Two Perspectives on Preferences and Structural Transformation

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Introduction

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Structure Transformation:

The reallocation of resources across the broad economic sectors:



agriculture, manufacturing, and services.

Driving forces of structure transformation?



Introduction

Two approaches:



1 Final Consumption Expenditure:

Manufacturing

② Consumption Value Added:

raw cotton—Agriculture processing—Manufacturing retailing—Services

Household Utility Function:

$$u(c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_{st}) = \left(\sum_{i=a,m,s} \omega_i^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} (c_{it} + \overline{c}_i)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}},$$

Static Optimization:

$$\max_{c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_{st}} u(c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_{st})$$

s.t.
$$\sum_{i=a, m, s} p_{it} c_{it} = C_t.$$

Expenditure Share:

$$s_{it} \equiv \underbrace{\frac{p_{it} c_{it}}{C_t}}_{j=a,m,s} = \frac{\omega_i p_{it}^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{j=a,m,s} \omega_j p_{jt}^{1-\sigma}} \left(1 + \sum_{j=a,m,s} \frac{p_{jt} \overline{c}_j}{C_t}\right) - \frac{p_{it} \overline{c}_i}{C_t}.$$

Empirical Work:

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Given: *Sit, Ct, pit* Estimate the parameters in the utility function

Under final consumption approach: Stone-Geary specification

$$u(c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_{st}) = \omega_a \log(c_{at} + \overline{c}_a) + \omega_m \log(c_{mt}) + \omega_s \log(c_{st} + \overline{c}_s).$$

$$\sigma = 1$$

Under consumption value added approach: Leontief (homothetic CES) specification

$$u(c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_{st}) = \left(\sum_{i=a,m,s} \omega_i^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} c_{it}^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} \dots \quad \sigma < 1, \ \overline{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Final Consumption Expenditure

Method

Classify The Expenditures Into Three Sectors



Structure

1.Implement the Final Consumption Expenditure Specification

--data

- --the pattern of structural transformation
- --select the parameters of the utility specification

2.Results with Final Consumption Expenditure

--three different specifications

3. Income versus Price Effects with Final Consumption Expenditure

--What factor plays a major role?

Empirical Work:

$$s_{it} \equiv \frac{p_{it} c_{it}}{C_t} = \frac{\omega_i p_{it}^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{j=a,m,s} \omega_j p_{jt}^{1-\sigma}} \left(1 + \sum_{j=a,m,s} \frac{p_{jt} \overline{c}_j}{C_t}\right) - \frac{p_{it} \overline{c}_i}{C_t}.$$

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1.Data

Required data: 1.total consumption

2.expenditure shares

3.prices

final consumption expenditure

 $1-\sigma$



chain-weighted consumption quantities chain-weighted prices

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Period:1947-2010

Resources: BEA(the Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Processing:

- 1.Assign the commodity to three sectors
- 2.Aggragate the chain-weighted quantities

2.The pattern of structural transformation--Shares



2.The pattern of structural transformation---Prices



2.The pattern of structural transformation---Quantities



3. Select the parameters of the utility specification



1.For services and agriculture--- $\overline{c_a}$ <0/ $\overline{c_s}$ >0 2.For agriculture and manufacturing--- σ =1 $p_{at}\,\overline{c}_a\,+\,p_{st}\,\overline{c}_s\,=\,0,$

1.Regression method

Iterated feasible generalized nonlinear least square estimation

2.Parameter

Transform the constrained parameter to unconstrained ones

$$\sigma = e^{b_0}, \quad \omega_a = \frac{1}{1 + e^{b_1} + e^{b_2}}, \quad \omega_m = \frac{e^{b_1}}{1 + e^{b_1} + e^{b_2}}, \quad \omega_m = \frac{e^{b_2}}{1 + e^{b_1} + e^{b_2}}$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)
σ	0.85** (0.06)	1	0.89** (0.02)
\overline{c}_a	-1,350.38** (31.18)	-1,315.99** (26.48)	
\overline{c}_s	11,237.40** (2,840.77)	19,748.22** (1,275.69)	
ω_a	0.02** (0.001)	0.02** (0.001)	0.11** (0.005)
ω_m	0.17** (0.01)	0.15** (0.004)	0.24** (0.03)
ω_s	0.81** (0.01)	0.84** (0.005)	0.65** (0.01)
$\chi^2(\overline{c}_a=0,\overline{c}_s=0)$	3,866.73**	4,065.33**	
AIC	-932.55	-931.35	-666.03
RMS E _a RMS E _m	0.004 0.009	0.004 0.009	0.040 0.022
$RMS E_s$	0.010	0.011	0.061

