



A New Interregional Input-Output Model with Endogenous Self-sufficiency Rate

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Introduction

Introduction

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Global trade is on track to hit a record **\$33 trillion** by 2024.

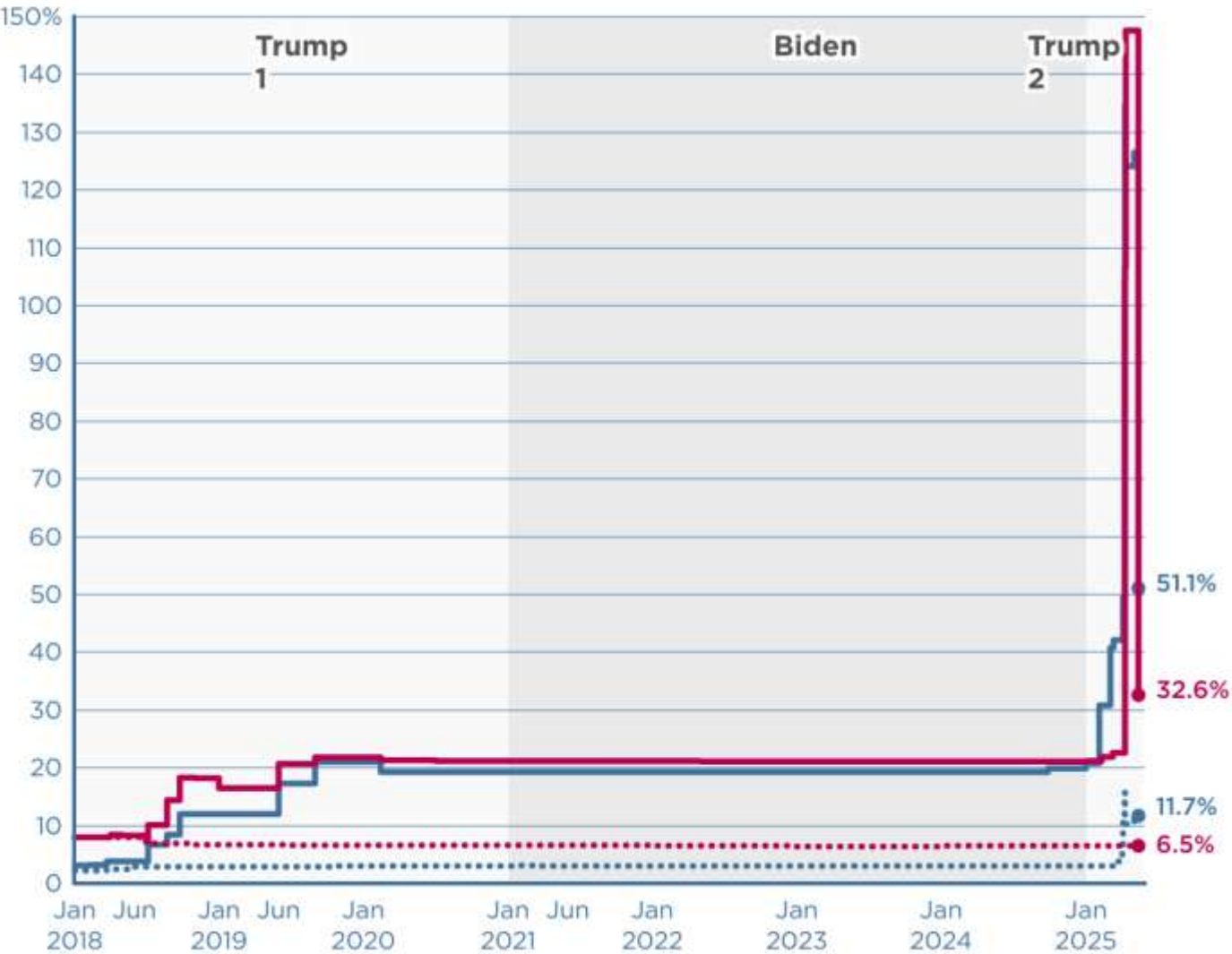


US-China trade war tariffs: An up-to-date chart

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a. US-China tariff rates toward each other and rest of world (ROW)

