shock.” Almost surely, there are two such rotations to satisfy this restriction. I therefore choose the rotation that sets the other factor has a positive long-run impact on aggregate output.
4. **Implied Term Structure (decomposed by shock):** After choosing a particular rotation of the factor loadings, I can then measure the risk exposures and, thus, the risk premia associated with each shock at each point in time.

This allows me to express how much each shock contributes to the term structure of equity at each horizon in terms of financial returns. We will see that the shift shock contributes a downward sloping term structure. All other shocks tend to contribute to an upward sloping term structure. The size of the shift-shock is no large enough to imply that the aggregate term structure is downward sloping.

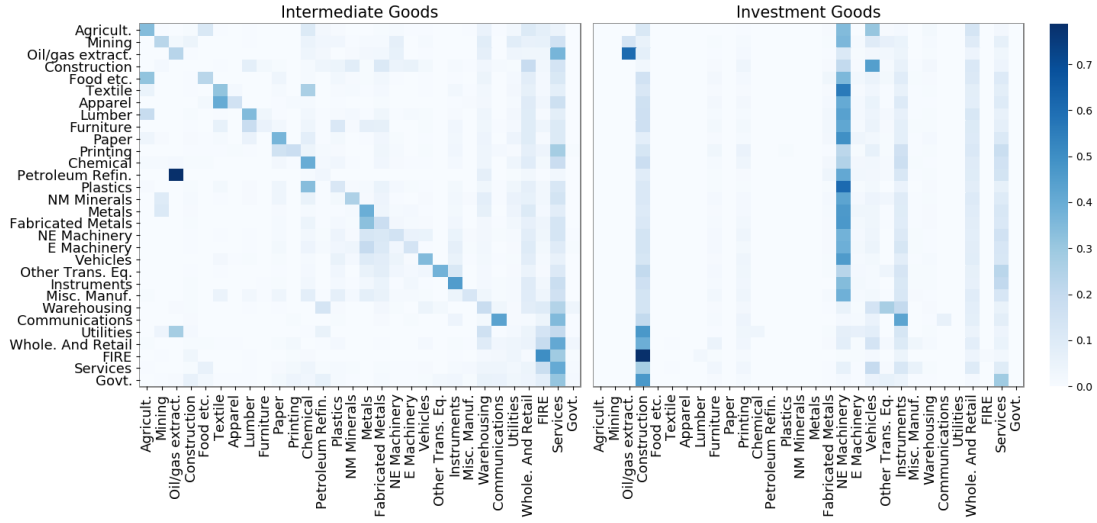
## 4.1 Data Description

In my main analysis, I use data from the BEA Input-Output Tables and BEA Capital Flow tables, the BEA Industry Accounts, and Dale Jorgenson’s KLEMS data set. Following the same or similar procedures as used elsewhere in the production networks literature, such as in [Atalay \(2017\)](#) and [vom Lehn and Winberry \(2019\)](#), I use these to measure the empirical intermediate goods network and investment network; labor, investment, and intermediate goods shares; and consumption shares. The BEA IO Tables and the Capital Flows tables are used to construct the networks and the factor shares in production. I use Dale Jorgenson’s 35-sector KLEMS data set and the BEA Industry Accounts, following the procedure outlined in [Atalay \(2017\)](#), to produce a measure of sectoral output growth over the years 1960–2013. I describe this data in more detail in the Appendix, in section B.

As described previously, my model follows [vom Lehn and Winberry \(2019\)](#) and distinguishes between network of intermediate goods and the network of investment goods—goods that are used in the production of new capital. Since I have assumed Cobb-Douglas technologies throughout, the empirical counterparts to these networks can be represented conveniently as a matrix of cost shares derived from the BEA Input-Output and Capital Flows tables. Using the 1997 tables (these are the most recent figures that also include the Capital Flows table), these cost shares as illustrated in Figure 3. Since each entry represents a share of expenditures that the row industry spends on the output of the column industry, darker columns represent industries that play an important role producing goods used by many other industries. In this sense, these industries are more central within their respective networks. As argued in the previous section, the intermediate goods network contributes to short-term centrality and the investment goods network contributes mainly to long-term centrality. If there are significant differences between the intermediate goods network and the investment network, as there appear to be in Figure 3, then the measures of short-term and long-term centrality will tend to be quite different. As argued previously, this is important for determining the impulse responses of aggregate output to the shocks, and thus important for determining the term structure of equity.



Figure 3: Empirical Production Networks



Heatmaps of empirical production network for intermediate goods and for investment goods. In the intermediate goods plot, each entry depicts the total expenditures of the row industry on the intermediate goods produced by the column industry, divided by the column industry's total expenditures on intermediate goods. The investment network plot is similar, but for expenditures on investment goods. Calculated from 1997 BEA Input-Output tables and Capital Flows table.

## 4.2 Model Filter

In order to estimate sectoral TFP, I follow the procedure of [Foerster, Sarte, and Watson \(2011\)](#). In the case of the full-depreciation model, I solve (43) for TFP growth, giving

$$\Delta\xi_{t+1} = (I - A)\Delta q_{t+1} - \Theta\Delta q_t.$$

Since output growth,  $\Delta q_t$ , is observed and the intermediate goods network,  $A$ , and the investment good network,  $\Theta$ , can be estimated from the BEA Input-Output and Capital Flows tables, we have everything we need to solve for  $\Delta\xi_t$ . The process is similar for the benchmark model, except that the coefficients on output growth are a function of other model parameters and are a product of the log-linearization.

This step is important because, as emphasized by [Foerster, Sarte, and Watson \(2011\)](#), a factor analysis of  $\Delta q_{t+1}$  would overestimate the importance of common factors because of the way that shocks are propagated through the production networks. For a more detailed explanation of why this step is important for estimating the aggregate versus idiosyncratic shocks, see the appendix, Section A.4.

After performing this step, I now have a measure of TFP growth across sectors. Table 3 reports the average annual output and TFP growth among these sectors. This table shows annual growth rates for TFP and value added across 30 sectors comprising the US economy over 1960-2013. As we can see, while aggregate TFP growth over this time period has grown about 1.4 percent per year, this growth has not been shared equally among sectors. While TFP in sectors such as Communications and Services have grown more than 1.4 percent per year over this period, TFP in sectors such as Metals, Non-electric Machinery, or Apparel have seen substantial declines. This dispersion may represent, for example, differences in technological trends across industries or losses in efficiency due to decreases in economies of scale (say, resulting from shifts due to globalization). While I don't take a stand on the economic origins of this dispersion, I do measure the degree to which TFP growth across industries can be explained latent common factors relative to idiosyncratic, sector-specific shocks.

## 4.3 Factor analysis of TFP growth

I now estimate a statistical factor model of the panel of TFP growth. Throughout, I will estimate this factor model using maximum likelihood. In Table 4 I report the proportion of sample variance explained by each factor when a 6-factor model is used. I do this for the sample of 1960–2013 using TFP measured in the benchmark case. The results using the full-depreciation case are similar. As we can see, a great

Table 3: Sectoral Growth in the US (1960-2013)

Industry Name	TFP	Value Added	Industry Name	TFP	Value Added
Agricult.	0.46	1.53	Metals	-1.89	0.65
Mining	0.16	1.39	Fabricated Metals	0.21	1.50
Oil/gas extract.	-0.35	1.00	NE Machinery	-1.53	4.53
Construction	1.50	0.72	E Machinery	2.62	4.30
Food etc.	0.07	1.50	Vehicles	0.97	2.75
Textile	-0.77	0.26	Other Trans. Eq.	1.55	1.94
Apparel	-1.44	-1.29	Instruments	1.69	4.40
Lumber	0.45	1.41	Misc. Manuf.	0.72	2.25
Furniture	0.14	1.66	Warehousing	1.15	2.66
Paper	-0.04	1.37	Communications	3.57	5.35
Printing	0.31	1.94	Utilities	0.39	1.54
Chemical	1.12	2.39	Whole. And Retail	1.85	3.32
Petroleum Refin.	-0.04	1.41	FIRE	1.38	3.81
Plastics	1.69	3.31	Services	2.11	3.57
NM Minerals	0.31	0.85	Govt.	1.69	2.32
			Aggregate	1.40	2.92

Here I show real annual growth rates for a decomposition of the US economy into 30 different sectors, given in percentage points. The row labeled “Aggregate” is a share-weighted average of the 30 sectors. The data comes from Dale Jorgensen’s KLEMS data set and the BEA Industry Accounts data. TFP is estimated using the procedure of [Foerster, Sarte, and Watson \(2011\)](#), as discussed in Section 4.

Table 4: Factor Analysis of Sectoral TFP Growth and Output Growth

Factor num.	1	2	3	4	5	6	total
$\Delta\xi_{it}$	0.31	0.23	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.67
$\Delta q_{it}$	0.58	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.76

The proportion of total sample variance explained by the  $k$ -th factor,  $R^2$ , for the series  $\Delta\xi_{it}$  (TFP growth) and  $\Delta q_{it}$  (output). This uses output data over the sample of 1960–2013 for the benchmark model.

majority of the variation is explained by the first two factors. For this reason, I proceed with the assumption of a two-factor model, as in

$$\Delta\xi_{i,t+1} = \mu_{\xi,i} + \beta_{ai}\varepsilon_{a,t+1} + \beta_{bi}\varepsilon_{b,t+1} + \varepsilon_{i,t+1}, \quad (50)$$

with mean zero, normally distributed shocks  $\varepsilon_{i,t}$  and  $\varepsilon_{x,t}$  that are all mutually uncorrelated for  $x = a, b$  and all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

#### 4.4 Factor Loading Rotation

Again, since the factor loadings are only identified up to an orthogonal rotation, I can choose the orthogonal rotation of the loadings that gives the factors the most natural interpretation. For this purpose, I consider a rotation of the factor loadings such that the shock  $\varepsilon_{at}$  has a positive long-run effect of aggregate output while  $\varepsilon_{bt}$  has a zero long-run effect. Almost surely, there is only one such rotation that has this property. Solving for this rotation is easy since the long-run impact can be determined by the weighted sum of the factor loadings, weighted by the long-run centrality scores described in Section 3.2.1.

After solving for this particular rotation, I summarize new configuration in Table 5. Each shock is assumed to have unit standard deviation. For each shock, I report the proportion of total TFP variation that can be explained by the shock and the short-run (one-period) and long-run impact on consumption. In the full-depreciation case, the shift shocks,  $\varepsilon_{bt}$ , account for 8% of the variation in TFP but has almost no short-run or long-run impact. In the benchmark case, the shift shocks appear to explain nearly 40% of the total variance of TFP growth. A shift has a small short-run impact on consumption. The common growth shock,  $\varepsilon_{at}$ , accounts for about 15% of TFP growth and has a large long-run impact on consumption.

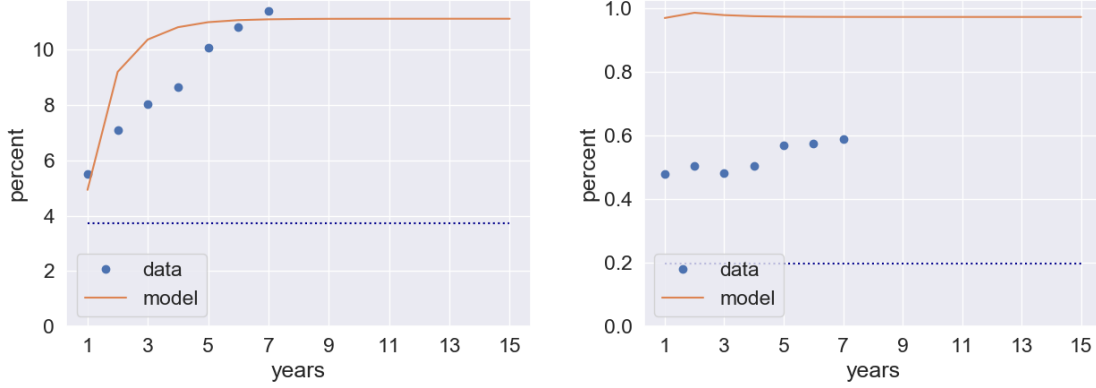
Table 5: Summary of Common Shocks

Model	Common Factor	Proportion of total variance ( $R^2$ )	Short-run Impact	Long-run Impact
benchmark	$\varepsilon_{a,t}$	0.15	-0.02	0.09
	$\varepsilon_{b,t}$	0.39	-0.02	0.00
full depreciation	$\varepsilon_{a,t}$	0.30	0.02	0.05
	$\varepsilon_{b,t}$	0.08	0.00	0.00

Here I summarize the analysis of the factor loadings.

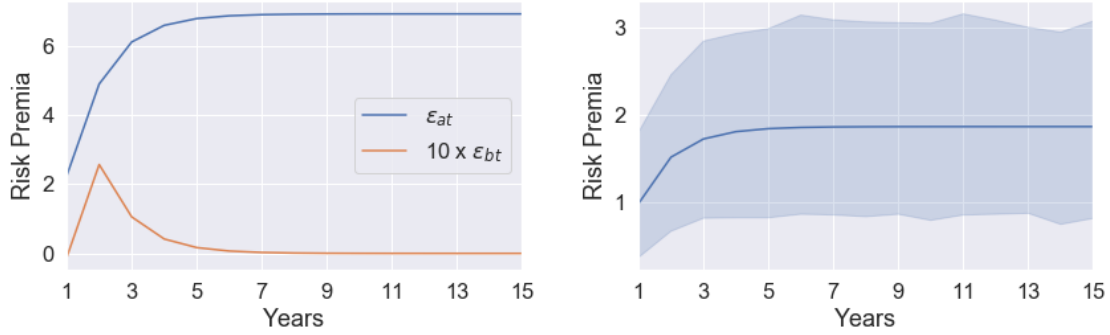
**Implied Term Structure of Equity** Here I report the model’s implied term structure of equity. Table 4 reports the model’s (full-depreciation version) predicted returns and Sharpe ratios for  $\gamma = 25$ ,  $\eta = 2$ ,  $s_c = 0.9$ , and  $\beta = 0.95$ .

In Table 5, I decompose the model-implied expected returns into the contributions from each shock. I do this by utilizing Corollary 7. In Panel (a), the blue line is the contribution of the shock  $\varepsilon_{at}$ . The orange line is the contribution of the shift shock,  $\varepsilon_{bt}$ . However, I have multiplied the effect by 10 so that it is more visible. Otherwise, as we can see, the effect is small. In Panel (b), I report the average contributions of the 30 sectoral shocks. I’ve multiplied the effect by 30, so that the blue solid line reflects the total contribution of the idiosyncratic sectoral shocks. As we can see, the sectoral shocks contribute to an upward sloping term structure. It contributes more to the returns on longer maturity dividend futures than to shorter maturity dividend futures. Thus, only the shift shock potentially contributes to a downward sloping term structure.



(a) Expected annual returns on dividends futures. (b) Sharpe ratio on dividends futures

Figure 4: This plots the model's implied term structure of equity for  $\gamma = 25$ ,  $\eta = 2$ ,  $s_c = 0.9$ , and  $\beta = 0.95$ . For this parameterization, the model appears to match the rising expected returns in the short term. However, The term structure does not bend back down as we would hope. Sharpe ratios, also, are mostly flat.



(a) Contribution of common shocks  $\varepsilon_{at}$  and  $\varepsilon_{bt}$  to the term structure of equity returns. (b) Contribution of the idiosyncratic sectoral shocks to the term structure of equity returns.

Figure 5: These figures decompose the expected returns on dividend futures at each horizon into the contributions coming from each source of uncertainty. As we can see, only the shift shock,  $\varepsilon_{bt}$ , appears to contribute to a negatively sloped term structure. However, it is not nearly large enough to overcome the effects of the other shocks.

