The Home Market Effect and Patterns of Trade Between Rich and Poor Countries

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Introduction

- Sectors differ widely in their income elasticities (Engel's Law) and rich (poor) countries are net-exporters in high (low) income elastic sectors.
- Standard trade models assume *homothetic preferences* to focus on the supply side determinants of the patterns of trade
- Adding *nonhomothetic preferences* in the standard models would, *ceteris paribus*, make rich countries *importers* in high income elastic sectors
- To be empirically consistent, the existing GE models of trade with nonhomothetic preferences *assume* that the rich (poor) have CA in high (low) income elastic sectors
 ✓ Ricardian: Flam-Helpman(1987), Stokey(1991), Matsuyama(2000), Fieler(2011)

✓ **Factor endowment**: Markusen(1986), Caron-Fally-Markusen(2014) In these models, the rich export in high income elastic sectors *despite* their domestic markets in these sectors are relatively large.

• In our model, the rich have CA in high income elastic sectors, *because* their domestic markets in these sectors are relatively large, due to *Home Market Effect*

Home Market Effect (HME): Krugman's (1980) example

- Two Dixit-Stiglitz monopolistic competitive sectors, $\alpha \& \beta$, with iceberg trade costs
- One factor of production (labor)
- Two countries of equal size, A & B, *mirror-images* of each other
 - \circ A is a nation of α -lovers; with the minority of β -lovers.
 - \circ B is a nation of β -lovers, with the minority of α -lovers.

In equilibrium,

- In autarky, *proportionately* large share of labor in A employed in sector α .
- Under trade, *disproportionately* large share of labor in A employed in sector α .
- **HME:** A is a net-exporter in α . (And B is a net-exporter in β).
- Quantitatively, HME is more important with a *smaller* trade cost

Key Insight: With scale economies & *small but positive* trade costs, cross-country difference in the domestic market size distribution across sectors is a source of CA.

Notes: In Krugman (1980),

- Demand composition differs across countries due to *exogenous variations in taste*
- "Mirror-image" obscures that HME comes from the cross-country difference in the market size *distribution* across sectors, *not* in the *absolute* market size in each sector.
- Also restricts the range of comparative static exercises.

Our Model: GE HME with domestic demand composition difference due to nonhomothetic preferences. Also drops the mirror-images setup.

- 2 countries; differ in *per capita labor endowment* (*h*) & *population* size (*N*)
- *Continuum* of Dixit-Stiglitz monopolistic competitive sectors with iceberg trade costs
- Preferences across sectors: *Implicitly Additively Separable Nonhomothetic CES*, with sectors different only in their income elasticity, which is increasing in the sector index.

Patterns of Trade:

- Rich's demand composition more skewed towards higher-income elastic sectors
- Rich's labor disproportionately employed in higher-income elastic sectors
- Rich becomes a net-exporter in higher-income elastic sectors, *regardless of the relative country size*

Comparative Statics: *Due to endogenous demand compositions*, uniform productivity improvement and a trade cost reduction (globalization!) cause

- *Product cycles:* The Rich switches from a net exporter to a net importer in the middle
- *Welfare gaps to widen (narrow)*, if different sectors produce substitutes (complements) With unequal country sizes,
- Endogenous Ranking of Countries: Leapfrogging and Reversal of the patterns of trade; The country higher in h but smaller in L = hN may be poorer is a less globalized world, becomes richer with globalization, as it moves ToT in its favor.

Explicit vs. Implicit (Direct) Additive Separability: Hanoch (1975)

Explicit (Direct) Additivity:
$$u = \int_{0}^{1} f_s(c_s) ds;$$
 CES if $u = \int_{0}^{1} \omega_s(c_s)^{1-1/\eta} ds$

Pigou's Law: Income elasticity of Sector s = const. (Bergson's Law is a special case) Price elasticity of Sector s

- i) Empirically false (Deaton 1974 and others)
- ii) Conceptually impossible to disentangle the effects of income elasticity differences from those of price elasticity differences

Implicit (Direct) Additivity:
$$\int_{0}^{1} f_s(u, c_s) ds = 1$$
; CES if $\int_{0}^{1} \omega_s(u) (c_s)^{1-1/\eta} ds = 1$