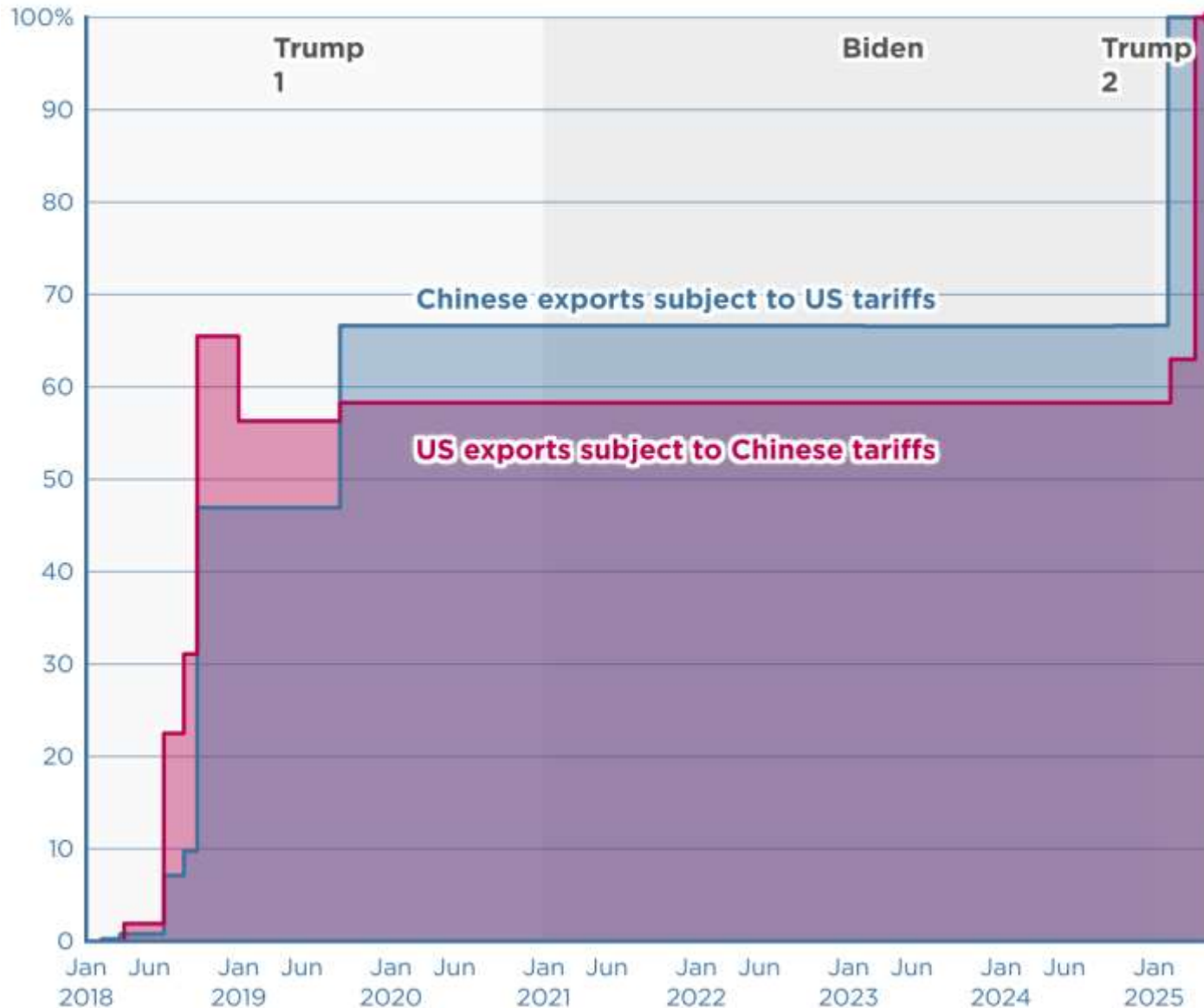
— Chinese tariffs on US exports — US tariffs on Chinese exports ... Chinese tariffs on ROW exports ... US tariffs on ROW exports



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b. Percent of US-China trade subject to trade war tariffs



Is the use of tariffs effective?

- **The direct effects** include an increase in import prices, a rise in domestic substitution demand, changes in fiscal revenue, and initial adjustments in trade structure.
- **The indirect effects**, gradually propagate through channels such as production networks, intermediate input prices, resource allocation, consumer behavior, and firm expectations.

