Services Intensities in the Iranian Economy: An Input-Output Approach

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Service sector play the important role in the Iranian economy, so that in the recent years the value-added of service sector allocated more than 50 percent of gross domestic output. Even though, perception to service sector is different in process of development, but at the present time dominant sector of global economics is service sector. In despite of higher share of service sector in Iranian economy, mentioned sector has been always interpreted as an unproductive sector by some of policy makers and researcher. It seems that, such a perceptions in the case of service sector could not show the realistic picture of importance and role of this sector in the situation of economic evolutions. In this paper, we tried to introduce an index by estimating direct services intensity and Direct plus Indirect Services Intensity in the framework of input-output in order to evaluating interrelation of service sector, specially sub-sector of manufacturing service with other sector and sub-sector of industry in Iranians economy. Mentioned study holds on the input-output table of 2001, from statistics center of Iran. Result of this paper shows that 28.3 percent and 27.3 percent of economic activities in 2001 in the view of intensities of direct service and intensities of direct service and indirect service placed in the category of keys sector in the Iranian economy. Therefore intensities of service in Iranian economy are more or less remarkable. Keywords: Tertiary Sector, Producer Services, Direct Services Intensity, Direct plus Indirect

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