- i) Sector-specific income elasticities, unrelated to price elasticities
- ii) If $\partial \log \omega_s(u) / \partial u$ varies with *s*, *nonhomothetic CES*. If sectors are indexed to make $\partial \log \omega_s(u) / \partial u$ increasing in s, $\omega_s(u)$ is *log-supermodular*
- iii) If $\omega_s(u)$ is *isoelastic in u*, $\partial \log \omega_s(u) / \partial u$ depends only on s, not on u, consistent with the stable slope of the Engel curve; e.g., Comin-Lashkari-Mestieri (2015)

Fajgelbaum, Grossman, Helpman (2011)

- One monopolistic competitive industry, producing horizontally & vertically (quality)differentiated, indivisible products with trade costs (e.g., Auto industry).
 - \checkmark with a numeraire sector in the background, large enough to kill GE and ToT effects
- A *discrete choice a la* McFadden, with *nonhomotheticity*. Each consumer buys a unit of one product with richer consumers more likely to buy a higher-quality product.
- Income distribution as a source of CA; the country with first-order stochastic dominant distribution become a net-exporter of higher-quality products, if it is not too small.

FGH: Intra-industry trade, designed to address IO issues

- Focus on within-industry quality specialization; on within-country inequality
- Abstract from patterns of trade across sectors, from cross-country inequality, from ToT effects; exogenous country ranking
- HME due to the *absolute* domestic market size difference

Here: Inter-industry trade, designed to address development/structural change issues

- Focus: patterns of trade across sectors producing very different (even complementary) goods; ToT effects; cross-country inequality; endogenous country ranking
- Abstract from within-industry quality specialization; from within-country inequality
- HME due to the *relative* domestic market size difference

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Home Market Effect with Nonhomothetic Preferences

One Nontradeable Factor (Labor)

Two Countries: (*j* or k = 1 or 2)

 N^{j} identical households with labor endowment h^{j} , supplied inelastically at w^{j} .

- $w^{j}h^{j} = E^{j}$: Household Income (and Expenditure)
- $L^{j} = h^{j} N^{j}$; Total Labor Supply in *j*

 N^{j} and h^{j} are the only possible sources of heterogeneity across the two countries.

Tradeable Goods:

- A continuum of monopolistically competitive sectors, $s \in [0,1]$,
- Each sector produces a continuum of tradable differentiated goods, $v \in \Omega_s = \Omega_s^1 + \Omega_s^2$,
- Ω_s^j : Disjoint sets of differentiated goods in sector *s* produced in country *j* in equilibrium

Household Preferences: Two-Tier structure

Lower-level, usual Dixit-Stiglitz aggregator (Homothetic within each sector)

$$\widetilde{C}_{s}^{k} \equiv \left[\int_{\Omega_{s}} \left(c_{s}^{k}(\nu)\right)^{1-\frac{1}{\sigma}} d\nu\right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}; \ \sigma > 1, \quad s \in [0,1]$$

Upper-level,
$$\widetilde{U}^{k} = U(\widetilde{C}_{s}^{k}, s \in [0,1])$$
, *implicitly* given by
$$\int_{0}^{1} (\beta_{s})^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (\widetilde{U}^{k})^{\frac{\varepsilon(s)-\eta}{\eta}} (\widetilde{C}_{s}^{k})^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} ds \equiv 1; \beta_{s} > 0 \text{ and } \sigma > \eta \neq 1$$

- $(\varepsilon(s) \eta)/(1 \eta) > 0$ for global monotonicity & quasi-concavity
- $\int_0^1 \varepsilon(s) ds = 1$, without loss of generality.
- If $\varepsilon(s) = 1$ for all $s \in [0,1]$, standard homothetic CES
- If $\varepsilon(s) \neq 1$, *nonhomothetic*. Index sectors so that $\varepsilon(s)$ is *increasing* in $s \in [0,1]$. Then,

$$\omega(s, \tilde{U}^k) \equiv (\beta_s)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (\tilde{U}^k)^{\frac{\varepsilon(s)-\eta}{\eta}} \text{ is } \textit{log-supermodular} \text{ in } s \text{ and } \tilde{U}^k.$$

Lemma 1: For a positive value function, $\hat{g}(\bullet; x): [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, with a parameter x, define $g(s;x) \equiv \frac{\hat{g}(s;x)}{\int\limits_{0}^{1} \hat{g}(t;x)dt} \text{ (a density function) and } G(s;x) \equiv \int\limits_{0}^{s} g(t;x)dt = \frac{\int\limits_{0}^{s} \hat{g}(t;x)dt}{\int\limits_{0}^{1} \hat{g}(t;x)dt} \text{ (its}$ cumulative distribution function). If $\hat{g}(s;x)$ is *log-supermodular* in *s* and *x*, *i.e.* $\frac{\partial^2 \log \hat{g}(s;x)}{\partial s \partial x} > 0$, i) $\frac{g(s;x)}{g(s;x')}$ is decreasing in s for x < x'; Monotone Likelihood Ratio (MLR) ii) G(s;x) > G(s;x') for x < x'. First-Order Stochastic Dominance (FSD)