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2.Second specification(σ=1)

$$u(c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_{st}) = \omega_a \log(c_{at} + \overline{c}_a) + \omega_m \log(c_{mt}) + \omega_s \log(c_{st} + \overline{c}_s).$$



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3.Other tests

 $\overline{C}_{s}=0$ $\overline{C}_{a}=0$

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1.The size of the estimated terms

	TABLE 2—Nonhomotheticity Terms Relative to Final Consumption Expenditure from the Data	
	1947	2010
$-p_a\overline{c}_a/C$	0.17	0.04
$p_{s}\overline{c}_{s}/C$	0.73	0.32
$-\overline{c}_a/c_a$	0.81	0.62
\overline{c}_s/c_s	1.49	0.43

Income effects could play an important role.

2.Counterfactual exploration (relative prices remain constant, income changes as dictated by the data)



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The fit of the expenditure shares

3.To which extent a homothetic specification can fit the data

Third specification($\overline{C_a}=0$ $\overline{C_s}=0$)



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Consumption Value Added

Constructing Relevant Data

Constructing final expenditure in producer's prices



Constructing the relevant data

Linking consumption expenditure to value added







Final consumption expenditure

Consumption value added





Final consumption expenditure

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FIGURE 3. QUANTITY INDICES (2005 chained dollars, 1947 = 1)

Final consumption expenditure

Consumption value added

1970 1975

1980

FIGURE 11. QUANTITY INDICES (2005 chained dollars, 1947 = 1)

1950

1955

1960

1965

Services

Manufacturing

1990

1995

2000

2005 2010

Agriculture

1985

B. Results with Consumption Value Added

TABLE 3—RESULTS WITH CONSUMPTION VALUE ADDED (3) (1)(2)0 0.002 0 σ 0.9 Services (0.001) \overline{C}_a -138.68 **-138.88**0.8 (4.57)(16.04)4.261.82** 4.268.06** 0.7 \overline{C}_{s} (223.78)(439.93)0.6 0.002** 0.002** 0.01** ω_a (0.0002)(0.001)(0.001)— Data – – Model 0.5 0.15** 0.15** 0.18** ω_m (0.002)(0.004)(0.002)0.4 0.85** 0.85** 0.81** ω_s (0.002)(0.004)(0.003)0.3 $\chi^2(\overline{c}_a = 0, \overline{c}_s = 0)$ 1,424.50** 216.30** 0.2 Manufacturing AIC -837.27-875.36-739.350.1 RMS E_a 0.005 0.005 0.010 Agriculture RMS Em 0.012 0.012 0.019 0 RMS E_s 0.011 0.011 0.024 2000 2005 1950 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995

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FIGURE 12, FIT OF COLUMN 2 $u(c_{at}, c_{mt}, c_s)$

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TABLE 4-NONHOMOTHETICITY TERMS RELATIVE TO FINAL CONSUMPTION FROM THE DATA

	1947	2010
$-p_a \overline{c}_a / C$	0.08	0.004
$p_s \overline{c}_s / C$	0.34	0.12
$-\overline{c}_a/c_a$	0.86	0.32
\overline{c}_s/c_s	0.53	0.14

Final consumption expenditure

Consumption value added

Assess the importance of income and substitution effects



Counterfactual exercises (Fixed relative prices & Changing income)



Final consumption expenditure



FIGURE 14. FIT OF COLUMN 2 WITH PRICES FIXED AT 1947 VALUE

Consumption value added

Counterfactual exercises (Fixed income & Changing relative price)



0.9

FIGURE 7. FIT OF COLUMN 1 WITH INCOME FIXED AT 1947 VALUES

Final consumption expenditure



FIGURE 15. FIT OF COLUMN 2 WITH INCOME FIXED AT 1947 VALUE

Consumption value added

D. Summary

>One contribution:

A procedure to extract the consumption component from the total value added in each sector.

➢One conclusion:

In the case of consumption value-added:

Income effects are less important and relative price effects are found to play a key role.

DISCUSSION

A. COMPARE THE RESULTS B. ADDITIONAL MEASUREMENT ISSUES

A. Compare the results - intuition

The difference between final consumption expenditure specification and value-added specification

•Take food from supermarkets and meals from restaurants for example.

•The substitutability in the final consumption expenditure is greater.