- **Computable General Equilibrium (CGE)** models capture how markets co-adjust in multi-sector, multi-country settings. They are widely used to simulate tariff shocks on economic structure, welfare, and global value chains (Shoven & Whalley, 1984; Liu & Ma, 2022 ;Kahn et al., 2024;).Today, CGE models are standard tools for tariff evaluation by the WTO, IMF, and World Bank.
- **Structural models**, by specifying explicit causal mechanisms and structural parameters, identify how tariffs transmit through prices, output, and supply chains. They are well-suited to uncover policy transmission channels at the micro level. (**Eaton & Kortum**,2002;Caliendo & Parro ,2015; Arkolakis et al,2023;Kreuter & Riccaboni,2023)

One key challenge in modeling tariff shocks lies in measuring the numerous indirect effects they generate.

- **Input-output models**, as a framework to analyze the interdependence of industries , have been a critical tool for measuring the production network effect.
- (Feenstra, 1994; Broda and Weinstein, 2006).
- (Zhang et al., 2020; Fontagné et al., 2022)/(Dietzenbacher and van der Linden, 1997; Los et al., 2016).
- (Tian et al., 2021; Giammetti et al., 2020; Wu and Luo, 2016; Sonis et al., 2000).

In trade theory, **the Armington specification** assume that product varieties from different places of production are imperfect substitutes. (**Armington, 1969**).

Extensive empirical research has tested this assumption (Saito, 2004; Feenstra. et al, 2018; Bajzik et al. 2020; Caliendo and Parro, 2022; Guerra and Sancho, 2024). Their demand for different varieties will depend on the so-called Armington elasticity.

$$\frac{M_i}{D_i} = \left(\frac{p_i^M}{p_i^D} \right)^{-\sigma_i} \left(\frac{1 - \delta_i}{\delta_i} \right)^{\sigma_i}$$

Armington Elasticity (Elasticity of Substitution between domestic products and imports) are non-zero

change in Relative price → *change in M/D (in self-sufficiency level)* → *the impact of external shocks*

IRIO assume that Armington Elasticity are zero

change in Relative price

self-sufficiency level are constant

How to address the limitations of classic methodologies?

Route 1: Estimate the Price Elasticity of Demand and apply the results to the IRIO model. Considering the substitution of imported goods from the perspective of final demand.

$$\ln Q_X = c + \alpha \ln \frac{R}{P_D} + \beta \frac{P_X}{P_D} + \varepsilon$$

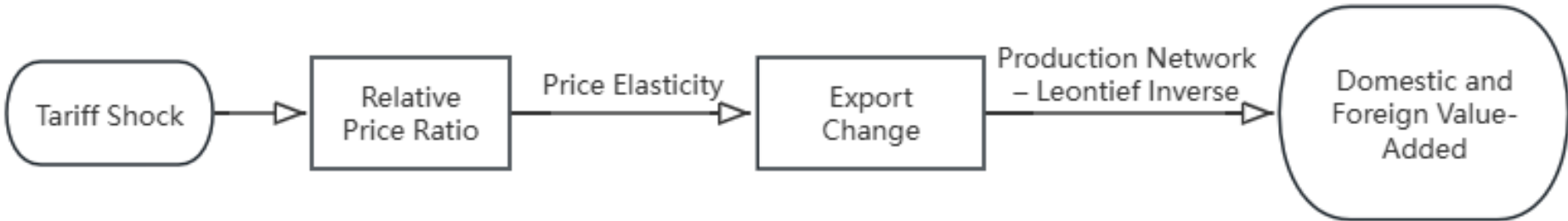
Limitations: When analyzing the propagation of shocks through production networks, the substitution effects between imported and domestic products are still not taken into account.

Route 2: The Hypothetical Extraction Method (HEM) addresses the issue of partial substitution by adjusting the coefficients of the A matrix. (Giammett, 2020)