## 5 Conclusion

I conclude by recapping the main contributions of this paper. These can be divided into two parts. The first is to establish the information content of the term structure of equity with regard to quantity dynamics in a general class of macroeconomic models. The second is to apply this to specific model. I use a multi-sector production model, and demonstrate that the term structure of equity can be used as a diagnostic to evaluate the relative importance of various shocks within the model.

Within this first part, the main contribution is to demonstrate the term structure can be used to inform quantity dynamics in a macroeconomic model. Specifically, I showed in Corollary 4 that the risk exposures associated with the dividend futures premium, seen in equation (12), are equal to the impulse response function of the cash flows with respect to the underlying shocks. When these cash flows are taken to be proportional to aggregate consumption, the term structure of equity then provides information about the dynamics of aggregate consumption. I then showed in Corollary 7 that we can decompose the contributions of each shock to the dividend futures premia to analyze the importance of each shock in contributing to the shape of the term structure.

Furthermore, in Proposition 12, I demonstrated that if we take aggregate dividends to be proportional to aggregate consumption, then the slope of the term structure is determined by the relationship between the permanent and transitory components of consumption growth. I showed that, if the term structure is to be downward the consumption process must feature some degree on mean-reversion.

In this second part, the application of these results to a multi-sector production networks model, I first characterize the dynamics of the model with respect to a set of shocks to sectoral TFP. In Proposition 16 and in Corollary 17, I show that the production networks and covariance structure of TFP growth in the various sectors play important roles in the short-run and long-run effects of shocks to various sectors. I then demonstrate in Section 3.4 how the covariance structure of TFP shocks can crucially determine the slope of the term structure of equity. I then take this model to the data. In Section 4, I estimate the panel of TFP growth across sectors and use this to derive the model implied term structure of equity. I use factor analysis to separate the aggregate shocks into two sources of uncertainty: a shock that increases or decreases long-term output and a shock that shifts TFP between sectors. In Section 4.4, I use the decomposition from Corollary 7 to analyze how each shock contributes to the term structure. I show that only the shift-shock appears to potentially contribute to a downward sloping term structure, but is not large enough relative to the other shocks to impose a downward sloping term structure. Thus,

if the model is to exhibit a downward sloping term structure, we must search for another source of transitory variation to add to the model or search for some kind of friction to add to the model that would amplify the effects of these shift shocks.



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Appendix to  
“Sectoral Shifts, Production Networks, and the Term  
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## A Proofs and Derivations

In this section of the appendix, I provide the relevant proofs and derivations from the paper. In Section [A.1](#), I lay out all the derivations and related calculations in a way that is sorted by topic. In Section [A.2](#), I sort the proofs in the order they are presented in the main text. However, these proofs point to the location of the relevant derivations in the first section.

### A.1 Asset pricing proofs, sorted by topic

In this section I provide the relevant derivations, sorted by topic. This section describes the asset pricing results in the log-linear setting described in the model. I start by laying out the notation and describing the framework that I use to discuss risk prices and risk premia. I assume a state-space representation of the economy in which the state vector,  $x_t$ , follows a VAR(1) process. Such a framework encompasses a broad class of economic models, including several parameterizations of the model considered here.<sup>9</sup>

Let  $x_t$  be a  $N \times 1$  state vector capturing the state of the economy. Assume that it follows a VAR(1) process,

$$x_{t+1} = Gx_t + Hw_{t+1}, \tag{51}$$

with  $w_{t+1}$  as a  $M \times 1$  vector of i.i.d. shocks,  $w_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{I})$ , and  $G$  and  $H$  as conforming matrices with the spectral radius of  $G$  less than one. Suppose that the returns on a given asset can be expressed as

$$\log R_{t,t+1} = \mu_r + U_r'x_t + \lambda_r'w_{t+1},$$

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<sup>9</sup> See, for example, [Hansen and Sargent \(2014\)](#) for a treatment on the broad array of economies that can be modeled in such a framework.

and the stochastic discount factor as

$$\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda_s \cdot w_{t+1},$$

where  $\mu_r$  and  $\mu_s$  are constants,  $U_r$  and  $U_s$  are  $N \times 1$  constant vectors, and  $\lambda_r$  and  $\lambda_s$  are  $M \times 1$  constant vectors. Defining these in this way allows, for example, the conditional expected returns of each to vary with the state. As a stochastic discount factor, for any such asset, the no arbitrage condition holds

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} R_{t,t+1} \right] = 1.$$

In the remainder of this section, I will define and derive several economic objects and quantities of interest.

### A.1.1 Impulse response functions

Before computing risk prices and risk-premia, I begin with some preliminary calculations. Continuing with the economy and assumptions from the previous section, I compute impulse response function of series of interest. Computing these impulse response functions will ease the computations of risk prices later one.

- A useful way to think about impulse responses is in terms of changes in conditional expectations. For example, let  $Y_t$  be a log-linear stochastic process, with

$$\log Y_{t+1} - \log Y_t = \mu_y + U'_y x_t + \lambda'_y w_{t+1}.$$

Then, for  $\tau \geq 1$ , define  $\psi_y(\tau)$  to be the impulse response function of  $Y_t$  in levels at horizon  $\tau$ . That is,

$$\Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log Y_{t+\tau}] = \psi_y(\tau) \cdot w_{t+1},$$

where  $\Delta$  is the difference operator, defined such that  $\Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log Y_{t+\tau}] = \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log Y_{t+\tau}] - \mathbb{E}_t [\log Y_{t+\tau}]$ .

- Before proceeding, note that

$$x_t = Gx_{t-1} + Hw_t = G^t x_0 + \sum_{k=0}^t G^k H w_{t-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G^k H w_{t-k}. \quad (52)$$

- Suppose that we can express the log one-period returns of a given asset as

$$\log R_{t,t+1} = \mu_r + U_r' x_t + \lambda_r' w_{t+1},$$

for some  $\mu_r$ ,  $U_r$ , and  $\lambda_r$ . The constant vector  $U_r$  controls the dependence of the conditional expectation of returns on the state vector and  $\lambda_r$  controls the exposures of returns to the shocks.

- Now consider the log cumulative returns over  $\tau$  periods,  $\log R_{t,t+\tau} = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \log R_{t+k-1,t+k}$ . Define the impulse response function over the first  $\tau$  periods,

$$\psi_r'(k) = \lambda_r' + U_r'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{k-\tau})H$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, \tau$ . This is defined such that

$$\begin{aligned} \log R_{t,t+\tau} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \log R_{t+k-1,t+k} \\ &= \tau \mu_r + U_r'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau})x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_{r,\tau}'(k)w_{t+1+\tau-k}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using  $x_{t+k} = Gx_{t+k-1} + Hw_{t+k} = G^k x_t + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} G^i Hw_{t+k-i}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log R_{t,t+\tau} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} \log R_{t+k,t+k+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} \mu_r + U_r' x_{t+k} + \lambda_r' w_{t+k+1} \\ &= \tau \mu_r + U_r' \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} G^k x_t + U_r' \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} G^i Hw_{t+k-i} + \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} \lambda_r' w_{t+k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Gathering terms and simplifying,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} G^i Hw_{t+k-i} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} G^i Hw_{t+k-i} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau-1} \sum_{i=0}^{\tau-k-1} G^i Hw_{t+k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau-1} (I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k})Hw_{t+k}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality can be applied when  $I - G$  is invertible. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\log R_{t,t+\tau} &= \tau\mu_r + U'_r \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} G^k x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau-1} \left( \lambda'_r + U'_r \sum_{i=0}^{\tau-k-1} G^i H \right) w_{t+k} + \lambda'_r w_{t+\tau} \\ &= \tau\mu_r + U'_r (I - G)^{-1} (I - G^\tau) x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_r(\tau - k) \cdot w_{t+k}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that when the spectral radius of  $G$  is less than one, which we assume here throughout, we can write

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^{\tau-1} G^i \right) = (I - G)^{-1} (I - G^\tau) = (I - G^\tau) (I - G)^{-1}.$$

□

- For future calculations, I'll also need to compute the impulse response function of  $\log S_t$ . The process is defined in log differences,

$$\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda_s \cdot w_{t+1},$$

but I will need to impulse response of the log level. Let  $\psi_s$  be the impulse response function of  $\log S_t$  over the first  $\tau$  periods so that

$$\log S_{t+\tau} = \log S_t + \tau\mu_s + U'_s (I - G)^{-1} (I - G^\tau) x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_s(k) \cdot w_{t+1+\tau-k} \quad (53)$$

with

$$\psi'_s(k) = \lambda'_s + U'_s (I - G)^{-1} (I - G^{k-1}) H \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, \tau.$$

Since the derivation follows similarly from the derivation for the  $\tau$ -period cumulative returns given above, I omit the proof.

### A.1.2 Risk prices, risk exposures, and risk premia

Using the definitions and derivations from the previous sections, I define risk prices and risk-premia and use the no-arbitrage restrictions to derive a simple characterization. I first calculate the risk-free rate and then analyze the returns processes on risky assets.

## Risk-free rate and risk-free bonds

- Using the notation in (90), the one-period conditional risk-free rate is given by

$$\log R_{t,t+1}^f = -\mu_s - U'_s x_t - \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_s\|^2. \quad (54)$$

This is derived by

$$\begin{aligned} \log R_{t,t+1}^f &= -\log \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} \right] \\ &= -\log \mathbb{E}_t [\exp \{ \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda_s \cdot w_{t+1} \}]. \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $B_t^\tau$  be the time  $t$  price of a risk-free zero coupon bond that pays out a unit amount  $\tau$  periods in the future. Then,

$$B_t^\tau = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} \right].$$

In terms of the underlying system parameters, this is

$$\log B_t^\tau = \tau \mu_s + U'_s (I - G)^{-1} (I - G^\tau) x_t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k)\|^2 \quad (55)$$

To derive this,

$$\begin{aligned} \log B_t^\tau &= \log \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} \right] \\ &= \log \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ \tau \mu_s + U'_s \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} G^{k-1} x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_s(k) \cdot w_{t+\tau+1-k} \right\} \right] \\ &= \tau \mu_s + U'_s (I - G)^{-1} (I - G^\tau) x_t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

- The log gross *yield-to-maturity* of the zero coupon bond maturing in  $\tau$  periods is

$$\log Y_t^\tau = -\frac{1}{\tau} \log B_t^\tau. \quad (56)$$

In this case, since the bond is a zero coupon bond, the yield-to-maturity is equal to the yield.



- Let  $R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}$  be the gross return on the risk-free bond that matures in  $\tau$  periods, held to maturity. That is,

$$R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau} = \frac{1}{B_t^\tau}. \quad (57)$$

In terms of the yield and in terms of model parameters, this is

$$R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau} = \tau \log Y_t^\tau = -\tau \mu_s - U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k)\|^2. \quad (58)$$

This follows from (55).

- Note that  $R_{t,t+1}^f = R_{t,t+1}^{f,1} = \log Y_t^1$ .

### Risk prices and conditional risk-premia

- Using the notation and framework of the previous subsections, I call  $\psi_r(k)$  as the *risk exposures* and  $\psi_s(k)$  as the *risk prices* at the  $k$ -period horizon. These are vectors where the components describe the exposures and risk prices associated with the components of the shock vector  $w_{t+k}$ , respectively. At the short-term, one-period horizon,  $\psi_r(1) = \lambda_r$  and  $\psi_s(1) = \lambda_s$ . The product of these risk exposures and risk prices comprise the *risk premia*.
- Suppose that we can express the log one-period returns of a given asset as

$$\log R_{t,t+1} = \mu_r + U'_r x_t + \lambda'_r w_{t+1},$$

for some  $\mu_r$ ,  $U_r$ , and  $\lambda_r$ . Then, the one-period conditional risk-premium is given by

$$\log E_t[R_{t,t+1}] - \log R_{t,t+1}^f = -\lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r. \quad (59)$$

Note that the expression  $\lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r$  is the conditional covariance between the log stochastic discount factor and the given asset's log returns,  $\text{Cov}_t \left( \log \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t}, \log R_{t,t+1} \right) = \lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r$ .

*Proof.* This can be computed as follows. From the pricing equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} R_{t,t+1} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t [\exp\{s_{t+1} - s_t + \log R_{t,t+1}\}] \\ 0 &= \mu_s + \mu_r + (U_s + U_r)' x_t + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_s + \lambda_r\|^2 \\ 0 &= \mu_s + \mu_r + (U_s + U_r)' x_t + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_s\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_r\|^2 + \lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\log \mathbb{E}_t[R_{t,t+1}] &= \mu_r + U'_t x_t + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_r\|^2 \\ &= -\mu_s - U'_s x_t - \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_s\|^2 - \lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r\end{aligned}$$

Subtracting the expression for the one-period risk-free rate, the one-period conditional risk-premium is

$$\log E_t[R_{t,t+1}] - \log R_{t,t+1}^f = -\lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r.$$

□

- Now consider the returns over  $\tau$  periods,  $\log R_{t,t+\tau} = \sum_{k=0}^{\tau-1} \log R_{t+k,t+k+1}$ . The  $\tau$ -period conditional risk-premium is

$$\log E_t[R_{t,t+\tau}] - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau} = - \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_r(k) \cdot \psi_s(k), \quad (60)$$

where  $\psi'_r(k) = \lambda'_r + U'_r(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{k-1})H$  when is the impulse response function of the cumulative returns of the asset over the periods  $1 \leq k \leq \tau$  so that

$$\begin{aligned}\log R_{t,t+\tau} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \log R_{t+k-1,t+k} \\ &= \tau \mu_r + U'_r(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_r(k) \cdot w_{t+\tau+1-k}.\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The derivation of the  $\tau$ -period case proceeds in a manner similar to the one-period case, using the no-arbitrage condition

$$1 = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} R_{t,t+\tau} \right].$$

This puts restrictions on the excess returns,

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ \tau(\mu_s + \mu_r) + (U_s + U_r)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} (\psi_s(k) + \psi_r(k)) \cdot w_{t+\tau+1-k} \right\} \right] \\ &= \exp \left\{ \tau(\mu_s + \mu_r) + (U_s + U_r)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k) + \psi_r(k)\|^2 \right\} \\ 0 &= \tau(\mu_s + \mu_r) + (U_s + U_r)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} (\|\psi_s(k)\|^2 + \|\psi_r(k)\|^2 + 2\psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k)).\end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_t[R_{t,t+\tau}] &= \exp \left\{ \tau \mu_r + U'_r(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_r(k)\|^2 \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\tau \mu_s - U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} (\|\psi_s(k)\|^2 + 2\psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k)) \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{62}$$

and, thus, that

$$\log \mathbb{E}_t[R_{t,t+\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E}_t[R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}] = - \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k).$$

As an aside, note that since  $x_t$  takes values in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and is unbounded, then we must have  $U_r = -U_s$ .

□

Now, I consider some alternate expressions.

- Consider the expression where we examine the conditional expectation of the log differences rather than the log differences in the conditional expectations. We see that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_t[\log R_{t,t+1} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f] &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \mu_r + \mu_s + (U_s + U_r)'x_t + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_s\|^2 + \lambda_r \cdot w_{t+1} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_r\|^2 - \lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r.\end{aligned}$$

The expression  $\frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_r\|^2$  is the conditional variance of the log returns, the Jensen's inequality term.