The happier households put more weights on the higher-indexed sectors

Household Maximization: Two-Stage Budgeting

1st Stage (Lower-level) Problem: Chooses $c_s^k(v)$ for $v \in \Omega_s$ to:

Max
$$\widetilde{C}_{s}^{k} \equiv \left[\int_{\Omega_{s}} \left(c_{s}^{k}(v)\right)^{1-\frac{1}{\sigma}} dv\right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$$
, subject to $\int_{\Omega_{s}} p_{s}^{k}(v)c_{s}^{k}(v) dv \leq E_{s}^{k}$,

 $p_s^k(v)$ & $c_s^k(v)$: the unit consumer price and consumption of variety $v \in \Omega_s$;

 E_s^k : Expenditure allocated to sector-s, taken as given.

Solution:
$$c_s^k(v) = \left(\frac{p_s^k(v)}{P_s^k}\right)^{-\sigma} C_s^k = \frac{\left(p_s^k(v)\right)^{-\sigma}}{\left(P_s^k\right)^{1-\sigma}} E_s^k$$
, where
$$P_s^k \equiv \left[\int_{\Omega_s} \left(p_s^k(v)\right)^{1-\sigma} dv\right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}};$$
 Dixit-Stiglitz price index in sector-s

 C_s^k = Maximized \tilde{C}_s^k , satisfying $E_s^k = P_s^k C_s^k$.

2nd stage (Upper Level) Problem: Choose $E_s^k = P_s^k C_s^k$ to: Max \widetilde{U}^k , subject to $\int_0^1 (\beta_s)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (\widetilde{U}^k)^{\frac{\varepsilon(s)-\eta}{\eta}} (C_s^k)^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} ds \equiv 1$ and $\int_0^1 P_s^k C_s^k ds = \int_0^1 E_s^k ds \leq E^k$.

Solution:

$$m_{s}^{k} \equiv \frac{E_{s}^{k}}{E^{k}} \equiv \frac{P_{s}^{k}C_{s}^{k}}{E^{k}} = \frac{\beta_{s}(U^{k})^{\varepsilon(s)-\eta}(P_{s}^{k})^{1-\eta}}{\int_{0}^{1}\beta_{t}(U^{k})^{\varepsilon(t)-\eta}(P_{t}^{k})^{1-\eta}dt}, \text{ sector-s share in } k\text{ 's expenditure}$$

where U^{k} = Maximized \tilde{U}^{k} , given by (implicitly additive) indirect utility function:

$$\left(E^{k}\right)^{1-\eta} \equiv \int_{0}^{1} \beta_{s} \left(U^{k}\right)^{\varepsilon(s)-\eta} \left(P_{s}^{k}\right)^{1-\eta} ds. \qquad (U^{k} \text{ is strictly increasing in } E^{k}.)$$

Notes:

• $\frac{\partial \log(m_s^k / m_{s'}^k)}{\partial \log(U^k)} = \varepsilon(s) - \varepsilon(s')$. Higher-indexed more income elastic; Income elasticity

differences are constant across different per capita income levels (unlike Stone-Geary).

• $\beta_s (U^k)^{\varepsilon(s)-\eta} (P_s^k)^{1-\eta}$ is *log-supermodular* in *s* and U^k . From **Lemma 1**, for fixed prices, a higher E^k (and U^k) shifts the expenditure share towards higher-indexed.

Rest of the model: Deliberately kept the same with Krugman (1980).

Iceberg Trade Costs: Only $1/\tau < 1$ fraction of exports survives shipping, reducing the export revenue to its fraction, $\rho \equiv (\tau)^{1-\sigma} < 1$ *CES Demand for each good;* $D_s(v) = A_s^j (p_s^j(v))^{-\sigma}, v \in \Omega_s^j$, where

 $A_{s}^{j} \equiv b_{s}^{j} + \rho b_{s}^{k} \quad (k \neq j): \text{ Aggregate demand shifter for the producers in } j \text{ in } s$ $b_{s}^{k} \equiv \beta_{s} \left(E^{k}\right)^{\eta} \left(U^{k}\right)^{\varepsilon(s)-\eta} N^{k} \left(P_{s}^{k}\right)^{\sigma-\eta}; \text{ k's demand shifter for sector s}$

Standard CES demand curve, but U^k affects b_s^k and hence A_s^j differently across s.