•The nonhomotheticities are less apparent in the consumption valueadded specification.

The CES production functional form:

$$c_{it}^{FE} = \left[\sum_{j \in \{a,m,s\}} (A_{it}\phi_{ji})^{\frac{1}{\eta_i}} (c_{jit}^{VA})^{\frac{\eta_i-1}{\eta_i}} \right]^{\frac{\eta_i}{\eta_i-1}}$$

 c_{jit}^{VA} is the value added from sector j that is used as an intermediate input in the production of the final consumption good c_{it}^{FE}

 A_{it} determines the TFP of producing final consumption of category i

 ϕ_{ji} are relative weights with $\sum_{j} \phi_{ji} = 1$

 $\eta_i > 0$ is the elasticity of substitution

The static optimization problem:

$$\min_{\substack{c_{jit}^{VA} \\ c_{jit}}} c_{it}^{FE} = \left[\sum_{j \in \{a,m,s\}} (A_{it}\phi_{ji})^{\frac{1}{\eta_i}} (c_{jit}^{VA})^{\frac{\eta_i-1}{\eta_i}} \right]^{\frac{\eta_i}{\eta_i-1}}$$

s.t.
$$\sum_{j \in \{a,m,s\}} c_{jit}^{VA} p_{it}^{VA} = p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE}$$

$$c_{jit}^{VA} p_{jt}^{VA} = \frac{\phi_{ji} (p_{jt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_i}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_{jn} (p_{nt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_i}} p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE}$$
(1)

Aggregating the demands for c_{jit}^{VA} to the demand for c_{jt}^{VA} $c_{jt}^{VA}p_{jt}^{VA} = \sum_{i \in \{a,m,s\}} \frac{\phi_{ji} (p_{jt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_i}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_{jn} (p_{nt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_i}} p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE}$ (2)

$$P_{t}C_{t} = \sum_{i \in \{a,m,s\}} p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE}$$
$$p_{it}^{FE} = \left[\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} A_{it} \phi_{jn} (p_{nt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_{i}}\right]^{\frac{1}{\eta_{i}-1}}$$

Where $\eta_i = 0$ and $\phi_{ji} = \phi_j \quad \forall i \in \{a, m, s\}$

$$c_{jt}^{VA} p_{jt}^{VA} = \sum_{i \in \{a,m,s\}} \frac{\phi_{ji} (p_{jt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_i}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_{jn} (p_{nt}^{VA})^{1-\eta_i}} p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE}$$
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(3)

	Agriculture	Manufacturing	Services
η_i	0.19**	0.001	0.001
	(0.03)	(0.001)	(0.0003)
ϕ_{ai}	0.05**	0.02**	0.005**
	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.0002)
ϕ_{mi}	0.33**	0.36**	0.09**
	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.001)
ϕ_{si}	0.62**	0.62**	0.90**
	(0.005)	(0.002)	(0.001)
AIC	-657.99	-790.10	-896.63

TABLE 5—RESULTS FOR THE ESTIMATION OF (7)

Notes: AIC is the Akaike information criterion, $RMS E_i$ is the root mean squared error for equation *i*. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

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$$p_{jt}^{VA}c_{jt}^{VA} = \Phi_{jt} \frac{\phi_j p_{jt}^{VA}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_n p_{nt}^{VA}} P_t C_t \quad (4)$$

Where

$$\Phi_{jt} = \sum_{i \in \{a,m,s\}} \left(\frac{\phi_{ij} p_{jt}^{VA}}{\phi_j p_{jt}^{VA}} \frac{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_n p_{nt}^{VA}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_{in} p_{nt}^{VA}} \right) \frac{p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE}}{P_t C_t}$$

$$c_{jt}^{VA}p_{jt}^{VA} = \frac{\phi_{j}p_{jt}^{VA}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_{n}p_{nt}^{VA}} \sum_{i \in \{a,m,s\}} p_{it}^{FE} c_{it}^{FE} = \frac{\phi_{j}p_{jt}^{VA}}{\sum_{n \in \{a,m,s\}} \phi_{n}p_{nt}^{VA}} P_{t} C_{t}$$
(3)