- Applied to longer horizons, this is

$$\mathbb{E}_t[\log R_{t,t+\tau} - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}] = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_r(k)\|^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_r(k) \cdot \psi_s(k).$$

*Proof.* Using (61), we can derive this from

$$\log R_{t,t+\tau} - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau} = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_r(k) \cdot w_{t+\tau+1-k} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} (\|\psi_r(k)\|^2 + 2\psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k)).\tag{63}$$

□

**Unconditional risk premia** Here I derive the unconditional counterparts to the previous expressions.

- The unconditional expected value of the  $\tau$ -period horizon risk-free rate is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+\tau}^f] &= \mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ -\tau\mu_s - U'_s(I-G)^{-1}(I-G^\tau) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} G^{j-1} H w_{t+1-j} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k)\|^2 \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\tau\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|U'_s(I-G)^{-1}(I-G^\tau) G^{j-1} H\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k)\|^2 \right\}.\end{aligned}\tag{64}$$

To derive, substitute (52) into (58) and compute the unconditional expectation.

- The unconditional risk premium over a  $\tau$ -period horizon:

$$\log \mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}] = - \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k).\tag{65}$$

*Proof.* Using (62) and (52),

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+\tau}] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_t[R_{t,t+\tau}]] = \exp \left\{ -\tau\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|U'_s(I-G)^{-1}(I-G^\tau) G^{j-1} H\|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} (\|\psi_s(k)\|^2 + 2\psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k)) \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then, cancel terms from (64).

□

- Alternatively, the unconditional risk premium where we take expectations after differencing is simple:

$$\mathbb{E}[\log R_{t,t+1} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_t[\log R_{t,t+1} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f]] = -\frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_r\|^2 - \lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r.$$

- Over a  $\tau$ -period horizon, this is

$$\mathbb{E}[\log R_{t,t+\tau} - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}] = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_r(k)\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_r(k).\tag{66}$$

This is computed using (63).

- Unconditional covariance of excess returns of one portfolio with the excess returns of another. Suppose the log one-period returns of portfolio 1 are

$$\log R_{t,t+1}^1 = \mu_{r^1} + U_{r^1}' x_t + \lambda_{r^1} w_{t+1}$$

and the log one-period returns of portfolio 2 are

$$\log R_{t,t+1}^2 = \mu_{r^2} + U_{r^2}' x_t + \lambda_{r^2} w_{t+1}.$$

Then,

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+1}^1 - \log R_{t,t+1}^f, \log R_{t,t+1}^2 - \log R_{t,t+1}^f) = \lambda_{r^1} \cdot \lambda_{r^2}.$$

To see this, note that

$$\log R_{t,t+1} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f = \mu_r + \mu_s + (U_s + U_r)' x_t + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_s\|^2 + \lambda_r \cdot w_{t+1} \quad (67)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \|\lambda_r\|^2 - \lambda_s \cdot \lambda_r + \lambda_r \cdot w_{t+1}. \quad (68)$$

This implies that the unconditional variance of excess returns:

$$\text{Var}(\log R_{t,t+1} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f) = \lambda_r \cdot \lambda_r = \|\lambda_r\|^2.$$

- Similarly, over  $\tau$ -periods,

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+\tau}^1 - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}, \log R_{t,t+\tau}^2 - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_{r^1}(k) \cdot \psi_{r^2}(k).$$

This follows from (63). Note that this work because of the homoskedasticity of the model. Because volatility is not time varying, the conditional expectation of the excess returns doesn't vary with the state.

- From (68), we see that the excess returns only depend on the shock at time  $t + 1$ . Since  $w_{t+1}$  is i.i.d.,  $w_{t+1}$  is uncorrelated with  $x_t$ . Thus,

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+1} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f, \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t) = \lambda_r \cdot \lambda_s$$

and, similarly,

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+\tau} - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}, \log S_{t+\tau} - \log S_t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_r(k) \cdot \psi_s(k). \quad (69)$$

- This allows us to express the risk premium over a  $\tau$ -period horizon in terms of conditional moments:

$$\log \mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}] = -\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+\tau} - \log R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau}, \log S_{t+\tau} - \log S_t). \quad (70)$$

This follows from (63).

## Miscellaneous Calculations

- The  $j$ -th autocovariance for the state VAR(1) process is

$$\text{Cov}(x_t, x_{t-j}) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} G^{j+i} H H' (G^i)'.$$

The unconditional variance can also be expressed as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{xx} &= G \Sigma_{xx} G' + H H' \\ \text{vec } \Sigma_{xx} &= (G \otimes G) \text{vec } \Sigma_{xx} + \text{vec } H H' \\ \text{vec } \Sigma_{xx} &= (I - G \otimes G)^{-1} \text{vec } H H', \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Sigma_{xx} = \text{Cov}(x_t, x_t)$ .

### A.1.3 Term structure of equity

Before discussing the term structure of equity, I briefly discuss term structure of interest rates on riskless bonds and the holding period returns associated with long term bonds.

## Yields and Bond Returns

- Recall the definition and derivation of the yields,  $Y_t^\tau$ , in (56) and (58). The one-period holding period return on such a bond is defined as

$$R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau} := \frac{B_{t+1}^{\tau-1}}{B_t^\tau}. \quad (71)$$

In accord with (56),

$$R_{t,t+\tau}^{f,\tau} = \frac{1}{B_t^\tau},$$

since  $B_t^\tau \Big|_{\tau=0} = 1$  for any  $t$ .

- The one-period holding period return on a  $\tau$ -horizon bond is

$$\log R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau} = -\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi_s(\tau)\|^2 - U'_s x_t + (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)) \cdot w_{t+1}. \quad (72)$$

Expected excess return over the short-term interest rate is

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^f] = -(\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)) \cdot \psi_s(1). \quad (73)$$

This is called the *term premium*.

*Proof.* Using (55),

$$\begin{aligned}
\log R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau} &= (\tau - 1)\mu_s + U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-1})(Gx_t + Hw_{t+1}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\tau-1} \|\psi_s(j)\|^2 \\
&\quad - \tau\mu_s - U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(j)\|^2 \\
&= -\mu_s - U'_s(I - G)^{-1} \left[ (I - G^\tau) - (I - G^{\tau-1})G \right] x_t \\
&\quad - U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-1})Hw_{t+1} - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi_s(\tau)\|^2 \\
&= -\mu_s - U'_s x_t + U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-1})Hw_{t+1} - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi_s(\tau)\|^2 \\
&= -\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi_s(\tau)\|^2 - U'_s x_t + (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)) \cdot w_{t+1}
\end{aligned}$$

Calculating the risk-premium associated with this return, i.e. the term premium, follows from (65).

□

### Term structure of equity

- Consider a dividend process

$$\log D_{t+1} - \log D_t = \mu_d + U'_d x_t + \lambda_d w_{t+1}.$$

Let the price of a claim to the dividend payout  $\tau$  periods in the future be

$$P_t^\tau = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} D_{t+\tau} \right].$$

The return to holding this claim to maturity is

$$R_{t,t+\tau}^\tau = \frac{D_{t+\tau}}{P_t^\tau}$$

and the holding period return, holding the claim for  $k \leq \tau$  periods is

$$R_{t,t+k}^\tau = \frac{P_{t+k}^{\tau-k}}{P_t^\tau}.$$

- [van Binsbergen et al. \(2013\)](#) define the *equity yield* as as

$$e_{t,\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau} \log \left( \frac{1}{(P_t^\tau / D_t)} \right) = \frac{1}{\tau} \log \left( \frac{D_t}{P_t^\tau} \right).$$

and the *forward equity yield* as

$$e_{t,\tau}^f = \frac{1}{\tau} \log \left( \frac{D_t}{F_t^\tau} \right) = \frac{1}{\tau} \log \left( \frac{D_t}{P_t^\tau} \right) - \log Y_t^\tau,$$

where  $F_t^\tau$  is the futures (forward) price of the dividend strip. The second equality holds by no-arbitrage, with  $F_t^\tau = P_t^\tau \cdot (Y_t^\tau)^\tau$ .

- The price of a dividend strip, using the conditional log-normal framework from before, is

$$\begin{aligned} P_t^\tau &= D_t \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} \frac{D_{t+\tau}}{D_t} \right] \\ &= D_t \exp \left\{ \tau(\mu_s + \mu_d) + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^\tau)x_t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(k) + \psi_d(k)\|^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- The  $k$ -period holding period return is

$$\begin{aligned} \log R_{t,t+k}^\tau &= \log \left( \frac{P_{t+k}^{\tau-k}}{P_t^\tau} \right) \\ &= -k\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=\tau-k+1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(j) + \psi_d(j)\|^2 \\ &\quad - U_s'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^k)x_t \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k (\psi_d'(j) + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k})G^{j-1}H)w_{t+k+1-j}. \end{aligned} \tag{74}$$



*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\log R_{t,t+k}^\tau &= \log \left( \frac{P^{\tau-k}}{P_t^\tau} \right) \\
&= \log \left( \frac{D_{t+k}}{D_t} \frac{P_{t+k}^{\tau-k} / D_{t+k}}{P_t^\tau / D_t} \right) \\
&= -k\mu_s + U'_d(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^k)x_t + \sum_{j=1}^k \psi_d(j) \cdot w_{t+1+k-j} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=\tau-k+1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(j) + \psi_d(j)\|^2 \\
&\quad + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1} \left[ (I - G^{\tau-k})G^k - (I - G^\tau) \right] x_t \\
&\quad + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k}) \sum_{j=1}^k G^{j-1} H w_{t+k+1-j} \\
&= -k\mu_s + \sum_{j=1}^k \psi_d(j) \cdot w_{t+1+k-j} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=\tau-k+1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(j) + \psi_d(j)\|^2 \\
&\quad - U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^k)x_t \\
&\quad + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k}) \sum_{j=1}^k G^{j-1} H w_{t+k+1-j} \\
&= -k\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=\tau-k+1}^{\tau} \|\psi_s(j) + \psi_d(j)\|^2 \\
&\quad - U'_s(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^k)x_t \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k (\psi'_d(j) + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k})G^{j-1}H) w_{t+k+1-j}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

- When  $k = 1$ , the holding period return is

$$\begin{aligned}
\log R_{t,t+1}^\tau &= -\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi_s(\tau) + \psi_d(\tau)\|^2 - U'_s x_t \\
&\quad + (\psi'_d(1) + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-1})H) w_{t+1} \\
&= \mu_\tau + U'_\tau x_t + \lambda'_\tau w_{t+1},
\end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_\tau &= -\mu_s - \frac{1}{2}\|\psi_s(\tau) + \psi_d(\tau)\|^2 \\ U_\tau &= -U_s \\ \lambda_\tau &= \psi_d(1) + (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau) - \psi_d(1)) \\ &= \psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau).\end{aligned}$$

Note that if the dividend payments  $D_t$  are fixed and, thus, risk-less, then  $\psi_d$  must be zero at all horizons. The claim then behaves like a risk-free bonds and the derivation should match the holding period returns of the risk-free bonds derived earlier.

- The risk premium associated with the one-period holding period return is

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^f] = -\lambda_s \cdot (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau)). \quad (76)$$

*Proof.* This follows by applying (75) to the result in (65).

□

- It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\log R_{t,t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t,t+1}^f &= -\frac{1}{2}\|\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau)\|^2 - (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau)) \cdot \psi_s(1) \\ &\quad + (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau)) \cdot w_{t+1}.\end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

*Proof.* This follows from taking (75) and subtracting the expression for the one-period risk-free rate in (54).

□

- When holding this claim to maturity, the return is

$$R_{t,t+\tau}^\tau = \frac{D_{t+\tau}}{P_t^\tau} = \exp \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \mu_d + U_d' x_{t+k-1} + \lambda_d' w_{t+k} \right\} \frac{D_t}{P_t^\tau}.$$

The risk premium associated with this return is

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+\tau}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+\tau}^f] = - \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \psi_s(k) \cdot \psi_d(k).$$

The derivation is a simple application of (75) to the result in (65).

- The risk premium associated with the  $k$ -period holding period returns is

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+k}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+k}^f] &= - \sum_{j=1}^k \psi_s(j) \cdot \left( \psi_d(j) + (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k})G^{j-1}H \right) \\
&= - \sum_{j=1}^k \psi_s(j) \cdot \psi_d(j) \\
&\quad - \sum_{j=1}^k \psi_s(j) \cdot (U_s + U_d)'(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{\tau-k})G^{j-1}H.
\end{aligned} \tag{78}$$

*Proof.* Use (74) and apply the formula in (65).

□

- Combining this result with the term structure of interest rates results, we see that we must have

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^f] = \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^f] - \psi_s(1) \cdot \psi_d(\tau) \tag{79}$$

or, alternatively,

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau}] = -\psi_s(1) \cdot \psi_d(\tau). \tag{80}$$

*Proof.* Use (75) and apply (65). Then, apply equation (73), which says

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau}] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^f] = -(\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)) \cdot \psi_s(1) = -\psi_s(\tau) \cdot \psi_s(1) + \psi_s(1) \cdot \psi_s(1).$$

□

- In terms of unconditional moments,

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f, \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t) = (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)) \cdot \psi_s(1), \tag{81}$$

and

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t,t+1}^f, \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t) = (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1) + \psi_d(\tau)) \cdot \psi_s(1). \tag{82}$$

Also,

$$\text{Cov}(\log R_{t,t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau}, \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t) = \psi_d(\tau) \cdot \psi_s(1). \tag{83}$$

*Proof.* The first holds because the conditional expectation of the excess returns on the bond don't depend on the state,

$$\log R_{t,t+1}^{f,\tau} - \log R_{t,t+1}^f = -\frac{1}{2}\|\psi_s(\tau)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|\psi_s(1)\|^2 + (\psi_s(\tau) - \psi_s(1)) \cdot w_{t+1}.$$

Same with the second, as seen in equation (75). The third, by extension.

□

- The holding period return, held for  $k$  periods, on a dividend strip paying of at horizon  $\tau \geq k$  is related to dividend growth and equity yields as follows:

$$R_{t,t+k}^\tau = \frac{D_{t+k}}{D_t} \cdot \frac{P^{\tau-k}/D_{t+k}}{P_t^\tau/D_t}$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \log R_{t,t+k}^\tau = \frac{1}{k} \log \frac{D_{t+k}}{D_t} + \frac{\tau}{k} e_{t,\tau} - \frac{\tau-k}{k} e_{t+k,\tau-k}.$$

The risk associated with the holding period return can be thought of as coming from two sources: risk associated with dividend growth and risk associated with fluctuations in the future equity yield  $e_{t+k,\tau-k}$ . This can be seen in the previous derivation. In equation (78), the first summation in the premium is a result of exposure to dividend growth risk and the second summation is a result of exposure to changes in the equity yields (fluctuations in the price dividend ratio of the maturing dividend strip).

- Note that in a frictionless environment, when a representative households has Epstein-Zin preferences and the elasticity of intertemporal substitution (EIS) is equal to one,
  - the price dividend ratio of the wealth portfolio is constant.
  - Also, relatedly, in the case our linear state space model, with Epstein-Zin preferences and EIS of one, we will have  $U_s + U_d = \vec{0}$ . Thus, the holding period return will only depend on the periods held  $k$  and not on the horizon  $\tau$ .
  - The equity yields will be constant (or at least  $e_{t+k,\tau-k}$  will be known at time  $t$ ).
- As an additional exercise to understand (78), consider the case where  $\tau = 2$  and  $k = 1$ . In this case,

$$\log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^2] - \log \mathbb{E} [R_{t,t+1}^f] = -\psi_s(1) \cdot \psi_d(1) - \psi_s(1) \cdot (U_s + U_d)' H.$$

Define  $\Delta E_{t+1}[X_{t+2}] = E_{t+1}[X_{t+2}] - E_t[X_{t+2}]$ . Then,

$$\Delta E_{t+1}[\log S_{t+2} - \log S_{t+1}] = U'_s H w_{t+1}.$$

Thus,

$$\psi_s(1) \cdot U'_d H = \text{Cov}_t(\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t, \Delta E_{t+1}[\log D_{t+2} - \log D_{t+1}])$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \log \mathbb{E}_t[R_{t,t+1}^2] - \log \mathbb{E}[R_{t,t+1}^f] &= -\text{Cov}_t(\log D_{t+1} - \log D_t, \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t) \\ &\quad - \text{Cov}_t(\Delta E_{t+1}[\log S_{t+2} - \log S_{t+1}], \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t) \\ &\quad - \text{Cov}_t(\Delta E_{t+1}[\log D_{t+2} - \log D_{t+1}], \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t). \end{aligned}$$

With this, we see that the risk associated with the holding-period returns on this  $\tau$ -horizon dividend strip comes from exposure to fluctuations in dividend growth, fluctuations in expected future discount rates, and fluctuations in expected future dividend growth.