Constant Mark-Up: ψ_s units of labor to produce one unit of each variety in sector-s

$$p_s^j(v) = \frac{w^j \psi_s}{1 - 1/\sigma} \equiv p_s^j \text{ for } v \in \Omega_s^j$$

Free Entry (Zero-Profit) Condition: ϕ_s units of labor per variety to set up in sector-*s*.

• Labor Market Equilibrium: $\int_{0}^{1} f_{s}^{j} ds = 1$, f_{s}^{j} : sectoral employment share (and valueadded) and, if appropriately normalized, in the measure of firms (and varieties).

Autarky Equilibrium ($\rho = 0$):

Define an increasing function, $u(\bullet)$, implicitly by $\left(x\right)^{\left(\frac{1-\eta}{\sigma-\eta}\right)} \equiv \int_{0}^{1} \left(\beta_{s}\left(u(x)\right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)}\right)^{\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}\right)} ds$.

Standard-of-Living: $U_0^k = u(x_0^k)$, where $x_0^k \equiv (h^k)^{\sigma} N^k = (h^k)^{\sigma^{-1}} L^k$

• $U_0^k = u(x_0^k)$ increasing in h^k and N^k .

Aggregate increasing returns

• Even if $h^1 > h^2$, $U_0^1 < U_0^2$ holds for $L^1 / L^2 < (h^1 / h^2)^{1-\sigma} < 1$.

The smaller country is poorer in spite of higher per capita labor endowment.

Market Size Distributions:
$$m_s^k = \frac{\left(\beta_s \left(u(x_0^k)\right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)}\right)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}}}{\int_{0}^{1} \left(\beta_t \left(u(x_0^k)\right)^{(\varepsilon(t)-\eta)}\right)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}} dt}$$

- Labor is distributed proportionately with market sizes; $f_s^k = m_s^k$
- $\left(\beta_s\left(u(x_0^k)\right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)}\right)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}}$ is *log-supermodular* in *s* and x_0^k .

From Lemma 1, With a higher $x_0^k \equiv (h^k)^\sigma N^k$, the households are happier and spend relatively more on higher-indexed sectors *in equilibrium*.

•
$$\frac{\partial \log(m_s^k / m_{s'}^k)}{\partial \log(u(x_0^k))} = \left(\frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma - \eta}\right) \frac{\partial \log(m_s^k / m_{s'}^k)}{\partial \log(U^k)} > (<) \frac{\partial \log(m_s^k / m_{s'}^k)}{\partial \log(U^k)}, \text{ iff } \eta > (<)1.$$

Given price indices, $U \uparrow$ shifts the expenditure toward the higher-indexed. In equilibrium, this causes entries (exits) and hence more (less) varieties in the higher (lower)-indexed sectors, reducing the effective relative prices of higher-indexed composites of goods, which amplifies (moderates) the shift if $\eta > (<) 1$.

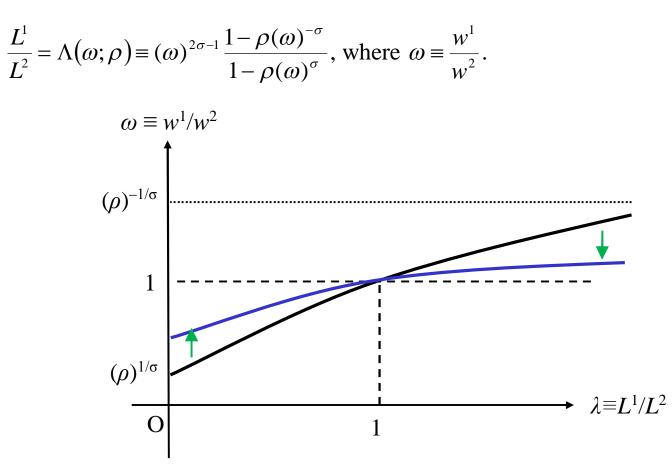
• Lemma 2ii:
$$\frac{d \log u(\lambda x)}{d \log \lambda} = \frac{\lambda x u'(\lambda x)}{u(\lambda x)} = \zeta(\lambda x)$$
 is increasing (decreasing) in x, if $\eta > (<) 1$.