B. Additional measurement issues - government

	$(c_{s \setminus g} +$	$(c_g) + \overline{c}_s$	$c_{s\backslash g} + (c_g + \overline{c}_s)$	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
σ	0.85** (0.06)	1.00	0.80** (0.05)	1.00
\overline{c}_a	-1,350.38** (31.18)	-1,315.99** (26.48)	-1,360.93** (29.83)	$-1,314.89^{**}$ (26.40)
\overline{C}_{S}	11,237.40** (2,840.77)	19,748.22** (1,275.69)	7,254.04** (1,806.82)	14,685.83** (1,045.21)
ω_a	0.02^{**} (0.001)	0.02^{**} (0.001)	0.02^{**} (0.001)	0.02^{**} (0.001)
ω_m	0.17^{**} (0.01)	0.15** (0.004)	0.19^{**} (0.01)	0.16** (0.005)
ω_s	0.81** (0.01)	0.84** (0.005)	0.79^{**} (0.01)	0.82^{**} (0.01)
Average c_g			5,283.67	5,283.67
AIC	-932.55	-931.35	-856.26	-853.56
RMS E _a RMS E _m RMS E _s	0.004 0.009 0.010	0.004 0.009 0.011	0.030 0.066 0.095	0.030 0.066 0.095

TABLE 6—RESULTS FOR FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE AND DIFFERENT SPECIFICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

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TABLE 7—RESULTS FOR CONSUMPTION VALUE ADDED AND DIFFERENT SPECIFICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES		
	$ (c_{s\backslash g} + c_g) + \overline{c}_s $ (1)	$\begin{array}{c} c_{\vec{s}\backslash g} + (c_g + \overline{c}_s) \\ (2) \end{array}$
σ	0.002 (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)
\overline{c}_a	-138.68** (4.57)	-140.53^{**} (4.33)
\overline{c}_s	4,261.82** (223.79)	5,712.68** (225.99)
ω_a	0.002** (0.0002)	0.001** (0.0002)
ω_m	0.15** (0.002)	0.14^{**} (0.002)
ω_s	0.85** (0.002)	0.86** (0.003)
Average c_{ag} Average c_{mg} Average c_{sg}		21.02 516.95 3,906.44
AIC RMS E _a RMS E _m RMS E _s	-873.27 0.005 0.012 0.011	-812.14 0.008 0.023 0.026



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FIGURE 19. CONSUMPTION VALUE ADDED AND DIFFERENT SPECIFICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES: FIT OF COLUMN 2

B. Additional measurement issues – unmeasured quality improvements

 If the quality of a consumption category has improved, but this is not measured properly, then the reported price will be larger than the true price, and the reported quantity will be smaller.

• A key limitation of the official data used in our analysis is that effectively no corrections are made to allow for quality improvements in services.

They provide some illustrative calculations based on the findings of the report by Boskin et al. (1996) on the extent of quality change bias in the CPI during the period 1965–1996.

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TABLE 8—RESULTS FOR FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES WITH QUALITY ADJUSTMENT		
	Original	Quality adjusted
σ	0.85** (0.06)	0.90** (0.06)
\overline{c}_a	-1,350.38** (31.18)	-1,046.19** (31.05)
\overline{C}_{s}	11,237.40** (2,840.77)	7,478.75** (1,403.05)
ω_a	0.02** (0.001)	0.03** (0.001)
ω_m	0.17** (0.01)	0.18** (0.01)
ω_s	0.81** (0.01)	0.78** (0.01)
AIC $RMS E_a$ $RMS E_m$ $RMS E_s$	-932.55 0.004 0.009 0.010	-924.70 0.005 0.008 0.010

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B. Additional measurement issues – home production

- Given that most home production takes the form of services, the parameter \overline{c}_s captures both the presence of home production and a possible nonhomotheticity in the preferences for services.
- Even if only part of \overline{c}_s represents home production, any variation in home production over time would induce variation in the value of \overline{c}_s over time, whereas the empirical work has treated it as constant.
- They assume that \overline{c}_s is time varying with $\overline{c}_{st} = exp(\gamma_t)\overline{c}_s$

CONCLUSION

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 The first contribution is to clarify that the research requires one for each of two different methods of defining commodities in models.

•The second contribution of this paper is to supply the two answers. If one adopts the final consumption expenditure specification, a Stone-Geary utility function provides a good fit to the data. If instead one adopts the consumption value-added specification, then a homothetic Leontief utility provides a reasonable fit to the data.

•The third contribution is to shed light on how the two different specifications of preferences are connected via technology and the nature of input-output relationships.

Future extensions

- •It is of interest to extend this analysis to a larger set of countries, in particular to situations which feature a larger range of real incomes.
- •This will be useful in assessing the extent to which one can account for the process of structural transformation with stable preferences.