#### A.1.4 Risk prices in an economy with Epstein-Zin preferences

In this section, I derive risk prices in an economy with Epstein-Zin preferences that is governed by a VAR(1) state space. I derive the solution where the risk aversion parameter is different from the reciprocal of the elasticity of intertemporal substitution,  $\gamma \neq \rho$  and the elasticity of intertemporal substitution is one,  $1/\rho = 1$ . Under such an assumption, the household still has concern for long-run risk, but the solution admits an analytic solution. Note that the derivations here closely follow those within [Hansen, Heaton, and Li \(2008\)](#).

**Solving for stochastic discount factor** In this section, I solve the utility recursion resulting from the assumed Epstein-Zin preferences and the given stochastic process governing the dynamics of the state of the economy. This will give us a characterization of the stochastic discount factor in terms of the underlying state dynamics and will allow a clean expression for risk-prices and risk-premia over arbitrary horizons.<sup>10</sup>

Let a representative agent have Epstein-Zin preferences, defined by the recursion

$$V_t = \{(1 - \beta)(C_t)^{1-\rho} + \beta[\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})]^{1-\rho}\}^{1/(1-\rho)},$$

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<sup>10</sup> When dealing with Epstein-Zin preferences, there are generally two approaches in the literature to taking the SDF to the data. One approach is to rewrite the continuation value term in terms of

where

$$\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}) \equiv \mathbb{E}[(V_{t+1})^{1-\gamma} \mid \mathcal{F}_t]^{1/(1-\gamma)}.$$

Using the framework laid out in the previous section, again let  $x_t$  be a  $N \times 1$  state vector capturing the state of the economy. Assume that it follows the VAR(1) process defined in equation (51), with  $w_{t+1}$  as a  $M \times 1$  vector of i.i.d. shocks,  $w_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{I})$  and  $G$  and  $H$  as conforming matrices. Let log consumption growth be given by

$$c_{t+1} - c_t = \mu_c + U_c \cdot x_t + \lambda_c \cdot w_{t+1}. \quad (86)$$

The assumed preferences imply the stochastic discount factor (SDF),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} &= (MV_{t+1}) \frac{MC_{t+1}}{MC_t} \\ &= \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\rho} \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})} \right)^{\rho-\gamma} \\ &= \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\rho} \left[ \frac{V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}}{\mathbb{E}_t[V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}]} \right]^{\frac{\rho-\gamma}{1-\gamma}}. \end{aligned}$$

To characterize this SDF in terms of the assumed dynamics for the state (51) and consumption growth (86), we need to solve for the continuation values  $V_t$  in terms of the same. The utility recursion that characterizes Epstein-Zin preferences, paired

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the return on the wealth portfolio,

$$R_{t+1}^W = \frac{W_{t+1}}{W_t - C_t}. \quad (84)$$

This involves an application of Euler's theorem and results in

$$\frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} = \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\theta\rho} (R_{t+1}^w)^{\theta-1}, \quad (85)$$

where  $\theta = \frac{1-\gamma}{1-\rho}$ . While some papers use the returns on broad market indices (e.g., the S&P 500 index) as a proxy for  $R_t^W$ , in general this return is unobservable. The Roll critique applies here. The aggregate value of stock market indices make up only a small portion of total wealth in the economy. Importantly, it is missing the value of human capital. Furthermore, the returns on these proxies may not adequately capture the long-run effects of certain shocks to the macroeconomy. In models such as those of [Bansal and Yaron \(2004\)](#) and [Hansen, Heaton, and Li \(2008\)](#), the risk associated with these long-run shocks is crucial. To alleviate the shortcomings of using such a proxy, the second approach is to solve for the continuation value directly in terms of stochastic process governing the state of the economy, including consumption growth.

with the assumed state and consumption growth dynamics, results in a functional equation that we may solve. Rearranging terms,

$$V_t = \{(1 - \beta)(C_t)^{1-\rho} + \beta[\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})]^{1-\rho}\}^{1/(1-\rho)}$$

$$\frac{V_t}{C_t} = \left\{ (1 - \beta) + \beta \left[ \mathcal{R}_t \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right) \right]^{1-\rho} \right\}^{1/(1-\rho)},$$

so we need only solve  $v_t - c_t \equiv \log \frac{V_t}{C_t}$  as a function of the state  $x_t$ .

**Adding the assumption that the elasticity of intertemporal substitution is one** Here I derive the solution for risk prices in terms of the underlying state dynamics, in the case that  $\rho = 1$ . This requires us to solve for the SDF, and thus the continuation values of utility. If we assume that  $\rho = 1$ , then we may obtain an analytic solution. Otherwise, we must approximate the solution. Note that when  $\rho = \gamma$ , the assumed preferences collapse into CRRA preferences. Further, when  $\rho = \gamma = 1$ , they become log-utility. When  $\rho = 1$  and  $\gamma > 1$ , the agent's preferences are not of the time-additive von Neumann–Morgenstern expected utility variety and the agent still exhibits a concern for long-run risk.

**Solving for the continuation value.** Calculating the limit of the utility recursion as  $\rho \rightarrow 1$  (applying l'Hopital's rule), we get

$$\begin{aligned} v_t - c_t &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \gamma} \ln \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{1-\gamma} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \gamma} \ln (\mathbb{E}_t [\exp \{ (1 - \gamma)(v_{t+1} - c_{t+1} + c_{t+1} - c_t) \}]) \\ &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \gamma} \ln (\mathbb{E}_t [\exp \{ (1 - \gamma)(v_{t+1} - c_{t+1} + \mu_c + U'_c x_t + \lambda_c \cdot w_{t+1}) \}]) . \end{aligned}$$

The end result here is a difference equation in  $v_t - c_t$ . In order to solve this difference equation, I proceed by the method of undetermined coefficients. Let us postulate that  $v_t - c_t = \phi(x_t) = \mu_v + U_v \cdot x_t$  for some presently unknown coefficients  $\mu_v$  and  $U_v$ . Substituting,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_v + U'_v x_t &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \gamma} \ln (\mathbb{E}_t [\exp \{ (1 - \gamma)(\mu_v + U'_v (Gx_t + Hw_{t+1}) + \mu_c + U'_c x_t + \lambda_c \cdot w_{t+1}) \}]) \\ &= \beta \left( \mu_v + \mu_c + (U'_v G + U'_c) x_t + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma)^2 \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Then, matching terms, we see that we must have

$$\begin{aligned} U'_v &= \beta U'_c (I - \beta G)^{-1} \\ \mu_v &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta} \left( \mu_c + (1 - \gamma)^2 \frac{1}{2} \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that these all conform, since if  $x_t$  is  $N \times 1$  and  $w_{t+1}$  is  $M \times 1$ , then  $U_v$  and  $U_c$  are both  $1 \times N$ ,  $G$  is  $N \times N$ ,  $H$  is  $N \times M$ , and  $\lambda_c$  is  $1 \times M$ .

In summary, we get

$$v_t - c_t = \mu_v + U'_v x_t,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_v &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta} \left( \mu_c + (1 - \gamma)^2 \frac{1}{2} \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right) \\ U'_v &= \beta U'_c (I - \beta G)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

**Characterizing the SDF** Now that we have solved for the continuation value in terms of the state dynamics, we can solve for the stochastic discount factor in terms of the state dynamics. In the limit as  $\rho \rightarrow 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} &= \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}}{\mathbb{E}_t[V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}]} \right] \\ &= \beta \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-1} \frac{\left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{1-\gamma}}{\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{1-\gamma} \right]}. \end{aligned} \tag{87}$$

Computing,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{1-\gamma} \right] &= \mathbb{E}_t [\exp\{(1 - \gamma)((v_{t+1} - c_{t+1}) + (c_{t+1} - c_t))\}] \\ &= \exp \left[ (1 - \gamma)(\mu_v + \mu_c + (U'_v G + U'_c)x_t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)^2 \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$



Then, defining  $s_{t+1} \equiv \ln S_{t+1}$ , substituting in the definition for consumption dynamics, and substituting in our solution for the continuation value, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
s_{t+1} - s_t &= \ln \beta - (c_{t+1} - c_t) + (1 - \gamma)((v_{t+1} - c_{t+1}) + (c_{t+1} - c_t)) \\
&\quad - \left[ (1 - \gamma)(\mu_v + \mu_c + (U'_v G + U'_c)x_t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)^2 \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right] \\
&= \ln \beta - \gamma(\mu_c + U'_c x_t + \lambda_c \cdot w_{t+1}) + (1 - \gamma)U'_v H w_{t+1} \\
&\quad - \left[ (1 - \gamma)(\mu_c + U'_c x_t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)^2 \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right] \\
s_{t+1} - s_t &= \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda_s \cdot w_{t+1},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_s &= \ln \beta - \mu_c - \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)^2 \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \\
U_s &= -U_c \\
\lambda'_s &= -(\gamma - 1)(\lambda'_c + U'_v H) - \lambda'_c.
\end{aligned}$$

**Summary** Here I summarize the assumptions and results. To summarize,  $x_t$  is an  $N \times 1$  state vector capturing the state of the economy,

$$x_{t+1} = Gx_t + Hw_{t+1},$$

with  $w_{t+1}$  as a  $M \times 1$  vector of i.i.d. shocks,  $w_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{I})$  and  $G$  and  $H$  as conforming matrices. Log consumption growth is

$$c_{t+1} - c_t = \mu_c + U_c \cdot x_t + \lambda_c \cdot w_{t+1}.$$

Solving the utility recursion for the case when  $\rho = 1$ , we get

$$v_t - c_t = \mu_v + U'_v x_t, \tag{88}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_v &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta} \left( \mu_c + (1 - \gamma) \frac{1}{2} \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \right) \\
U'_v &= \beta U'_c (I - \beta G)^{-1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{89}$$

The log SDF is

$$s_{t+1} - s_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda_s \cdot w_{t+1} \tag{90}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_s &= \ln \beta - \mu_c - \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)^2 \|U'_v H + \lambda'_c\|^2 \\ U_s &= -U_c \\ \lambda'_s &= -(\gamma - 1)(\lambda'_c + U'_v H) - \lambda'_c.\end{aligned}\tag{91}$$

□

Note that when  $\gamma = 1$ , preferences collapse to the log-normal case. Thus, let

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{s,SR} &= -\lambda_c \\ \lambda_{s,LR} &= -(\lambda'_c + U'_v H)',\end{aligned}\tag{92}$$

so that

$$\lambda_s = \lambda_{s,SR} + (\gamma - 1)\lambda_{s,LR}.$$

These are defined with the interpretation that  $\lambda_{s,LR}$  is the portion of risk prices that are due to concern for long-run risk. When  $\gamma = 1$ , we have  $\gamma = \rho$ , and preferences thus collapse into the expected utility case—the log-utility case, in particular—and  $\lambda_{s,LR} = 0$ . Therefore, we can interpret  $\lambda_{s,LR}$  as the component of risk prices due to a concern for long-run risk, under the assumption that  $\rho = 1$ .

#### A.1.5 Pricing a claim to aggregate consumption, the wealth portfolio

Since utility  $V_t$  is homogeneous of degree one in  $C_t$  and realizations of  $V_{t+1}$ , we can apply an infinite dimensional version of Euler's theorem to get

$$\frac{W_t}{C_t} = \frac{1}{1 - \beta} \left( \frac{V_t}{C_t} \right)^{1 - \rho},$$

where aggregate wealth is defined as the present discounted value of current and future consumption,

$$W_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_{t+\tau}}{S_t} C_{t+\tau} \right].$$

Define the return to the wealth portfolio as  $R_{t+1}^W = \frac{W_{t+1}}{W_t - C_t}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}R_{t+1}^w &= \frac{W_{t+1}}{W_t - C_t} \\ &= \frac{W_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \frac{1}{\frac{W_t}{C_t} - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \beta} \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \right)^{1 - \rho} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1 - \beta} \left( \frac{V_t}{C_t} \right)^{1 - \rho} - 1} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t}.\end{aligned}$$

When  $\rho = 1$ , this simplifies to

$$R_{t+1}^w = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t}$$

and in terms of the state dynamics as written in (51) and (86),

$$\log R_{t+1}^w = -\log \beta + \mu_c + U'_c x_t + \lambda_c \cdot w_{t+1}.$$

## A.2 Asset pricing proofs, sorted in the order that the results appear in the text

This section provides the proofs to the lemmas, propositions, and corollaries that appear in Section 2 of the paper. These are the proofs of the asset pricing results. The proofs here refer to the location in the previous section where they are derived.

### A.2.1 Proof of Lemma 1

- A variant of this claim with a simpler proof is made in equation (59). This claim differs in that it uses conditional expectations. Its proof immediately follows the numbered equation.
- The proof to the version with unconditional expectations, the claim made in the main text, is given after equation (65).

### A.2.2 Proof of Proposition 3

- The proof of this proposition is given following equation (76).

### A.2.3 Proof of Corollary 4

- The proof of this corollary follows almost immediately from the previous proposition. Equation (11) comes from the fact that the risk premium associated with the holding period return on a  $\tau$ -horizon bond is a special case of the same associated with a  $\tau$ -horizon dividend strip. If the dividend payment in the dividend strip is fixed and riskless, then  $\psi_d(\tau) = 0$ .
- The second expression, (12), then follows from differences the first expression from the expression in Proposition 3.

#### A.2.4 Proof of Proposition 6

- The expression

$$\text{Cov}(\Delta \log S_{t+1}, \Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log D_{t+\tau}]) = \psi_s(1) \cdot \psi_d(\tau)$$

follows from the definition of the impulse response function,

$$\Delta \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\log D_{t+\tau}] = \psi_d(\tau) \cdot w_{t+1}$$

and the definition

$$\Delta \log S_{t+1} = \log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda'_s w_{t+1}.$$

- The derivation of the expression

$$\text{Var}(\log R_{t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}) = \|\psi_d(\tau)\|^2.$$

follows from computing the variance of the expression (77).

- The expression

$$SR_\tau := \frac{\log \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}^\tau] - \log \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}^{f,\tau}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\log R_{t+1}^\tau - \log R_{t+1}^{f,\tau})}} = -\psi_s(1) \cdot \frac{\psi_d(\tau)}{\|\psi_d(\tau)\|}. \quad (93)$$

the follows immediately from the previous.

#### A.2.5 Proof of Corollary 7

This derivation is a trivial rewriting of the dot product.

#### A.2.6 Proof of Lemma 8

- This first claim can be easily verified by substituting the expression for  $F_y$  and  $M_y$  into

$$\log Y_t = t\mu_y + \sum_{k=1}^t M_y w_k + F_y x_t + \log Y_0 - F_y x_0$$

and computing

$$\log Y_{t+1} - \log Y_t.$$

- The claim that

$$\psi'_y(\infty) := \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \psi'_y(\tau) = M_y$$

comes from the derivation of the impulse response function,

$$\psi'_y(k) = \lambda'_y + U'_y(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{k-1})H.$$

This derivation is given in (53).