Hence,

- i) If $\eta < 1$, gains from a percentage increase in *x* is lower at a higher *x*.
- ii) If $\eta > 1$, gains from a percentage increase in *x* is higher at a higher *x*.

Trade Equilibrium and Patterns of Trade

Figure 1: (Factor) Terms of Trade Determination



- The factor price lower in the smaller economy (Aggregate increasing returns)
- Globalization ($\tau \downarrow$ or $\rho \uparrow$) reduces the smaller country's disadvantage and hence the factor price differences.

Standard-of-Living: summarized by a single index, x_{ρ}^{k}

$$U_{\rho}^{1} = u(x_{\rho}^{1}), \text{ where } x_{\rho}^{1} \equiv \frac{(1-\rho^{2})x_{0}^{1}}{1-\rho(\omega)^{-\sigma}} > x_{0}^{1}; U_{\rho}^{2} = u(x_{\rho}^{2}), \text{ where } x_{\rho}^{2} \equiv \frac{(1-\rho^{2})x_{0}^{2}}{1-\rho(\omega)^{\sigma}} > x_{0}^{2}$$

u(x), defined as before. Gains from trade

Market Size Distributions:
$$m_s^k = \frac{\left(\beta_s \left(u(x_\rho^k)\right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)}\right)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}}}{\left(x_\rho^k\right)^{\left(\frac{1-\eta}{\sigma-\eta}\right)}} = \frac{\left(\beta_s \left(u(x_\rho^k)\right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)}\right)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}}}{\int_0^1 \left(\beta_t \left(u(x_\rho^k)\right)^{(\varepsilon(t)-\eta)}\right)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}} dt}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_s \left(u(x_{\rho}^k) \right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)} \end{pmatrix}_{\overline{\sigma-\eta}}^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}} \text{ is } log-supermodular \text{ in } s \& x_{\rho}^k. \text{ From Lemma 1, if } u(x_{\rho}^1) < u(x_{\rho}^2) \\ \text{i) } \text{MLR:} \quad \frac{m_s^1}{m_s^2} = \left(\frac{x_{\rho}^1}{x_{\rho}^2} \right)^{\left(\frac{\eta-1}{\sigma-\eta}\right)} \left(\frac{u(x_{\rho}^1)}{u(x_{\rho}^2)} \right)^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}\right)} \text{ is strictly decreasing in } s:$$

ii) **FSD:** $\int_{0}^{1} m_{t}^{1} dt > \int_{0}^{1} m_{t}^{2} dt$

The Rich (Poor) has relatively larger domestic markets in higher(lower)-indexed sectors.

Employment Distributions:
$$f_s^1 = \frac{m_s^1 - \rho(\omega)^{-\sigma} m_s^2}{1 - \rho(\omega)^{-\sigma}}; \quad f_s^2 = \frac{m_s^2 - \rho(\omega)^{\sigma} m_s^1}{1 - \rho(\omega)^{\sigma}}$$

$$\frac{f_s^1}{f_s^2} > \frac{m_s^1}{m_s^2} > 1; \qquad \frac{f_s^1}{f_s^2} = \frac{m_s^1}{m_s^2} = 1; \qquad \frac{f_s^1}{f_s^2} < \frac{m_s^1}{m_s^2} < 1.$$

Disproportionately large shares of labor are employed in the sectors, in which the country spend larger shares of its expenditure relatively to the ROW.

Sectoral Trade Balances: From $NX_{s}^{1} = -NX_{s}^{2} \equiv V_{s}^{1}\rho b_{s}^{2}(w^{1})^{1-\sigma} - V_{s}^{2}\rho b_{s}^{1}(w^{2})^{1-\sigma}$,

HME;
$$NX_s^1 = -NX_s^2 = \frac{\rho w^2 L^2}{(\omega)^{-\sigma} - \rho} (m_s^1 - m_s^2) = \frac{\rho w^1 L^1}{(\omega)^{\sigma} - \rho} (m_s^1 - m_s^2) \propto (m_s^1 - m_s^2).$$