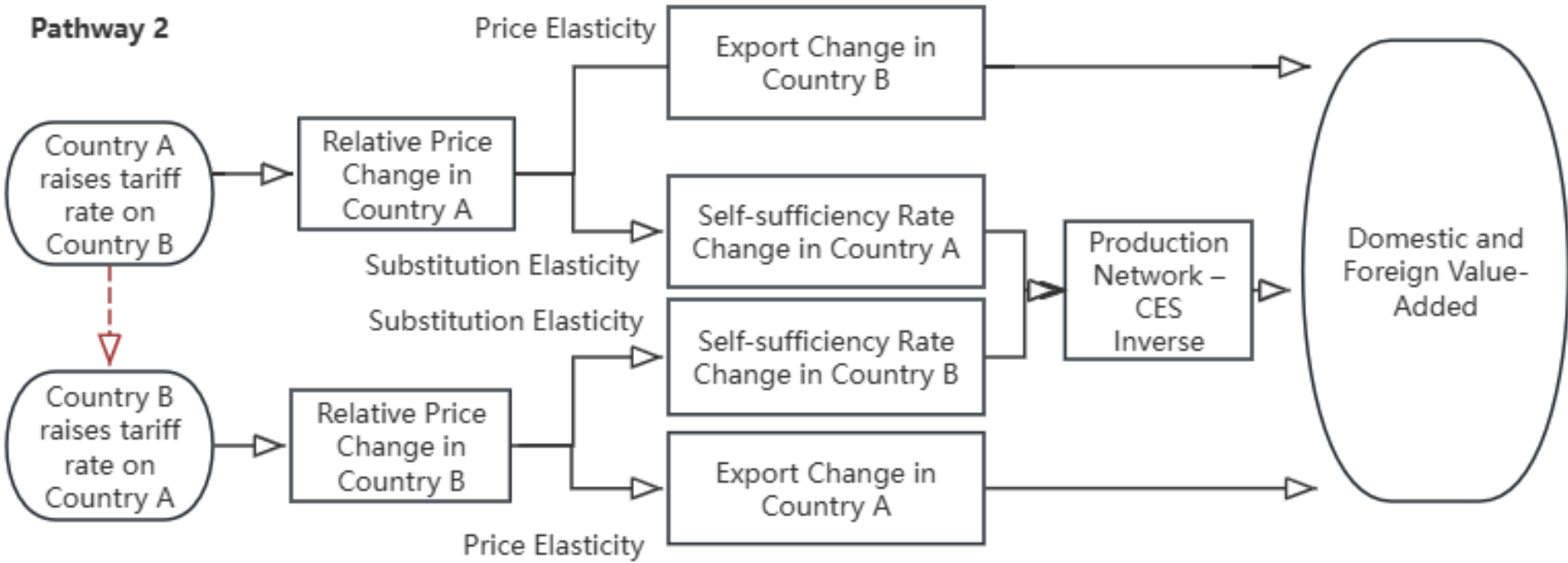
$$\mathbf{A}^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_{GG} & a_{GE}^* & a_{GR} \\ a_{EG}^* & a_{EE} & a_{ER} \\ a_{RG} & a_{RE} & a_{RR} \end{bmatrix} \quad im_i = \varepsilon_{Di}(\gamma_i + \omega_i)$$

Limitations: The issue of substitution when shocks propagate through the production network has not yet been thoroughly addressed.

Pathway 1



Pathway 2



Micro-foundations

Background of the Story

- Consider a static perfectly competitive economy with two countries, n industries
- Each industry produces a single product.
- Product varieties from different places of production are differentiated, with different price (p_i^r, p_i^s)

Country r			Country s	
Type	Physical Quantity	Price	Physical Quantity	Price
Product 1(r)	z_1^r	p_1^r	z_1^s	p_1^s
				
Product n(r)	z_n^r	p_n^r	z_n^s	p_n^s

Decision of representative producer

representative of j industry, r country



l_j^r z_{1j}^r $\dots$ z_{ij}^r $\dots$ z_{nj}^r

Max π

z_{1j}^{rr} z_{1j}^{sr} $\dots$ z_{ij}^{rr} z_{ij}^{sr} $\dots$ z_{nj}^{rr} z_{nj}^{sr}

Min TC

(s.t. $\bar{z}_{nj}^r$)

(Domestic Product) (Imports)

Country r

representative of j industry, s country



l_j^s z_{1j}^s $\dots$ z_{ij}^s $\dots$ z_{nj}^s

z_{1j}^{ss} z_{1j}^{rs} $\dots$ z_{ij}^{ss} z_{ij}^{rs} $\dots$ z_{nj}^{ss} z_{nj}^{rs}

(Domestic Product) (Imports)