- The expression

$$\psi'_y(1) - \psi'_y(\infty) = F_y H$$

follows because  $\psi_y(1) = \lambda_y$ .

### A.2.7 Proof of Proposition 9

This follows from the previous lemma.

### A.2.8 Proof of Lemma 11

- The expression for the SDF is derived in the section containing (87).
- The SDF in this case is shown to be of the form  $\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t = \mu_s + U'_s x_t + \lambda'_s w_{t+1}$  in this same section and the expression for the parameters is given in (90) and (91).

### A.2.9 Proof of Proposition 12

This proof proceeds as follows. Suppose that  $DF_\infty < DF_1$ . Substituting, this is

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &> DF_\infty - DF_1 \\ &= -\lambda_s \cdot (\psi_d(\infty) - \psi_d(1)) \\ &= -\eta \lambda_s \cdot (\psi_c(\infty) - \psi_c(1)). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\psi'_c(k) = \lambda'_c + U'_c(I - G)^{-1}(I - G^{k-1})H,$$

we can substitute to get

$$0 > \gamma \lambda_c \cdot (U'_c(I - G)^{-1}H) + (\gamma - 1)\beta U'_c(I - \beta G)^{-1}HH'(I - G')^{-1}U_c.$$

Applying the limit  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  gives

$$0 > \gamma \lambda_{\mathcal{C}} \cdot (U'_{\mathcal{C}}(I - G)^{-1}H) + (\gamma - 1)U'_{\mathcal{C}}(I - G)^{-1}HH'(I - G')^{-1}U_{\mathcal{C}}.$$

Lemma 8 tells us that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mathcal{C}} &= -U'_{\mathcal{C}}(I - G)^{-1} \\ M_{\mathcal{C}} &= \lambda'_{\mathcal{C}} + U'_{\mathcal{C}}(I - G)^{-1}H. \end{aligned}$$

From this, plus the expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \log \mathcal{C}_{t+1} - \log \mathcal{C}_t &= \mu_{\mathcal{C}} + U'_{\mathcal{C}}x_t + \lambda'_{\mathcal{C}}w_{t+1} \\ F_{\mathcal{C}}x_{t+1} &= F_{\mathcal{C}}Gx_t + F_{\mathcal{C}}Hw_{t+1}, \end{aligned}$$

we can derive

$$\text{Cov}_t(\log \mathcal{C}_{t+1} - \log \mathcal{C}_t, F_{\mathcal{C}}x_{t+1}) > \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \text{Var}_t(F_{\mathcal{C}}x_{t+1}).$$

### A.3 Production networks model derivations

#### A.3.1 Full Model, First-Order Conditions

Since the welfare theorems apply, competitive equilibrium can be obtained by solving the social planner's problem. A series of monotonic transformations of the utility recursion simplifies the expression of the objective function so that the social planner solves

$$\begin{aligned} V^{1-\rho}(\{K_{it}, \Xi_{it}\}) &= \max_{\{I_{ijt}\}, \{M_{ijt}\}, \{K_{i,t+1}\}, \{L_{it}\}} (1 - \beta)\mathcal{C}^{1-\rho} + \beta (\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}))^{1-\rho} \\ \text{subject to } K_{i,t+1} &= \prod_{j=1}^n I_{ijt}^{\theta_{ij}} + (1 - \delta_j)K_{it} \end{aligned} \tag{94}$$

and, substituting where applicable,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{C}_t &= \mathcal{L}_t^{1-s_c} C_t^{s_c} \\
C_t &= \prod_{i=1}^n C_{it}^{\alpha_i} \\
I_{it} &= \prod_{j=1}^n I_{ijt}^{\theta_{ij}} \\
M_{it} &= \prod_{j=1}^n M_{ijt}^{a_{ij}} \\
Q_{it} &= \Xi_{it} K_{it}^{a_i^k} L_{it}^{a_i^\ell} \left( \prod_{j=1}^n M_{ijt}^{a_{ij}} \right)^{a_i^m} \\
C_{jt} &= Q_{jt} - \sum_{i=1}^n M_{ijt} - \sum_{i=1}^n I_{ijt} \\
\mathcal{L}_t &= H - \sum_{i=1}^n L_{it} \\
\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}) &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[ V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}.
\end{aligned}$$

**First-order conditions** Let  $\lambda_{it}$  be the Lagrange multiplier associated with the constraints on Capital dynamics. Then, the first order conditions are as follows.

- Those associated with  $I_{ijt}$  are

$$(1-\beta)(1-\rho)s_c \frac{\mathcal{C}_t^{1-\rho}}{C_t} \alpha \frac{C_t}{C_{jt}} (-1) + \lambda_{it} \left( -\theta_{ij} \frac{I_t}{I_{ijt}} \right) = 0 \quad (95)$$

- and with  $K_{i,t+1}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta(1-\rho)\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})^{-\rho} \frac{\partial R_t}{\partial K_{i,t+1}} + \lambda_{it} &= 0 \\
\beta(1-\rho)\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})^{-\rho} \mathcal{R}_t^\gamma \mathbb{E}_t \left[ V_{t+1}^{-\gamma} \frac{\partial V_{t+1}}{\partial K_{i,t+1}} \right] &= -\lambda_{it},
\end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

with  $\mathcal{R}_t = \mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})$ . Combining these two gives

$$(1-\beta)s_c \frac{\mathcal{C}_t^{1-\rho}}{C_{jt}} \alpha_j = \beta \mathcal{R}_t^{\gamma-\rho} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ V_{t+1}^{-\gamma} \frac{\partial V_{t+1}}{\partial K_{i,t+1}} \right] \theta_{ij} \frac{I_{it}}{I_{ijt}}. \quad (97)$$

- The envelope theorem implies

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dK_{it}}V_t^{1-\rho} &= (1-\rho)V_t^{-\rho}\frac{dV_t}{dK_{it}} \\ &= (1-\beta)(1-\rho)s_c\alpha_i\frac{\mathcal{C}_t^{1-\rho}}{C_{it}}a_i^k\frac{Q_{it}}{K_{it}} - \lambda_{it}(1-\delta).\end{aligned}$$

Combining this with the first-order conditions for investment and capital gives

$$\alpha_j\frac{\mathcal{C}_t^{1-\rho}}{C_{jt}} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \beta \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t} \right)^{\rho-\gamma} \theta_{ij} \frac{I_{it}}{I_{ijt}} \left( \alpha_i \frac{\mathcal{C}_{t+1}^{1-\rho}}{C_{i,t+1}} a_i^k \frac{Q_{i,t+1}}{K_{i,t+1}} + \alpha_j \frac{\mathcal{C}_{t+1}^{1-\rho}}{C_{j,t+1}} \frac{I_{ij,t+1}}{I_{i,t+1}} \frac{1}{\theta_{ijt}} (1-\delta) \right) \right]. \quad (98)$$

The pieces of this equation can be interpreted as follows. The term,

$$\underbrace{\alpha_j \frac{\mathcal{C}_t^{1-\rho}}{C_{jt}}}_{\sim \text{marginal utility of good } j},$$

is proportional to the marginal utility of good  $j$ . The conditional expectations contains a risk adjustment, the marginal increase in the investment in good  $i$  with respect to the contribution of the investment good  $j$ , and the marginal utility associated with an increase in the capital of type  $i$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \underbrace{\beta \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t} \right)^{\rho-\gamma}}_{\text{risk adjustment of next period utility}} \underbrace{\theta_{ij} \frac{I_{it}}{I_{ijt}}}_{\text{marginal transform. of good } j \text{ into inv. } i} \underbrace{(\dots)}_{\text{marginal utility per unit of capital type } i} \right].$$

This final marginal utility term can be broken down as follows. It is the marginal utility associated with an increase in capital of type  $i$ , with one part coming from the marginal product of that capital and the part coming from the increase in the capital stock remaining after depreciation in the following period:

$$\left( \underbrace{\alpha_i \frac{\mathcal{C}_{t+1}^{1-\rho}}{C_{i,t+1}}}_{\sim \text{marginal utility of good } i} \underbrace{a_i^k \frac{Q_{i,t+1}}{K_{i,t+1}}}_{\text{marginal product of capital in sector } i} + \underbrace{\alpha_j \frac{\mathcal{C}_{t+1}^{1-\rho}}{C_{j,t+1}}}_{\sim \text{marginal utility of good } j} \underbrace{\frac{I_{ij,t+1}}{I_{i,t+1}} \frac{1}{\theta_{ijt}}}_{\text{marginal transformation into good } j \text{ per unit of capital } i} \underbrace{(1-\delta)}_{\text{capital remaining after depreciation}} \right).$$



Note that the risk adjustment term  $\beta \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t} \right)^{\rho-\gamma}$  arising from the assumption of non-expected utility, via Epstein-Zin recursive utility. A expected, when  $\gamma = \rho$ , this term becomes unity.

- Also, note that when we assume that the consumption bundle  $\mathcal{C}_t$  is the numeraire with price normalized to one,  $P_t = 1$ . The price index is then

$$P_t = \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{P_{it}}{\alpha_i} \right)^{\alpha_i},$$

so that the price of a unit of good  $i$  satisfies

$$P_{it} = \alpha_i \frac{\mathcal{C}_t}{C_{it}}.$$

The stochastic discount factor (SDF) is then

$$\frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} = \beta \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t} \right)^{\gamma-\rho} \left( \frac{\mathcal{C}_{t+1}}{\mathcal{C}_t} \right)^{-\rho}. \quad (99)$$

We can then write the first-order conditions for investment and capital as

$$1 = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{S_{t+1}}{S_t} R_{ij,t+1} \right], \quad (100)$$

where  $R_{ij,t+1}$  is the return associated with investing a unit of the consumption good  $j$  into capital of type  $i$ ,

$$R_{ij,t+1} = \theta_{ij} \frac{I_{it}}{I_{ijt}} \frac{1}{P_{jt}} \left( P_{i,t+1} a_i^k \frac{Q_{i,t+1}}{K_{i,t+1}} + P_{j,t+1} \frac{I_{ij,t+1}}{I_{i,t+1}} \frac{1}{\theta_{ij}} (1 - \delta) \right). \quad (101)$$

- The first-order conditions with respect to the intermediate goods  $M_{ijt}$  are

$$\frac{\alpha_j}{C_{jt}} = \frac{\alpha_i}{C_{it}} a_i^m Q_{it} M_{ijt} a_{ij}. \quad (102)$$

- The first-order conditions of the household's problem with respect to  $L_{it}$  are

$$\frac{1 - s_c}{\mathcal{L}_t} = s_c \frac{\alpha_i}{C_{it}} a_i^\ell Q_{it} L_{it}. \quad (103)$$

### A.3.2 Non-stochastic balanced growth path and log-linearization

To be added soon.

### A.3.3 Proposition 16: Case with Full Depreciation

Here I use the first-order conditions derived from the full model, as derived in the previous section, Section A.3.1. When  $\delta = 1$  and as  $\rho$  approaches 1 in the limit, the program (94) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \log V(\{K_{it}, \Xi_{it}\}) &= \max_{\{I_{ijt}\}, \{M_{ijt}\}, \{K_{i,t+1}\}, \{L_{it}\}} (1 - \beta) \log \mathcal{C}_t + \beta \log (\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})) \\ \text{subject to } K_{i,t+1} &= \prod_{j=1}^n I_{ijt}^{\theta_{ij}}. \end{aligned} \quad (104)$$

The first-order conditions derived in the previous section will hold, after substituting  $\rho = 1$  and  $\delta = 1$ .

To solve for the optimal policy functions and the value function, I proceed by using the method of undetermined coefficients. I make a direct guess as to the functional form of  $V_t$ . From this, I derive the optimal policy functions and determine the value of  $V_{t+1}$ . The first-order conditions along with market clearing would then give us the restrictions needed to determine these unknown coefficients. I then verify that this guess indeed solves the functional equation that characterizes equilibrium.

#### Guess Value Function and Evaluate First-Order Conditions

- Guess that

$$V(\{K_{it}\}, \{\xi_{it}\}) = \prod_i^n K_{it}^{s_c(1-\beta)a_i^k \nu_i} \exp \{J(\xi_t)\} V_0, \quad (105)$$

for some unknown constants  $\nu_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , an unknown  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable function  $J$ , and a constant  $V_0$ .

- Under this assumption,

$$\frac{\partial V_t}{\partial K_{it}} = s_c(1 - \beta)a_i^k \nu_i \frac{V_t}{K_{it}}.$$

Substituting this into the first-order conditions for investment and capital, (97), implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\alpha_i}{C_{jt}} &= \beta a_i^k \nu_i \theta_{ij} \frac{I_{it}}{I_{ijt}} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t} \right)^{1-\gamma} \frac{1}{K_{i,t+1}} \right] \\ \frac{\alpha_j}{C_{jt}} &= \beta a_i^k \nu_i \theta_{ij} \frac{1}{I_{ijt}}, \end{aligned} \quad (106)$$

where the second line follows from

$$K_{i,t+1} = I_{it}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left( \frac{V_{t+1}}{\mathcal{R}_t} \right)^{1-\gamma} \right] = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}}{\mathbb{E}_t[V_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}]} \right] = 1.$$

- For convenience, define  $\tilde{\Theta} = [\theta_{ij}]$  and  $\tilde{A} = [a_{ij}]$ . Since these are the Cobb-Douglas aggregator shares that sum to one,  $\tilde{\Theta}\mathbb{1} = \tilde{A}\mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1}$ , where  $\mathbb{1}$  is a vector of ones.
- Let  $d_{jt} = \alpha_j \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I_{ijt}}{C_{jt}}$ , with the vector  $d_t = [d_{jt}]$ . Then, continuing with equation (106), this implies that

$$d' \equiv d'_t = \beta \nu' \Theta,$$

where  $\Theta = \text{diag}(a^k) \tilde{\Theta} = [a_i^k \theta_{ij}]$  and, since  $d_t$  is constant, I've defined  $d = d_t$ .

- From the first-order conditions for  $M_{ijt}$ , (102) combined with the market clearing conditions for goods,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{jt} - \sum_{i=1}^n I_{ijt} - C_{jt} &= \sum_{i=1}^n M_{ijt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} \frac{C_{jt}}{C_{it}} a_i^m Q_{it} a_{ij} \\ \frac{Q_{jt}}{C_{jt}} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I_{ijt}}{C_{jt}} &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} a_i^m a_{ij} \frac{Q_{it}}{C_{it}}. \end{aligned} \quad (107)$$

Let  $b_{jt} = \alpha_j \frac{Q_{jt}}{C_{jt}}$ , with the vector  $b_t = [b_{jt}]$ . With  $A = \text{diag}(a^m) \tilde{A} = [a_i^m a_{ij}]$ , (107) implies

$$b'_t - d' = \alpha' + b'_t A$$

with the solution

$$\begin{aligned} b' &\equiv b'_t = (\alpha + d)' (I - A)^{-1} \\ b' &= (\alpha' + \beta \nu' \Theta) (I - A)^{-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (108)$$

where I've defined  $b = b_t$ , since  $b_t$  is constant. Also, since we assume  $0 \leq a_i^m < 1$ ,  $(I - A)$  is invertible.

- From the first-order conditions for  $L_{it}$ , we have

$$L_{it} = \frac{s_c}{1 - s_c} b_i a_i^\ell \mathcal{L}_t.$$

Market clearing for hours worked implies that

$$\mathcal{L}_t = H \left( 1 + \frac{s_c}{1 - s_c} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^\ell b_i \right)^{-1}.$$

Evidently,  $L_{it} = L_i$  and  $\mathcal{L}_t = \mathcal{L}$  are constant.