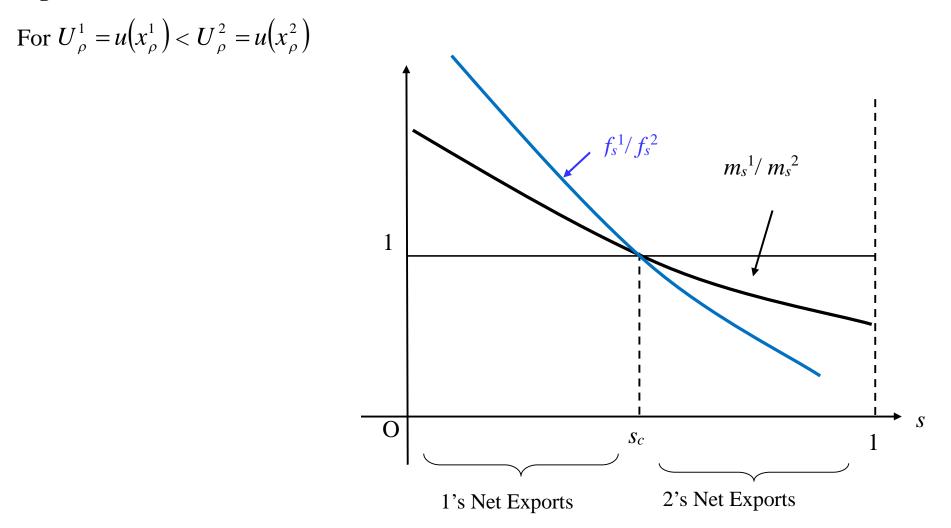
Due to the cross-country difference in *the domestic market size distribution across* sectors, not in the domestic market size in each sector

$$U_{\rho}^{1} = u(x_{\rho}^{1}) < U_{\rho}^{2} = u(x_{\rho}^{2}) \rightarrow m_{s}^{1} / m_{s}^{2}$$
 is strictly decreasing in $s \rightarrow$

a unique cutoff sector, $s_c \in (0,1)$, such that

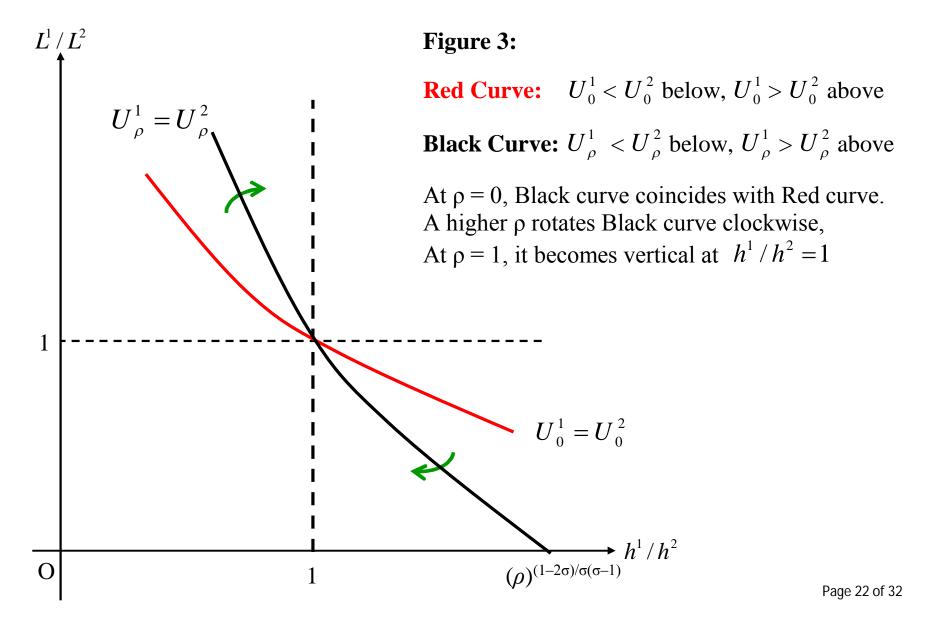
$$NX_{s}^{1} = -NX_{s}^{2} > 0$$
 for $s < s_{c}$; $NX_{s}^{1} = -NX_{s}^{2} < 0$ for $s > s_{c}$.

Figure 2: Home Market Effect and Patterns of Sectoral Trade Balances:



The Rich (Poor) runs surpluses in higher (lower) income elastic sectors.

Ranking the Countries: Trade-off between human capital & country size: *Smaller* country with *higher h* can be poorer at a low ρ but is richer at high ρ



Comparative Statics

Uniform Productivity Improvement: $(\partial \log(h^1) = \partial \log(h^2) \equiv \partial \log(h) > 0)$

 h^1/h^2 , L^1/L^2 , $\omega = w^1/w^2$, x_0^1/x_0^2 , x_ρ^1/x_ρ^2 all unchanged, with $\partial \log(x_\rho^1) = \partial \log(x_\rho^2) = \sigma \partial \log(h) > 0$.