Country s

Micro-foundations

CD Function (Acemoglu et al. 2012, 2016),
Intermediate Inputs (CES aggregator)

$$z_{ij}^r = \left[z_{ij}^{r,r} \frac{\varepsilon_{ir}-1}{\varepsilon_{ir}} + z_{ij}^{s,r} \frac{\varepsilon_{ir}-1}{\varepsilon_{ir}} \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon_{ir}}{\varepsilon_{ir}-1}}$$

$$z_j^t = l_j^t a_{ij}^t \prod_{i=1}^n z_{ij}^t a_{ij}^t \quad t = (r, s)$$

$$z_{ij}^s = \left[z_{ij}^{r,s} \frac{\varepsilon_{is}-1}{\varepsilon_{is}} + z_{ij}^{s,s} \frac{\varepsilon_{is}-1}{\varepsilon_{is}} \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon_{is}}{\varepsilon_{is}-1}}$$

z_{ij}^t : aggregate inputs made up of domestic and imported inputs.

ε_{it} : Armington elasticity

The first stage

MAX Profit: $\pi^t = z_j^t p_j^t - w^t l_j^t - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{ct} z_{ij}^t$

$$p_i^{ct} = \left((p_i^r)^{1-\varepsilon_{it}} + (p_i^s)^{1-\varepsilon_{it}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_{it}}} \quad (\text{Dixit and Stiglitz, 1977})$$



$$p_i^{ct} z_{ij}^t = p_i^r z_{ij}^{rt} + p_i^s z_{ij}^{st}$$

The first-order condition, $a_{ij}^t = \frac{p_i^{ct} z_{ij}^t}{p_j^t z_j^t}$

$$z_{ij}^{\text{optimum}} = z_{ij}^{\text{observed}}$$

Output elasticity of intermediate inputs = Intermediate input coefficient (Single-Region Model of competitive type)

The second stage

- MIN TC: $TC_{ij}^t = p_i^r z_{ij}^{rt} + p_i^s z_{ij}^{st}$

$$s.t. \bar{z}_{ij}^t = \left[z_{ij}^{rt} \frac{\varepsilon_{it}-1}{\varepsilon_{it}} + z_{ij}^{st} \frac{\varepsilon_{it}-1}{\varepsilon_{it}} \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon_{it}-1}{\varepsilon_{it}}}$$

$\bar{z}_{ij}^t$: The fixed aggregate intermediate inputs which has been decided at the first stage

- The first-order condition,

$$\frac{p_i^r}{p_i^s} = \left(\frac{z_{ij}^{rt}}{z_{ij}^{st}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{it}}} = p_i$$

$t = (r, s)$

Relative price among countries

Self-sufficiency Rate

$$\theta_{ij}^t = \frac{p_i^t z_{ij}^{tt}}{p_i^r z_{ij}^{rt} + p_i^s z_{ij}^{st}}$$



$$\theta_i^r = \frac{1}{1 + p_i^{\varepsilon_{ir}-1}}$$

$$\theta_i^s = \frac{1}{1 + p_i^{1-\varepsilon_{is}}}$$

VS

$$\theta_{ij}^r = \frac{a_{ij}^{rr}}{a_{ij}^{rr} + a_{ij}^{sr}}$$

$$\theta_{ij}^s = \frac{a_{ij}^{ss}}{a_{ij}^{rs} + a_{ij}^{ss}}$$

IRIO

Micro-foundations

A comparative static analysis of parameters

- $\varepsilon_{ir} > 1, \varepsilon_{is} > 1, p_i \uparrow (p_i^r \uparrow, \bar{p}_i^s)$
 - $\theta_i^r \downarrow$: Country r has heightened reliance on imports, leading to deepening structural dependence on Country s .
 - $\theta_i^s \uparrow$: Country s has intensified its reliance on domestic products, correspondingly diminishing its dependence on Country r .
- $\varepsilon_{ir} < 1, \varepsilon_{is} < 1, p_i \uparrow (p_i^r \uparrow, \bar{p}_i^s)$
 - $\theta_i^r \uparrow$: Country r has intensified its reliance on domestic products, correspondingly diminishing its dependence on Country s .
 - $\theta_i^s \downarrow$: Country r has heightened reliance on imports, leading to deepening structural dependence on Country r .
- $\varepsilon_{ir} > 1, \varepsilon_{is} < 1, p_i \uparrow (p_i^r \uparrow, \bar{p}_i^s)$
 - $\theta_i^r \downarrow / \theta_i^s \downarrow$: The production networks of the two countries are converging towards structural integration
- $\varepsilon_{ir} < 1, \varepsilon_{is} > 1, p_i \uparrow (p_i^r \uparrow, \bar{p}_i^s)$
 - $\theta_i^r \uparrow / \theta_i^s \uparrow$: The production networks of the two countries are undergoing structural decoupling.
- $\varepsilon_{ir} = \varepsilon_{is} = 1$
Relative price has no longer affect self-sufficiency rate.