- By definition of  $b$ ,

$$C_{it} = \frac{\alpha_i}{b_i} Q_{it}.$$

From eq. (102),

$$M_{ijt} = \frac{b_i}{b_j} a_i^m a_{ij} Q_{jt}.$$

From eq. (106),

$$I_{ijt} = \beta \frac{\nu_i}{b_j} a_i^k \theta_{ij} Q_{jt}.$$

- To compute the dynamics of output, take logs of the production function and substitute the optimal values of  $M_{ijt}$  and  $L_{it}$ . This gives

$$\log Q_{it} = \log \Xi_{it} + a_i^k \log K_{it} + a_i^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \left( \log Q_{jt} + \left( \frac{b_i}{b_j} a_i^m a_{ij} \right) \right) + a_i^\ell \log L_i.$$

In matrix-vector form, this is

$$q_t = \xi_t + \text{diag}(a^k) k_t + \text{diag}(a^m) \tilde{A} q_t + g^y,$$

where  $k_t$  is a vector of log capital  $k_{it} = \log K_{it}$ ,  $\text{diag}$  is the operator that creates a matrix with the argument vector on the diagonal and  $g^y$  is a vector of constants based on the model parameters. This implies

$$(I - A) q_t = \xi_t + \text{diag}(a^k) k_t + g^y. \quad (109)$$

Since  $K_{i,t+1} = I_{it} = \prod_{j=1}^n I_{ijt}^{\theta_{ij}}$ , and substituting the first-order conditions for  $I_{ijt}$  and  $K_{i,t+1}$ , we have

$$\log K_{i,t+1} = \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{ij} \log \left( \log Q_{jt} + \left( \beta \nu_i \theta_{ij} \frac{1}{b_j} \right) \right).$$

Thus,

$$k_{t+1} = \tilde{\Theta}q_t + \tilde{\Theta}g^k, \quad (110)$$

where  $g^k$  is a vector of constants based on the model parameters. Thus,

$$q_{t+1} = (I - A)^{-1}\Theta q_t + (I - A)^{-1}\xi_{t+1} + (I - A)^{-1}(g^y + \Theta g^k).$$

and

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = (I - A)^{-1}\Theta \Delta q_t + (I - A)^{-1}\Delta \xi_{t+1}$$

- The dynamics of capital can also be computed. Using equations (109) and (110),

$$\begin{aligned} k_{t+1} &= \tilde{\Theta}(I - A)^{-1}\text{diag}(a^k)k_t + \tilde{\Theta}(I - A)^{-1}\xi_t + g^{kd} \\ \text{diag}(a^k)k_{t+1} &= \Theta(I - A)^{-1}\text{diag}(a^k)k_t + \Theta(I - A)^{-1}\xi_t + \text{diag}(a^k)g^{kd}, \end{aligned} \quad (111)$$

where

$$g^{kd} = \tilde{\Theta}(I - A)^{-1}(g^y + (I - A)g^k).$$

An interpretation of the effects here is as follows:

$$k_{t+1} = \underbrace{\tilde{\Theta}}_{\text{investment network, bundle investments}} \underbrace{(I - A)^{-1}}_{\text{instantaneous effect of intermediate goods network}} \underbrace{\text{diag}(a^k)}_{\text{relative importance of capital in production}} k_t + \tilde{\Theta}(I - A)^{-1}\xi_t + g^{kd} \quad (112)$$

**Verify Guess of Value Function** I will now verify that the guess of the value function is a solution to the value function recursion.

- Since  $\rho = 1$ ,

$$\log V_t = (1 - \beta) \log \mathcal{C}_t + \beta \log \mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}), \quad (113)$$

where the optimal policy functions have been substituted in.

- Begin by evaluating  $\mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma) \log V_{t+1} \right\} \right] = \\
& = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma) s_c (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^k \nu_i \log K_{i,t+1} + (1 - \gamma) \log V_0 + (1 - \gamma) J(W_{t+1}) \right\} \right] \\
& = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma) s_c (1 - \beta) \nu' \left[ \Theta(I - A)^{-1} \xi_{t+1} + \Theta(I - A)^{-1} \text{diag}(a^k) k_t + \text{diag}(a^k) g^{kd} \right] \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + (1 - \gamma) \log V_0 + (1 - \gamma) J(W_{t+1}) \right\} \right] \\
& = \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma) s_c (1 - \beta) \nu' \left[ \Theta(I - A)^{-1} \text{diag}(a^k) k_t + \text{diag}(a^k) g^{kd} \right] + (1 - \gamma) \log V_0 \right\} \\
& \quad \times \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma) s_c (1 - \beta) \nu' \Theta(I - A)^{-1} \xi_{t+1} + (1 - \gamma) J(W_{t+1}) \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1}) &= s_c (1 - \beta) \nu' \left( \Theta(I - A)^{-1} \text{diag}(a^k) k_t + \text{diag}(a^k) g^{kd} \right) + (1 - \gamma) \log V_0 + \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \log \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma) s_c (1 - \beta) \nu' \Theta(I - A)^{-1} \xi_{t+1} + \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + (1 - \gamma) J(\xi_{t+1}) \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

.

- Now, evaluating  $\mathcal{C}_t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \mathcal{C}_t &= (1 - s_c) \log \mathcal{L} + s_c (g^c + \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} g^y \\
& \quad + \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \xi_t + \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \text{diag}(a^k) k_t) \\
& = s_c \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \text{diag}(a^k) k_t + s_c \alpha' (I - A)^{-1} \xi_t + g^{c*},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $g^{c*}$  is a constant that is a function of the model parameters.

- Now, we can use these to substitute into the value function recursion (113). Since (113) must hold for all values of the states  $K_{it}$ . The left-hand side of this recursion, in terms of the state variables, is given by the guess of the value function in (105):

$$\log V(\{Q_{it}\}, \{W_{it}\}) = \sum_i^n s_c (1 - \beta) a_i^k \nu_i \log K_{it} + J(\xi_t) + \log V_0.$$

The right-hand side is given by the derivations of  $\log \mathcal{C}_t$  and  $\log \mathcal{R}_t(V_{t+1})$ . Analyzing the coefficients associated with  $k_t$  on the left-hand side and right-hand side, we see that  $\nu$  must satisfy

$$s_c(1 - \beta)\nu' \text{diag}(a^k) = (1 - \beta)s_c\alpha'(I - A)^{-1}\text{diag}(a^k) + \beta s_c(1 - \beta)\nu'\theta,$$

which implies that

$$\nu' = \alpha'(I - A)^{-1}(I - \beta\Theta(I - A)^{-1})^{-1}. \quad (114)$$

Note, as an aside, that when  $A = 0$ , then  $b' = \alpha'(I - \beta\Theta) = \nu'$ .

- Furthermore, isolating the terms on each side that depend on the shocks, we have that the function  $J$  is characterized by

$$J(\xi_t) = \beta \frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \log \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \exp \left\{ (1 - \gamma)s_c(1 - \beta)\nu'\Theta(I - A)^{-1}\xi_{t+1} + (1 - \gamma)J(\xi_{t+1}) \right\} \right] \quad (115)$$

and  $V_0$  is defined by the remaining constants. Note that when  $\xi_{t+1}$  has a joint normal conditional distribution, conditional on information at time  $t$ , this is

$$J(\xi_t) = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[ s_c(1 - \beta)\nu'\Theta(I - A)^{-1}\xi_{t+1} + J(\xi_{t+1}) \right] + \beta \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)\text{Var}_t \left( s_c(1 - \beta)\nu'\Theta(I - A)^{-1}\xi_{t+1} + J(\xi_{t+1}) \right).$$

- This concludes the verification that our guessed value function solves the recursion and satisfies the first-order conditions.

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#### A.3.4 Risk prices and risk exposures in the full depreciation case

Here I give the proof of Proposition 17.

### A.4 Using the model filter to decompose TFP shocks into aggregate and idiosyncratic components

Here I review in more detail the argument laid out in Foerster, Sarte, and Watson (2011) regarding the procedure for disentangling common, aggregate shocks from idiosyncratic shocks propagated through the input-output network.

Suppose that output growth follows the equilibrium process in equation (31). Suppose again that innovations to productivity have a common, aggregate component, and an idiosyncratic component. That is, let

$$\varepsilon_t = \Lambda_a \nu_t^a + \nu_t^s,$$

where  $\nu_t^a$  is a  $K \times 1$  vector and common to all industries and  $\nu_t^s$  is an  $n \times 1$  vector of idiosyncratic shocks.  $\Lambda_a$  is an  $n \times K$  matrix of coefficients reflecting each industry's exposure to the  $K$  common shocks. Assume that  $(\nu_t^a, \nu_t^s)$  are serially uncorrelated, and that  $\nu_t^a$  and  $\nu_t^s$  are mutually uncorrelated. Assume further that the idiosyncratic shocks are uncorrelated, so that  $\Sigma_{\nu\nu} = \mathbb{E}[\nu_t^s \nu_t^{s*}]$  is a diagonal matrix.

Under these assumptions, industry output growth can be written as a dynamic factor model

$$\Delta q_t = \Lambda(L) F_t + u_t, \tag{116}$$

where

$$\Lambda(L) = (I - \Phi L)^{-1} (\Pi_0 + \Pi_1 L) \Lambda_a,$$

$F_t = \nu_t^a$ , and

$$u_t = (I - \Phi L)^{-1} (\Pi_0 + \Pi_1 L) \nu_t^s.$$

Importantly, the elements of  $u_t$  are a linear combination of  $\nu_t^s$ . While the elements of  $\nu_t^s$  are uncorrelated, the elements of  $u_t$  need not be. The matrix  $(I - \Phi L)^{-1} (\Pi_0 + \Pi_1 L)$  embodies the effects of network connections in the model and a reduced form factor analysis of industry growth rates may overestimate the importance of aggregate shocks.

To fix this, we can construct a filter based on a calibration of the structural general equilibrium model. Using (31) we see that

$$\varepsilon_t = (\Pi_0 + \Pi_1 L)^{-1} (I - \Phi L) \Delta q_t. \tag{117}$$

Since we have estimates of  $\Pi_0$ ,  $\Pi_1$ , and  $\Phi$  from the calibration, we can construct the right-hand side. We can then use factor analytic methods on the filtered industry growth data to estimate the contributions of the aggregate shocks  $\nu_t^a$  and  $\nu_t^s$ .

## A.5 Network theory and measures of centrality

In graph theory (network theory), a graph (network) is made up of nodes (vertices) and edges (the connections between vertices). In an unweighted graph, edges between nodes either exist or they don't and are indicated with one or zero. A weighted graph is a generalization in which each edge has a numerical weight associated with it. A



directed graph is a graph in which the connections between nodes have a direction associated with them.

Define a graph as an ordered pair  $(\mathcal{N}, A)$ , where  $\mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a set of nodes and  $A = [A_{ij}]$  is a matrix representing a possibly weighted and directed graph. This matrix  $A$  is called an adjacency matrix. In an unweighted, undirected graph,  $A_{ij} = 1$  indicates an undirected connection between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ . Otherwise, the elements are zero. When the graph is undirected,  $A$  is symmetric. When the graph is directed,  $A_{ij} = 1$  indicates a connection *from* node  $j$  to node  $i$ . Otherwise, the element is equal to zero. In the case of a weighted graph, the elements of  $A$  are real numbers and, in most applications, are non-negative.<sup>11</sup>

One exercise of interest in the study of networks is to measure the importance or influence of each node within a graph based on the node's positioning within the graph. Such measures are called measures of centrality. One of the simplest such measures is called *Degree centrality*. Degree centrality of a node  $i$  measures the number of edges that are connected to node  $i$ . In the case of a weighted graph, this measures the sum of the weights of the connected edges. This is expressed,

$$\vec{C}_{\text{degree}} := \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ji} = A' \mathbb{1},$$

where  $\mathbb{1}$  is a vector of ones.

Another measure of centrality is *Eigenvector centrality*, sometimes referred to as Bonacich centrality.<sup>12</sup> This measure is defined recursively. It captures the idea that a node has higher eigenvector centrality if it connected to another node that itself has high eigenvector centrality.  $\vec{C}_{EV} = x$  such that  $x$  solves

$$x_i = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j,$$

or in matrix form,

$$Ax = \lambda x,$$

where  $\lambda$  is the principal eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix  $A$  and  $x$  is the associated normalized eigenvector.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> For more details, good references include [Jackson \(2010\)](#) and [Newman \(2018\)](#).

<sup>12</sup> See [Bonacich \(2002\)](#).

<sup>13</sup> As a note, one drawback of Eigenvector centrality is that, when the graph is acyclic, all nodes will have centrality zero. There are variants of Eigenvector centrality that address this problem. Katz centrality can be thought of as one of these.

A third measure is *Katz centrality*, which measures the number of connections between other nodes, including connections that run through other nodes in the network. Each such path is weighted by an attenuation factor  $\beta \in (0, 1)$  so that links to distant nodes are given less weight. This measure can be expressed as<sup>14</sup>

$$\vec{C}_{\text{Katz}} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta^k (A^k)' \mathbb{1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \beta^k (A^k)_{ji}.$$

This definition of Katz centrality can be interpreted by noting that if  $A$  represents a non-weighted, undirected network, then the element at location  $(i, j)$  of  $A^k$  reflects the total number of  $k$  degree connections between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ . Assuming that  $\beta < 1/\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is the principal eigenvalue of  $A$ , Katz centrality can be expressed as

$$\vec{C}_{\text{Katz}} = (I - \beta A')^{-1} \mathbb{1},$$

where  $I$  is a conforming identity matrix and  $\mathbb{1}$  is a vector of ones. Katz centrality, like Eigenvector centrality, can be interpreted as a recursive measure of influence. In Eigenvector centrality, the centrality of a node  $i$  is a linear function of the centrality of the nodes that node  $i$  is connected to. In Katz centrality, the centrality of node  $i$  is an affine function of the centrality of the nodes that it is connected to:

$$x_i = \beta \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j + 1. \quad (118)$$

That is, each node is endowed with some small amount of centrality “for free.” In matrix terms, this is

$$x = \beta Ax + \mathbb{1}$$

and thus  $x = (I - \beta A)^{-1} \mathbb{1}$ . Katz centrality can be thought of as a generalization of degree centrality and Eigenvector centrality because when  $\beta$  is small, most weight is placed on first-order connections. In light of eq. (118), when  $\beta$  is larger, more weight is placed on the recursive term rather than the constant term. When the attenuation factor approaches  $1/\lambda$  from below, where  $\lambda$  is the principal eigenvalue of  $A$ , Katz centrality converges to Eigenvector centrality,

$$\lim_{\beta \nearrow \frac{1}{\lambda}} \vec{C}_{\text{Katz}} = \vec{C}_{\text{EV}}.$$

For a proof, see section A.5.1 below.

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<sup>14</sup> There are different conventions for Katz centrality. In some cases, the infinite sum starts at  $k = 1$ , thus not including the initial term  $I$ . In Newman (2018), the sum starts at  $k = 0$ , as it does here.

**Weighted Katz Centrality** For our purposes, it will be useful to consider a slight generalization of Katz centrality called *weighted Katz centrality*. This allows us to endow each node with a prior sense of centrality, apart from the centrality dictated by the network connections. Recall that Katz centrality introduces a forcing term that ensures that nodes have a positive level of centrality so that the centrality of each node is an affine function of the centrality of the nodes that its connected to. In a sense, each term is given a unit amount of centrality “for free.” Weighted Katz centrality allows this forcing terms (or starting amount) to vary across nodes. Let  $\alpha$  by an  $n \times 1$  vector of positive real numbers. Then weighted Katz centrality solves the equation

$$x = \beta Ax + \alpha,$$

so that

$$\vec{C}_{\text{WKatz}} := (I - \beta A)^{-1} \alpha.$$

This measure is sometimes called *Alpha centrality*.<sup>15</sup>

### A.5.1 Proof: Eigenvector centrality as the limiting case of Katz centrality

Eigenvector centrality (sometimes called Bonacich centrality) is defined as the vector  $x$  that solves

$$Ax = \kappa x,$$

where  $\kappa$  is the principal (largest, most positive) eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix  $A$ . Katz centrality is defined as the vector  $y$  that solves

$$y = \alpha Ay + \mathbf{1},$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < \kappa^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{1}$  is a conforming vector of ones. That is,  $y = (\mathbf{I} - \alpha A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}$ .