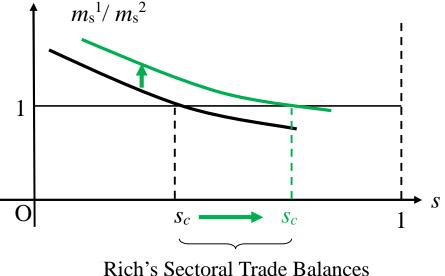
• Both $U_{\rho}^{1} = u(x_{\rho}^{1})$ and $U_{\rho}^{2} = u(x_{\rho}^{2})$ go up. Since $(\beta_{s}(u(x_{\rho}^{k}))^{(\varepsilon(s)-\eta)})^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}}$ is logsupermodular in s and x_{ρ}^{k} , from Lemma 1, the market size distributions shift toward higher-indexed sectors in both countries, in the sense of MLR and FSD.

•
$$\operatorname{sgn}\frac{\partial \log(U_{\rho}^{1}/U_{\rho}^{2})}{\partial \log(h)} = \operatorname{sgn}(\eta - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(x_{\rho}^{1} - x_{\rho}^{2}), \text{ from Lemma 2.}$$

Welfare gaps widen (narrow) if sectors produce substitutes (complements).

•
$$\operatorname{sgn} \frac{\partial \log(m_s^1 / m_s^2)}{\partial \log(h)} = \operatorname{sgn}(x_\rho^2 - x_\rho^1) \rightarrow s_c \text{ goes up.}$$

Figure 4: Product Cycles Due to Uniform Productivity Improvement



Rich's Sectoral Trade Balances switch from Surpluses to Deficits

- As the world becomes more productive, the spending shifts towards the higher-indexed.
- The relative weights of the sectors in which the Rich runs surpluses go up.
- To keep the overall trade account between the two countries in balance, the Rich's trade account in each sector must deteriorate.
- The Rich switches from being the net-exporter to the net-importer in the middle.

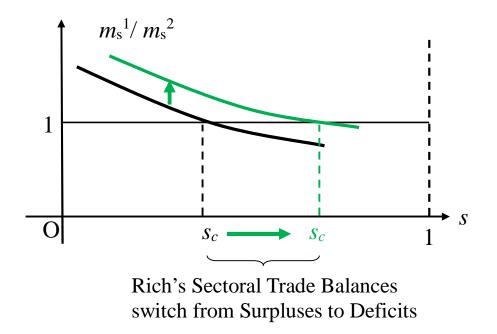
Globalization, a higher $\rho = (\tau)^{1-\sigma}$, when two countries are equal in size: $L^1 = L^2 = L$

$$\omega = 1 \rightarrow x_{\rho}^{k} = (1+\rho)x_{0}^{k} = (1+\rho)(h^{k})^{\sigma} N^{k} = (1+\rho)(h^{k})^{\sigma-1} L$$

The relative factor price fixed at $\omega = 1$ and independent of ρ . No ToT change

- The country with higher per capita labor endowment is richer.
- a higher ρ is isomorphic to a uniform increase in h^k .

Figure 4: Product Cycles Due to Globalization



Globalization, a higher $\rho = (\tau)^{1-\sigma}$, when two countries are unequal in size:

Globalization causes the ToT to change in favor of the smaller country Leapfrogging and Reversal of the Patterns of Trade

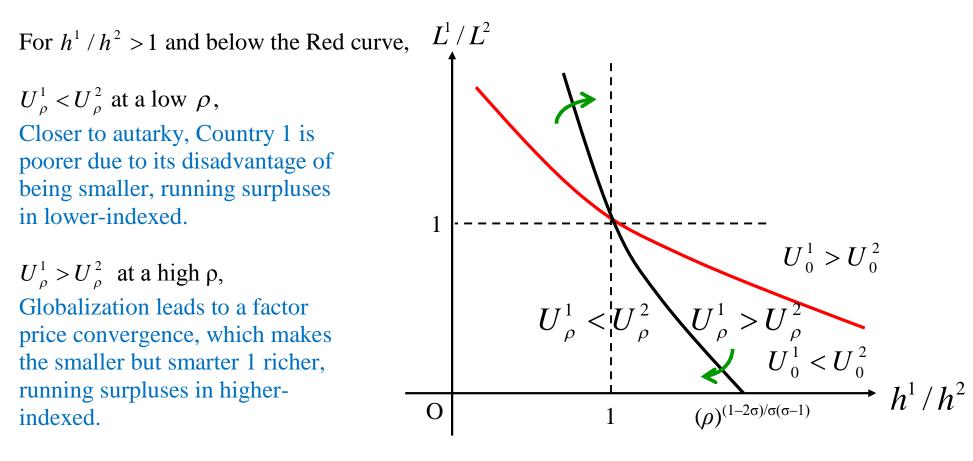


Figure 5

HME with Exogenous Taste Variations: A Comparison

An Extension of Krugman (1980):