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ICIO Model Restructuring



ICIO Model Restructuring

Balanced relationship:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{rr} + \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{rs} + y_i^r = x_i^r$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{sr} + \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{ss} + y_i^s = x_i^s$$



$$\sum_{j=1}^n p_i^r z_{ij}^{rr} + \sum_{j=1}^n p_i^r z_{ij}^{rs} + y_i^r = p_i^r z_i^r$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n p_i^s z_{ij}^{sr} + \sum_{j=1}^n p_i^s z_{ij}^{ss} + y_i^s = p_i^s z_i^s$$

Substituting output elasticity of intermediate inputs and self-sufficiency rate.

$$\begin{aligned} p_i^r z_{ij}^{rr} &= \theta_i^r p_i^{cr} z_{ij}^r \\ &= \theta_i^r a_{ij}^r p_j^r z_j^r \\ &= \theta_i^r a_{ij}^r x_j^r \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_{ij}^t = \frac{p_i^t z_{ij}^{tt}}{p_i^r z_{ij}^{rt} + p_i^s z_{ij}^{st}}$$

$$a_{ij}^t = \frac{p_i^{ct} z_{ij}^t}{p_j^t z_j^t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_i^r z_{ij}^{rs} &= (1 - \theta_i^s) p_i^{cs} z_{ij}^s \\ &= (1 - \theta_i^s) a_{ij}^s p_j^s z_j^s \\ &= (1 - \theta_i^s) a_{ij}^s x_j^s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_i^s z_{ij}^{sr} &= (1 - \theta_i^r) p_i^{cr} z_{ij}^r \\ &= (1 - \theta_i^r) a_{ij}^r p_j^r z_j^r \\ &= (1 - \theta_i^r) a_{ij}^r x_j^r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_i^s z_{ij}^{ss} &= \theta_i^s p_i^{cs} z_{ij}^s \\ &= \theta_i^s a_{ij}^s p_j^s z_j^s \\ &= \theta_i^s a_{ij}^s x_j^s \end{aligned}$$

ICIO Model Restructuring

Balanced equations

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_i^r a_{ij}^r x_j^r + \sum_{j=1}^n (1 - \theta_i^s) a_{ij}^s x_j^s + y_i^r = x_i^r$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (1 - \theta_i^r) a_{ij}^r x_j^r + \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_i^s a_{ij}^s x_j^s + y_i^s = x_i^s$$



The matrix form:

$$\hat{\theta}^r A^r X^r + (1 - \hat{\theta}^s) A^s X^s + Y^r = X^r$$

$$(1 - \hat{\theta}^r) A^r X^r + \hat{\theta}^s A^s X^s + Y^s = X^s$$



It could be expressed as in the relationship of the change in variables:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta X^r \\ \Delta X^s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I - \hat{\theta}^r A^r & -(1 - \hat{\theta}^s) A^s \\ -(1 - \hat{\theta}^r) A^r & I - \hat{\theta}^s A^s \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta Y^r \\ \Delta Y^s \end{bmatrix}$$

	Country <i>r</i>			Country <i>s</i>		
Country <i>r</i>	$\theta_1^r a_{11}^r$	...	$\theta_1^r a_{1n}^r$	$(1 - \theta_1^s) a_{11}^s$	...	$(1 - \theta_1^s) a_{1n}^s$
	...		...	...		...
	$\theta_n^r a_{n1}^r$	...	$\theta_n^r a_{nn}^r$	$(1 - \theta_n^s) a_{n1}^s$	...	$(1 - \theta_n^s) a_{nn}^s$
Country <i>s</i>	$(1 - \theta_1^r) a_{11}^r$	...	$(1 - \theta_1^r) a_{1n}^r$	$\theta_1^s a_{11}^s$	...	$\theta_1^s a_{1n}^s$
	...		...	...		...
	$(1 - \theta_n^r) a_{n1}^r$	...	$(1 - \theta_n^r) a_{nn}^r$	$\theta_n^s a_{n1}^s$	...	$\theta_n^s a_{nn}^s$