As  $\alpha \nearrow \kappa^{-1}$ , Katz centrality converges to eigenvector centrality.

*Proof.* Consider the definition of Eigenvector centrality given above where  $\mathcal{C}^e = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$  and the definition of Katz centrality, where  $\mathcal{C}^k(\alpha) = \frac{(\mathbf{I} - \alpha A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}}{\|(\mathbf{I} - \alpha A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}\|}$ . When  $\alpha < \kappa^{-1}$ , recall that we can write  $y = (\mathbf{I} - \alpha A)^{-1} \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} + \alpha A \mathbf{1} + \alpha^2 A^2 \mathbf{1} + \dots$

Define  $a_n(\alpha) = \mathbf{1} + \alpha A \mathbf{1} + \alpha^2 A^2 \mathbf{1} + \dots + \alpha^n A^n \mathbf{1}$ , let  $a_0 = \mathbf{1}$ . Define  $b_n(\alpha) = \|a_n(\alpha)\|$ .

Given these definitions, we would like to calculate the limit

$$\lim_{\alpha \nearrow \kappa^{-1}} \mathcal{C}^k(\alpha) = \lim_{\alpha \nearrow \kappa^{-1}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n(\alpha)}{b_n(\alpha)},$$

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<sup>15</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha\\_centrality](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha_centrality)

where  $\kappa$  is the principal eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Note that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n$  is defined for all values  $\alpha \in [0, \kappa^{-1})$ . Also,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are finite for  $n < \infty$ . We can thus switch the order of the limits so that

$$\lim_{\alpha \nearrow \kappa^{-1}} \mathcal{C}^k(\alpha) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\alpha \nearrow \kappa^{-1}} \frac{a_n(\alpha)}{b_n(\alpha)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n(\kappa^{-1})}{b_n(\kappa^{-1})}$$

Define

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{A^{n+1}x_0}{\|A^{n+1}x_0\|},$$

with  $x_0 = \mathbf{1}$ . Assuming the needed conditions for the power iteration algorithm,  $x_{n+1} \rightarrow x$ , where  $x$  is an eigenvector associated with principal eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Since  $\det(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{\kappa}A) = 0$ , we know that  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  diverge when  $\alpha = \kappa^{-1}$ . Assume that  $A$  is nonnegative (network edge weights are nonnegative). Then  $b_n$  is also strictly monotonic. This allows us to use the Stolz–Cesàro theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{b_{n+1} - b_n}.$$

Calculating,

$$\frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{b_{n+1} - b_n} = \frac{\alpha^{n+1}A^{n+1}\mathbf{1}}{\|a_{n+1}\| - \|a_n\|} = \frac{\kappa^{-n-1}\|A^{n+1}\mathbf{1}\| x_{n+1}}{\|a_{n+1}\| - \|a_n\|} \geq \frac{\kappa^{-n-1}\|A^{n+1}\mathbf{1}\| x_{n+1}}{\|\kappa^{-n-1}A^{n+1}\mathbf{1}\|} = x_{n+1},$$

where the inequality follows from the reverse triangle inequality. Since  $\|a_n(\kappa^{-1})\|$  diverges and is monotonically increasing, the inequality holds with equality in the limit. Thus,

$$\lim_{\alpha \nearrow \kappa^{-1}} \mathcal{C}^k(\alpha) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n(\kappa^{-1})}{b_n(\kappa^{-1})} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x = \mathcal{C}^e.$$

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## B Data

### B.1 Input-Output Accounts Data

I begin by described the procedure I use to measure the network of intersectoral trade. To construct a measure of the flow of dollars between producers and purchasers within the U.S. economy, I use the Input-Output accounts from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). These data cover all industrial sectors as well as household production and government entities. The core of the Input-Output accounts

consists of two basic national-accounting tables: the “make” table, which records the production of commodities by industries, and the “supply” table, which records the uses of commodities by intermediate and final users. Also, the BEA publishes these tables at various levels of granularity. The most detailed tables are the “Benchmark Input-Output Data”, which are coded at a 6-digit level and comprise between 405-544 industries, depending on the year. These tables are published every five years, each edition published with a five-year lag, starting with the 1982 tables up until the most recently published 2012 tables. I use these tables to construct a measure of cash flows between industries, with which I estimate the production technologies featured in my model. The high level of granularity available in the benchmark tables allows me to explore the heterogeneity in the network properties of various industries with the greatest precision possible.

**Constructing the Inter-Industry Cash Flow Matrix** As noted, I use the “make” and “use” tables from the BEA’s Input-Output accounts to construct a measure of cash flows between industries within the U.S. economy. In general, the make table is an  $I \times C$  matrix where the entry  $\text{MAKE}_{ic}$  records the amount of commodity  $c$  in dollars that is produced by industry  $i$  and the subset of the use table that records the purchases of intermediate users is a  $C \times I$  matrix where  $\text{USE}_{ci}$  is the dollar amount of commodity  $c$  used by industry  $i$ . Following the procedure outlined in [Ahern and Harford \(2014\)](#), I construct a matrix of cash flows by first constructing the “share” matrix,

$$\text{SHARE}_{ic} = \frac{\text{MAKE}_{ic}}{\sum_{c'=1}^C \text{MAKE}_{ic'}},$$

that records the percentage of commodity  $c$  produced by industry  $i$  and then the cash flow matrix,

$$\text{FLOW}_{ij} = \sum_{c=1}^C \text{USE}_{ci} \cdot \text{SHARE}_{jc},$$

that records the dollar value of the products flowing from industry  $j$  to industry  $i$ .

Note that the BEA also publishes Input-Output requirements tables, such as industry-by-industry or commodity-by-commodity total requirements tables. The industry-by-industry total requirements table, for example, shows the production required, both directly and indirectly, from each industry  $j$  per dollar of delivery to final use of each industry  $i$ . The use of these tables are inappropriate for the purposes of this paper, however, since these measures include indirect requirements. That is, these measures of the requirements for the output of industry  $i$  include the inputs from its direct suppliers (those industries directly supplying industry  $i$ ) as well as its indirect suppliers (the suppliers of the suppliers to industry  $i$ , etc.).

The SUPP matrix normalizes by summing across suppliers  $s$ :

$$\text{SUPP}_{ij} = \frac{\text{FLOW}_{ij}}{\sum_{s=1}^I \text{FLOW}_{is}}$$

**Redefinitions** The BEA IO make and use tables are published in two varieties: the standard tables and the supplementary tables. The standard tables are constructed before “redefinitions” of selected secondary products and the supplementary tables are constructed after. These redefinitions are one of several methods for handling the accounting of secondary products. In the tables after redefinition, the make and use tables are modified so as to better conform to a “commodity-technology” assumption. Under this assumption, it is assumed that the production of a given commodity requires a unique set of inputs, regardless of which industry produces that commodity. Under these redefinitions, the secondary products and their associated inputs are excluded from the industry that produced them and are included in the industry in which they are primary.<sup>16</sup> These reallocations are only made in cases where the production process for the secondary product is very dissimilar to that for the industry’s primary product.<sup>17</sup> The result of these redefinitions is a set of tables that represent a more homogeneous relationship between input structure and products and, as such, comprise a more useful tool for analyzing the relationships between industries (Horowitz and Planting, 2009). For this reason, I use the supplementary tables (those constructed after redefinition) in my analysis.

## C Extensions and Robustness Checks

Here I outline some extensions of my model and as well as some additional robustness checks. I begin with a test of the presumed dynamics of output in equilibrium. I’ll then consider an extension in which I assume a transitory component to TFP.

### C.1 Tests of Equilibrium Quantity Dynamics

The key feature present in the model is that a shock to a particular sector propagates downstream through the production network, from suppliers to customers, and

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<sup>16</sup> Note that redefinitions do not affect the definition of the commodity or the measurement of the total output of the commodity. However, redefinitions do affect the measure of industry output.

<sup>17</sup> Horowitz and Planting (2009) give the following example. “The production process for restaurant services provided in hotels is very different from that of lodging services. Therefore, for the supplementary tables, the output and inputs for these restaurant services are moved or redefined from the hotel industry to the restaurant industry.”

do so gradually over time. As described earlier, shocks propagate throughout the intermediate goods network quickly and through the investment network gradually. Gradual propagation means that a an increase in output growth to one sector should predict an increase in the output of its customers in the following period. I present a set of regressions that test whether this is the case. In the following regressions, I do not distinguish between the investment network and the intermediate goods network. Rather, I simply take the BEA IO tables as a singular production network and test whether shocks to a given sector output predict increasing in downstream sectors. In this sense, the specification that I test matches the specification of [Long and Plosser \(1983\)](#). As a robustness check, I use a different data set than the KLEMS data set used in the main analysis. To analyze the dynamics of sectoral output, I use industry-level output and productivity data for manufacturing from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database ([Becker, Gray, and Marvakov, 2013](#)). This data set includes annual data from U.S. manufacturing sector for the period from 1958 to 2011. It includes manufacturing data, including output and productivity data. While this data set only covers manufacturing sectors, it allows for an analysis of intersectoral dynamics at a finer granularity than the KLEMS data set. This NBER-CES data set includes 473 industries, where the analysis with the KLEMS is aggregated to include at most 30 sectors.

To construct the production network, I use the same BEA-IO tables as in the main analysis. However, I only use the BEA-IO tables and not the capital flow tables. The description of these is given in [Section 4](#)

### C.1.1 Testing simplified production dynamics

In the specification of [Section 3.3](#), the dynamics of sectoral output take on a simple form, described in [Proposition 16](#):

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = (I - A)^{-1} \Theta \Delta q_t + (I - A)^{-1} \Delta \xi_{t+1}. \quad (43)$$

If we eliminate the effects of the intermediate-goods network by setting  $A = I$ , for example, output follows equation [\(46\)](#), which I repeat here:

$$\Delta q_{t+1} = \Theta \Delta q_t + \Delta \xi_{t+1}. \quad (46)$$

This form has a simple interpretation. Since  $\Delta q_t$  is the vector of log output growth and  $\Theta = [a_i^k \theta_{ij}]$  is a matrix of expenditure shares on investment goods, next period's output growth in any sector is a weighted average of the output growth in that sector's suppliers' output growth. Recall that  $a_i^k \theta_{ij}$  represents the fraction of total expenditures that industry  $i$  spends on the investment goods produced by industry

*j*. Thus, a simple diagnostic test of these dynamics would be to explore whether output in supplying industries predicts future output in customer industries.

To this end, consider constructing a panel regression of the form (46), where we attempt to estimate an unknown matrix  $\Theta$ . Due to the high dimensionality of  $\Theta$ , such a regression would be infeasible. To get around this problem, I instead take  $\Theta$  to be the cost shares from the BEA's IO tables. I then estimate a panel regression of the form

$$\Delta q_{it} = k_i + \delta_t + b x_{i,t-1} + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (119)$$

where  $x_{it} = (\Theta \Delta q_t)_i$  is the  $i$ 'th element of the vector  $\Theta \Delta q_t$ , and  $k_i$ ,  $\delta_t$  and  $b$  are parameters to be estimated.  $k_i$  and  $\delta_t$  are industry and time fixed effects, respectively. If the model defined by (46) holds exactly, then we should observe  $b = 1$ .

As discussed in Section 3.3, the main difference between the intermediate-goods network and the investment network is that shocks propagate through the investment network gradually, whereas shocks propagate through the intermediate-goods network instantaneously. This is expressed in the autoregressive coefficient  $(I - A)^{-1}$  in (43). Since  $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + \dots$ , the coefficient  $(I - A)^{-1}$  represents the full, cumulative effect of propagation through the network. Ignoring the effect of the investment network, the effect over one step through the intermediate-goods network would manifest as a  $(I - A)^{-1} \Delta q_t$ . In practice, it's reasonable to assume that shocks would, to some degree, propagate gradually through the intermediate-goods network as well. To explore this, I estimate the panel regression model (119) again, this time using the intermediate-goods network only  $x_{it} = (A \Delta q_{t-1})_i$ . I measure  $A$  by calculating cost shares from the BEA's Benchmark Input-Output tables. Data on industry output comes from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database and is thus restricted to only manufacturing industries. The manufacturing industries are identified by their 1987 Standard Industry Classification (SIC) four-digit codes.<sup>18</sup>

At this point, I should note that the form of the regression model in (119) is somewhat restrictive. To make this test more meaningful, I add some additional flexibility to the empirical model of output growth. (43) implies that shocks propagate downstream, from supplier industries to customer industries. A meaningful alternative hypothesis would be that shocks may also propagate upstream, from customers to suppliers. A concern would be that an estimate of  $b > 0$  in (119) may

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<sup>18</sup> To facilitate the merging of data, I use the 1987 BEA tables and industry output data from 1987-2011. The NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database covers the years from 1958 to 2011. Results appear to be robust to the choice of year of the IO tables.



be the result this potential upstream propagation rather than the downward propagation implied in equilibrium. Therefore, I estimate a model that allows for shocks to propagate both upstream, from customers to suppliers, and downstream, from suppliers to customers. To capture this upstream effect, I compute the “customer share” matrix  $\hat{A} = [\hat{a}_{ij}]$ . This is defined such that customer industry  $i$  purchases the fraction  $\hat{a}_{ij}$  of the total industry output of supplying industry  $j$ . Accordingly, we must have  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{ij} = 1$ . As an example, if  $\hat{a}_{12} = 1$ , industry 1 is the only customer of industry 2. Thus,  $\hat{A}' \Delta q_{t-1}$  represents the weighted average output growth of each industry’s customers, weighted by the industry’s “customer shares”. If I include this term as a regressor, this allow the regression to distinguish between upstream and downstream effects. This leads to a panel regression of the form

$$\Delta q_{i,t} = k_i + \delta_t + b_d x_{i,t-1}^{\text{suppliers}} + b_u x_{i,t-1}^{\text{customers}} + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (120)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{it}^{\text{suppliers}} &= (A \Delta q_t)_i = a_i^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \Delta q_{jt} \\ x_{it}^{\text{customers}} &= (\hat{A} \Delta q_t)_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{a}_{ji} \Delta q_{jt}. \end{aligned}$$

$x_{it}^{\text{suppliers}}$  is the weighted average output growth of industry  $i$ ’s suppliers, scaled by  $a_i^m$ , the fraction of expenditures that industry  $i$  spends on intermediate goods (compared to, e.g., labor or capital). The weights,  $a_{ij}$  are the fraction of intermediate goods expenditures that industry  $i$  spends on the output of industry  $j$ . The second term,  $x_{it}^{\text{customers}}$ , is the weighted average of customer output growth, weighted by the customer shares  $\hat{a}_{ji}$ . Since equilibrium dynamics in (46) feature propagation in the downstream direction only, the upstream effect should be null ( $b_u = 0$ ) and the downstream effect should be positive ( $b_d > 0$ ). If (46) holds exactly, we should observe  $b_d = 1$ . Columns (1) and (3) of Table 7 reports the results of these regressions. I use the manufacturing output data from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database over the years 1987 to 2011 and the BEA Input-Output Benchmark Table from 1987. Total output here is the real value of total shipments of each industry. To account for serial and spatial dependence, standard errors are constructed following Driscoll and Kraay (1998).