Keep the same structure, except the upper-level preferences are *homothetic* CES,

$$\widetilde{U}^{k} \equiv \left[\int_{0}^{1} (\beta_{s}^{k})^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (\widetilde{C}_{s}^{k})^{1-\frac{1}{\eta}} ds\right]^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}},$$

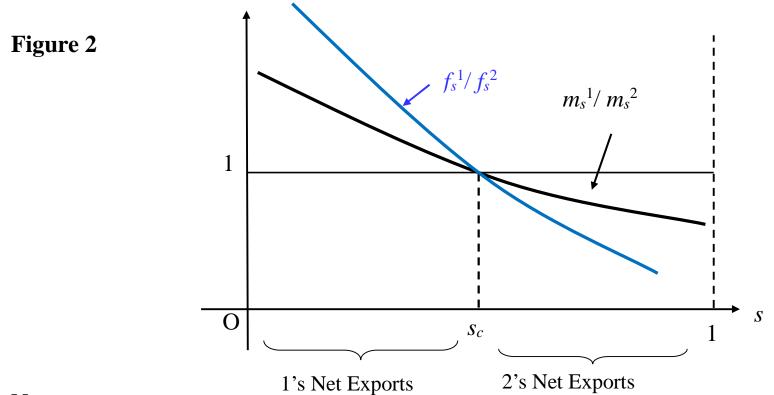
normalized to
$$\int_0^1 (\beta_s^k)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}} ds = 1$$

with *exogenously different* weights β_s^k , and β_s^1 / β_s^2 strictly decreasing in *s*.

Then,

Standard-of-living: $U_{\rho}^{k} = (x_{\rho}^{k})^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}}$ Market Size Distribution: $m_{s}^{k} = (\beta_{s}^{k})^{\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}\right)} \rightarrow m_{s}^{1}/m_{s}^{2} = (\beta_{s}^{1}/\beta_{s}^{2})^{\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-\eta}\right)}$ strictly decreasing in *s*.

Otherwise, the same



Notes:

- *m*¹_s / *m*²_s depends solely on the exogenous preferences parameters. Independent of ρ and *h^k*. Effects on *s*_c in the previous model are entirely due to nonhomotheticity.
- Uniform productivity growth cannot change the welfare gap.
- Leapfrogging can occur; Reversal of Patterns of Trade cannot.
- Krugman (1980), a special case with $\eta = 1$, $L^1 = L^2$, and $\beta_s^1 / \beta_s^2 = \gamma > 1$ for $0 \le s < 1/2$; $\beta_s^1 / \beta_s^2 = 1/\gamma < 1$ for $1/2 < s \le 1$.

Concluding Remarks

- Empirically, sectors differ widely in their income elasticity; rich (poor) countries tend to be an exporter in higher (lower) income elastic sectors.
- In our model, the rich (poor) have CA in high (low) income elastic sectors due to *Nonhomothetic Preferences & Home Market Effect*
 - ✓ Rich's domestic market size distribution more skewed towards high income elastic.
 - ✓ With scale economies and positive but small trade costs, such cross-country differences in the domestic market size distribution become a source of CA.
- Comparative Statics: Due to endogenous demand compositions,
 - ✓ *Product cycles:* The Rich switches from an exporter to an importer in the middle
 - ✓ Welfare gaps to widen (narrow), if sectors produce substitutes (complements)
 - ✓ *Leapfrogging* and *reversal of the patterns of trade*; The smaller but smarter country is poorer is a less globalized world, but becomes richer in a more globalized world.
- No previous studies allow for such a variety of comparative statics, because GE models with *imperfect competition*, *scale economies*, *positive but finite trade costs* would be intractable with Stone-Geary, CRIE or other **explicitly additively separable nonhomothetic preferences**, which are too inflexible and too restrictive.
- Implicitly additively separable nonhomothetic CES help us overcome this difficulty