↓

$$\theta_1^r a_{11}^r = \frac{p_1^r z_{11}^{rr}}{p_1^r z_1^r} = a_{11}^{rr}$$

↑

Country <i>r</i>	a_{11}^{rr}	...	a_{1n}^{rr}	a_{11}^{rs}	...	a_{1n}^{rs}
	...		...	...		...
	a_{n1}^{rr}	...	a_{nn}^{rr}	a_{n1}^{rs}	...	a_{nn}^{rs}
Country <i>s</i>	a_{11}^{sr}	...	a_{1n}^{sr}	a_{11}^{ss}	...	a_{1n}^{ss}
	...		...	...		...
	a_{n1}^{sr}	...	a_{nn}^{sr}	a_{n1}^{ss}	...	a_{nn}^{ss}



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The impact of tariff

Trade cost

Based on the benchmark model, we extend the two-country framework to a multi-country model.

Trade costs are incorporated by introducing trade markups.

$$\tilde{\tau}_i^{s,t} = \tau_i^{s,t} d_i^{s,t} \quad \text{FOB} \xrightarrow{d_i^{s,t}: \text{iceburg transport cost}} \text{CIF} \xrightarrow{\tau_i^{s,t}: \text{tariff}} \text{CFR}$$

The composite price in country t can be rewritten as

$$\tilde{p}_i^{ct} = \left((\tilde{\tau}_i^{1,t} p_i^1)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} + (\tilde{\tau}_i^{2,t} p_i^2)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} + \dots + (\tilde{\tau}_i^{s,t} p_i^t)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} + \dots + (\tilde{\tau}_i^{m,t} p_i^m)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_i^t}}$$

Country s's share in country t's intermediate input consumption.

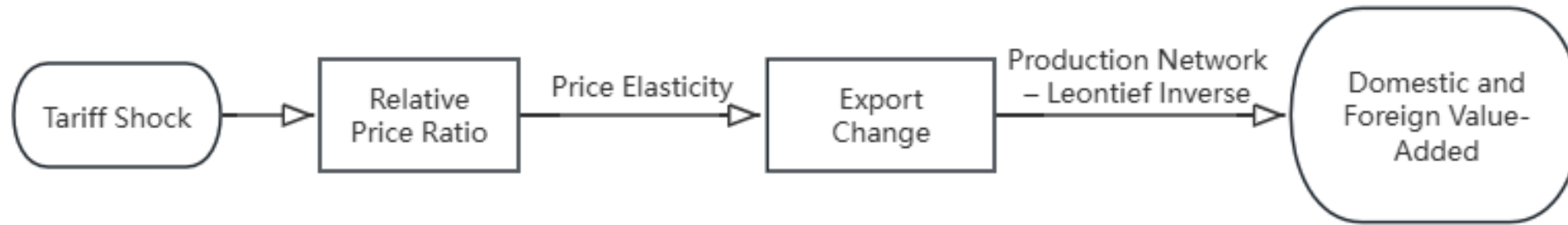
$$\tilde{\theta}_{ij}^{s,t} = \frac{(\tilde{\tau}_i^{s,t} p_i^s)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t}}{(\tilde{\tau}_i^{1,t} p_i^1)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} + (\tilde{\tau}_i^{2,t} p_i^2)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} + \dots + (\tilde{\tau}_i^{s,t} p_i^t)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t} + \dots + (\tilde{\tau}_i^{m,t} p_i^m)^{1-\varepsilon_i^t}}$$

The production network will undergo structural changes.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^1 \\ X^2 \\ \vdots \\ X^m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I - \hat{\theta}^{1,1} A^1 & -\hat{\theta}^{1,2} A^2 & \dots & -\hat{\theta}^{1,m} A^m \\ -\hat{\theta}^{2,1} A^1 & I - \hat{\theta}^{2,2} A^2 & \dots & -\hat{\theta}^{2,m} A^m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\hat{\theta}^{m,1} A^1 & -\hat{\theta}^{m,2} A^2 & \dots & I - \hat{\theta}^{m,m} A^m \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} Y^1 \\ Y^2 \\ \vdots \\ Y^m \end{bmatrix}$$

Empirical Analysis

Pathway 1



Pathway 2