Table 8 estimates a simplified form of these same regressions. In (120), instead of using the model implied coefficients  $A = [a_i^k a_{ij}]$ , I simply compute the weighted average of customer and supplier average output growth as the upstream and down-

stream regressors. Specifically, I let

$$x_{it}^{\text{suppliers}} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \Delta q_{jt}$$

$$x_{it}^{\text{customers}} = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{a}_{ji} \Delta q_{jt}.$$

The customer regressor stayed the same. Now, the downstream regressor can also be interpreted exactly as a weighted average, since  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 1$ . Columns (1) and (3) report the results of these regressions.

Columns (2) and (4) of this same table, Table 8, present the weighted averages of upstream and downstream industries, using instead the implied customer shares and cost shares of the industries 2-steps away in the supply chain. That is, these are expenditure shares that the industry implicitly spends on its suppliers' suppliers and, similarly, customer share weights based on customers' customer shares. This is motivated in the following sub-section.

**Sampling frequency and the speed of shock propagation** A potential problem with the estimation procedure described above is that the data generating process may describe a pattern of shock propagation faster than the frequency at which the data is sampled. To demonstrate the issue arising from such a mismatch, suppose that industry output follows (46). However, suppose that we only observe output in every other period (e.g.,  $\Delta q_t, \Delta q_{t+2}, \Delta q_{t+4}, \dots$ ). Then, the relationship between  $\Delta q_{t+2}$  and  $\Delta q_t$  depends on these second-degree connections encoded in  $\Theta^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta q_{t+2} &= \Theta \Delta q_{t+1} + \Delta \xi_{t+2} \\ &= \Theta^2 \Delta q_t + \Theta \Delta \xi_{t+1} + \Delta \xi_{t+2}. \end{aligned} \tag{121}$$

In this case, it becomes appropriate to regress the components of the vector  $\Delta q_{t+2}$  on the components of the vector  $\Theta^2 \Delta q_t$ . Note that rows in the matrix  $\Theta$  represent the shares of expenditures that row industry  $i$  spends on column industry  $j$ . Analogously, the rows of the matrix  $\Theta^2$  represent the shares of expenditures that row industry  $i$  implicitly spends on column industry  $j$ , taking into account the expenditure shares of industry  $i$ 's suppliers' suppliers. Thus,  $\Theta$  represents expenditure shares on suppliers 1-step up the supply chain, while  $\Theta^2$  represents implicit expenditure shares on suppliers 2-steps up the supply chain. Thus, the appropriate weights on supplier output in our regression depends on the sampling frequency of our data as well as the speed with which shocks are propagated through supply chains as dictated by the underlying data generating process. The industry output data in both

tables are sampled at an annual frequency. Since it's possible that shocks propagate at a faster rate than this, I also estimate a model of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta q_{i,t} = & k_i + \delta_t + b_{d1} x_{i,t-1}^{\text{downstream,1-step}} + b_{u1} x_{i,t-1}^{\text{upstream,1-step}} \\ & + b_{d2} x_{i,t-1}^{\text{downstream,2-step}} + b_{u2} x_{i,t-1}^{\text{upstream,2-step}} + \epsilon_{it},\end{aligned}\quad (122)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}x_{it}^{\text{downstream,1-step}} &= (A \Delta q_t)_i \\ x_{it}^{\text{upstream,1-step}} &= (\hat{A}' \Delta q_t)_i \\ x_{it}^{\text{downstream,2-step}} &= (A^2 \Delta q_t)_i \\ x_{it}^{\text{upstream,2-step}} &= ((\hat{A}^2)' \Delta q_t)_i,\end{aligned}$$

where regressor  $(A^2 q_t)_i$  measures the dependency of industry  $i$ 's output on supplier output two steps up the supply chain and the regressor  $(\hat{A}^2)' q_t$  measures the dependency on customer output two steps down the supply chain.

Additionally, it should be noted that equation (121) indicates that any mismatch in frequency could result in serious cross-sectional dependence in the error terms. This dependence would otherwise lead to underestimation of the size of the standard errors. To account for this, as well as potential serial correlation, I construct standard errors using the nonparametric, robust covariance matrix estimator proposed by Driscoll and Kraay (1998). Columns (2) and (4) of Table 7 reports the results of these regressions.

**Decomposing network- and own-effects** After testing the models proposed in regression equations (120) and (122), a useful follow-up question is to ask how much of the effects can be attributed to variation in the output of connected industries and how much can be attributed autocorrelation in the components of  $q_{it}$ . For example, in equation (120), we can explore this question by decomposing the terms  $x_{i,t-1}^{\text{suppliers}}$  and  $x_{i,t-1}^{\text{customers}}$ . Consider decomposing the terms as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}x_{it}^{\text{suppliers}} &= \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \Delta q_{jt} = a_{ij} \Delta q_{jt} + \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{ij} \Delta q_{jt} \\ x_{it}^{\text{customers}} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{a}_{ji} \Delta q_{jt} = \hat{a}_{ii} \Delta q_{it} + \sum_{j \neq i}^n \hat{a}_{ji} \Delta q_{jt}.\end{aligned}$$

This motivates a regression model of the form

$$\Delta q_{i,t} = k_i + \delta_t + b_{\text{self}} \Delta q_{i,t-1} + b_{d,\text{others}} x_{i,t-1}^{\text{downstream, other}} + b_{u,\text{others}} x_{i,t-1}^{\text{upstream, other}} + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (123)$$

with

$$x_{it}^{\text{downstream, other}} = \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{ij} \Delta q_{jt}$$

$$x_{it}^{\text{upstream, other}} = \sum_{j \neq i}^n \hat{a}_{ji} \Delta q_{jt}.$$

The parameter  $b_{\text{self}}$  controls the size of the own-effect and the parameters  $b_{d,\text{others}}$  and  $b_{u,\text{others}}$  control the network effects from supplier and customer output, respectively. The results of this regression are presented in Table 9.

**Regression Results Overview** I begin by presenting a related set of benchmark regressions in Table 8. These use proper weighted averages and are thus more easily interpreted. The output growth of an industry is regressed on the weighted average output growth of its customers and suppliers. Supplier averages are weighted by the expenditures shares (fraction of expenditures going to supplier) and customer averages are weighted by revenue shares (fraction of revenue accounted for by customer). This also includes controls for average output growth of suppliers’ suppliers and customers’ customers (labeled “two-step”), using implicit expenditure and revenue shares derived from the input-output tables. This table shows large, significant effects in the downstream direction, from suppliers to customers, and no meaningful effects in the upstream direction. A 1% increase in the output growth of supplying industries is associated with a output growth between 0.16-0.36% in the customer industry the following year. To get an idea of the economic significance of this relationship, we see from Table 6 that within this sample,<sup>19</sup> the standard deviation of supplier output growth is about 5%. Regressions (2) and (4) include terms for supplier and customer variation two steps up or down the supply chain. In regression (4), we see that the downstream effect shows up in the term accounting for output growth two steps up the supply chain. As described in the discussion regarding equation (122), this may be due to the low sampling frequency data used. The data give output on an annual basis. The regressions (3) and (4) in Table 8 feature time fixed effects to absorb variation due to an aggregate trend. Regardless, individual industries may also feature trend components distinct from the aggregate trend. For this reason, regressions using first differences may be preferred.

Next, I compute the results of the regression described in (120). These are provided in regressions (1) and (3) in Table 7. I again use the first differences of output

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<sup>19</sup> Whether we calculate this by pooling observations or by, say, computing the median within-industry standard deviation, the numbers happen to be approximately the same.

to account for non-stationarity in the data. The regressions (3) and (4) in Table 7 feature time fixed effects to absorb variation due to an aggregate trend. The results, as we can see, appear to support the proposed dynamics in equation (??). The downstream effects are larger than the upstream effects in both Tables 7 and 8. We can reject the hypothesis that the coefficient on the downstream effect is zero at the 5% or 1% level, depending on particular regression specification.

As described previously, we want to ensure that the previous results are not simply driven by autocorrelation in industry output growth. This is a concern since most industries appear to purchase significant amounts of intermediate goods from firms within their own industry. Table 9 presents the results of regression equation (123) in which the network effect of other suppliers is separated from the own-effect (potential autocorrelation in  $q_{it}$ ) of supplying to one-self. The results in this table demonstrate that the majority of the downstream effect is due to fluctuations in other suppliers. That is, the network effect dominates.

## C.2 Tables and Figures

Table 6: Summary Statistics for Industry Output, including Customer and Supplier Industries

Pooled panel data	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
$y_t$ (Real output in 1997 dollars)	19438	8604.977	97676.108	10.809	1048.119	2464.364	5157.131	5099306.008
$\Delta \log y_t$	19076	0.016	0.123	-1.095	-0.038	0.021	0.077	1.669
Ave. Supplier $\Delta \log y_t$	19076	0.012	0.049	-0.393	-0.007	0.012	0.039	0.458
Ave. Customer $\Delta \log y_t$	19076	0.011	0.054	-0.498	-0.003	0.006	0.030	0.552
Within industry medians	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
$y_t$ (Real output in 1997 dollars)	362	5171.372	11082.287	61.218	1211.018	2649.236	4983.316	127060.745
$\Delta \log y_t$	362	0.022	0.025	-0.048	0.008	0.021	0.034	0.210
Ave. Supplier $\Delta \log y_t$	362	0.015	0.012	-0.005	0.009	0.015	0.020	0.096
Ave. Customer $\Delta \log y_t$	362	0.014	0.015	-0.012	0.004	0.011	0.022	0.126
Within industry standard deviations	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
$y_t$ (Real output in 1997 dollars)	362	8381.943	86413.213	61.973	394.279	907.158	1956.114	1260155.979
$\Delta \log y_t$	362	0.113	0.044	0.032	0.084	0.105	0.136	0.289
Ave. Supplier $\Delta \log y_t$	362	0.044	0.019	0.001	0.032	0.046	0.057	0.105
Ave. Customer $\Delta \log y_t$	362	0.041	0.034	0.000	0.012	0.035	0.061	0.183

Summary statistics for manufacturing industries within the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database merged with network data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis 1987 Benchmark Input-Output tables. In the first panel, I compute summary statistics across the pooled observations within the panel. In the second and third, I compute the median and standard deviation over time within industries, and then compute summary statistics across industries. Supplier averages are weighted by the expenditures shares (fraction of expenditures going to supplier) and customer averages are weighted by revenue shares (fraction of revenue accounted for by customer). Output here is the real value of total shipments of each industry.

Table 7: Industry Output Dynamics

	$y_{it} = \Delta \log(\text{Output}_{it})$			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
$(A y_{t-1})_i$ (suppliers, 1-step)	0.298** (0.146)	0.117 (0.196)	0.213** (0.090)	0.289*** (0.100)
$(\hat{A}' y_{t-1})_i$ (customers, 1-step)	0.109 (0.151)	0.030 (0.126)	0.067 (0.123)	0.002 (0.105)
$(A^2 y_{t-1})_i$ (suppliers, 2-steps)		0.523 (0.578)		-0.285 (0.233)
$((\hat{A}^2)' y_{t-1})_i$ (customers, 2-steps)		0.173 (0.157)		0.166 (0.129)
Time FE	No	No	Yes	Yes
Firm FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	8,932	8,932	8,932	8,932
R <sup>2</sup> (within)	0.0096	0.0103	0.0026	0.0029

Note:

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

Estimation using manufacturing output data from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database over the years 1987 to 2011 and the BEA Input-Output Benchmark Table from 1987. Total output here is the real value of total shipments of each industry. To account for serial and spatial dependence, standard errors are constructed following [Driscoll and Kraay \(1998\)](#).  $A = [a_{ij}]$  represents the fraction of total expenditures that industry  $i$  spends on industry  $j$ . Given the vector of total output of each industry,  $A q_{t-1}$  represents the vector of weighted sums of the change in output of the industry's suppliers, weighted by the industry's expenditure shares.  $(A q_{t-1})_i$  is the  $i$ 'th element of the resulting vector.  $A^2 q_{t-1}$  is similar, but is weighted by the expenditure shares that the industry implicitly spends on its suppliers' suppliers. The "customer share" matrix  $\hat{A} = [\hat{a}_{ij}]$  is defined such that customer industry  $i$  purchases the fraction  $\hat{a}_{ij}$  of the total industry output of supplying industry  $j$ . Thus,  $\hat{A}' q_{t-1}$  represents the sum change in the output of the industry's customers, weighted by the industry's "customer shares". The final regressor analogously measures a sum weighted by the customers' customer shares.

Table 8: Industry Output Dynamics Benchmark

	$y_{it} = \Delta \log(\text{Output}_{it})$			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(ave. $y_{j,t-1}$ suppliers, 1-step)	0.173* (0.099)	-0.013 (0.125)	0.159** (0.062)	0.036 (0.061)
(ave. $y_{j,t-1}$ customers, 1-step)	0.134 (0.127)	-0.061 (0.150)	0.087 (0.094)	0.029 (0.110)
(ave. $y_{j,t-1}$ suppliers, 2-steps)		0.327 (0.266)		0.363** (0.141)
(ave. $y_{j,t-1}$ customers, 2-steps)		0.294 (0.254)		0.095 (0.131)
Time FE	No	No	Yes	Yes
Firm FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	8,932	8,932	8,932	8,932
R <sup>2</sup> (within)	0.0118	0.0144	0.0042	0.005

*Note:*

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

Panel regression of an output growth on the weighted average output growth of its customers and suppliers. Supplier averages are weighted by the expenditures shares (fraction of expenditures going to supplier) and customer averages are weighted by revenue shares (fraction of revenue accounted for by customer). Also includes controls for average output growth of suppliers' suppliers and customers' customers (labeled "two-step"), using implicit expenditure and revenue shares derived from input-output tables. Estimation uses manufacturing output data from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database over the years 1987 to 2011 and the BEA Input-Output Benchmark Table from 1987. Output here is the real value of total shipments of each industry. To account for serial and spatial dependence, standard errors are constructed following [Driscoll and Kraay \(1998\)](#).



Table 9: Industry Output Dynamics, Decomposed Effects

	$y_{it} = \Delta \log(\text{Output}_{it})$					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
$a_{ii}y_{i,t-1}$	-0.098 (0.228)	-0.134 (0.242)	-0.023 (0.214)	-0.084 (0.229)	-0.152 (0.232)	-0.146 (0.235)
$\sum_{j=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{i \neq j} a_{ij} y_{j,t-1}$ (suppliers)	0.440 (0.269)	0.323** (0.137)			0.393** (0.172)	0.319*** (0.119)
$\sum_{j=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{i \neq j} \hat{a}_{ji} y_{j,t-1}$ (customers)			0.220 (0.237)	0.045 (0.155)	0.088 (0.194)	0.022 (0.150)
Time FE	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Firm FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	8,932	8,932	8,932	8,932	8,932	8,932
R <sup>2</sup> (within)	0.0097	0.003	0.004	2e-04	0.0102	0.0031

*Note:*

\*p&lt;0.1; \*\*p&lt;0.05; \*\*\*p&lt;0.01

Estimation using manufacturing output data from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database over the years 1987 to 2011 and the BEA Input-Output Benchmark Table from 1987. Total output here is the real value of total shipments of each industry. To account for serial and spatial dependence, standard errors are constructed following [Driscoll and Kraay \(1998\)](#).  $A = [a_{ij}]$  represents the fraction of total expenditures that industry  $i$  spends on industry  $j$ . The “customer share” matrix  $\hat{A} = [\hat{a}_{ij}]$  is defined such that customer industry  $i$  purchases the fraction  $\hat{a}_{ij}$  of the total industry output of supplying industry  $j$ .