

Online Appendix

Micro-level Misallocation and Selection

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To save on notation, I suppress the sectoral index s in all following calculations.

1 Derivation of Aggregate Productivity

Profit maximization and Optimal size

Profits are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{K(\omega), L(\omega)\}} \Pi(\omega) &= [1 - \tau_Y(\omega)] \cdot py(\omega) - wL(\omega) - [1 + \tau_K(\omega)] \cdot R \cdot K(\omega) \\ \text{subject to: } y(\omega) &= A(\omega) \cdot [K(\omega)^\alpha L(\omega)^{1-\alpha}]^\gamma \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Taking first order conditions and solving for optimal size gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{wL(\omega)}{1-\alpha} &= [\gamma p(1 - \tau_Y(\omega))A(\omega)]^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left[\left(\frac{(1 + \tau_K(\omega))R}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \\ \frac{(1 + \tau_K(\omega))RK(\omega)}{\alpha} &= [\gamma p(1 - \tau_Y(\omega))A(\omega)]^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left[\left(\frac{(1 + \tau_K(\omega))R}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \\ py(\omega) &= \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} (pA(\omega))^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \right) \left[\left(\frac{(1 + \tau_K(\omega))R}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Aggregation I: factor payments

Labor market clearing can be written as

$$(1 - s_e)wL = \int_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} wL(\omega) d\omega \quad (3)$$

where L is a given labor supply. Equation can also be rewritten as

$$pY = \frac{1}{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\tau}_Y} w(1 - s_e)L \quad (4)$$

with the average output distortion is defined by

$$(1 - \bar{\tau}_Y) = \int_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} (1 - \tau_Y(\omega)) \left(\frac{py(\omega)}{pY} \right) d\omega \quad (5)$$

and aggregate output in (4) is given by

$$Y = \int_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} y(\omega) d\omega \quad (6)$$

Using (2) in (1) one obtains

$$\frac{w}{1 - \alpha} = (1 - s_e)^{-\frac{1-\gamma}{1-\alpha\gamma}} (\gamma p)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha\gamma}} \left(\frac{R}{\alpha} \right)^{-\frac{\alpha\gamma}{1-\alpha\gamma}} \Sigma_L^{\frac{1-\gamma}{1-\alpha\gamma}} \quad (7)$$

with

$$\Sigma_L = E \left[A(\omega)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \tau_Y(\omega)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} (1 + \tau_K(\omega))^{-\alpha \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \mathbb{1}_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} \right] s_e \quad (8)$$

Similarly, capital market clear is given by

$$RK = \int_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} RK(\omega) d\omega \quad (9)$$

which can be rewritten as

$$pY = \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha} \left(\frac{1 + \bar{\tau}_K}{1 - \bar{\tau}_Y} \right) RK \quad (10)$$

where

$$\frac{1 - \bar{\tau}_Y}{1 + \bar{\tau}_K} = \int_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} \left(\frac{1 - \tau_Y(\omega)}{1 + \tau_K(\omega)} \right) \left(\frac{py(\omega)}{pY} \right) d\omega \quad (11)$$

Combining (2) in (9) implies

$$\frac{R}{\alpha} = (\gamma p)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma+\alpha\gamma}} \left(\frac{w}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{-\frac{(1-\alpha)\gamma}{1-\gamma-\alpha\gamma}} \left(\frac{L}{K} \right)^{\frac{1-\gamma}{1-\alpha+\alpha\gamma}} \Sigma_K^{\frac{1-\gamma}{1-\alpha+\alpha\gamma}} \quad (12)$$

with

$$\Sigma_K = E \left[A(\omega)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \tau_Y(\omega)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} (1 + \tau_K(\omega))^{-\frac{1-\gamma+\alpha\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \mathbb{1}_{\Pi(\omega) \geq w} \right] s_e \quad (13)$$

To obtain aggregate production, note that $pY = (pY)^\alpha (pY)^{1-\alpha}$ and use (4) and (18) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Y}{L} &= \left(E \left[\Sigma_K \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right]^\alpha E \left[\Sigma_L \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right]^{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{(1 + \bar{\tau}_K)^\alpha}{1 - \bar{\tau}_Y} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{K}{L} \right)^{\alpha\gamma} s_e^{1-\gamma} (1 - s_e)^{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Aggregation II: output

Combine equation (6) and (2) gives

$$Y = \left[\frac{1}{\gamma p} \left(\frac{R}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} E \left[\Sigma_Y \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right] s_e L \quad (15)$$

with

$$E \left[\Sigma_Y \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right] = E \left[A(\omega)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left[\frac{(1 + \tau_K(\omega))^\alpha}{1 - \tau_Y(\omega)} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right] \quad (16)$$

Using (7) and (12) in (15) to get

$$\frac{Y}{L} = \frac{E \left[\Sigma_Y \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right]}{\left(E \left[\Sigma_K \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right]^\alpha E \left[\Sigma_L \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right]^{1-\alpha} \right)^\gamma} \left(\frac{K}{L} \right)^{\alpha\gamma} s_e^{1-\gamma} (1 - s_e)^{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \quad (17)$$

Matching coefficients of (14) and (17) gives

$$\left(\frac{(1 + \bar{\tau}_K)^\alpha}{1 - \bar{\tau}_Y} \right) = \frac{\Sigma_Y}{\Sigma_K^\alpha \Sigma_L^{1-\alpha}} \quad (18)$$

Then, using (18) in (17) gives

$$\frac{Y}{L} = E \left[A(\omega)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left[\frac{1 - \bar{\tau}_Y}{1 - \tau_Y(\omega)} \right]^{-\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left[\frac{1 + \tau_K(\omega)}{1 + \bar{\tau}_K} \right]^{-\alpha \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \mid \Pi(\omega) \geq w \right]^{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{K}{L} \right)^{\alpha\gamma} s_e^{1-\gamma} (1 - s_e)^{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \quad (19)$$

2 Derivation of MPEC estimator

This section builds on the previous section to derive the MPEC estimator used in the paper.

As before, I suppress sector subscripts s to simplify notation.

MLE Objective

From (2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} D_1(\omega) &= py(\omega) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} (pA(\omega))^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \right) \left[\left(\frac{(1 + \tau_K(\omega))R}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Combining the expressions for factor demands in (2) it also follows that

$$\begin{aligned} D_2(\omega) &= \left[\left(\frac{RK(\omega)}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{wL(\omega)}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right] \\ &= (p\gamma)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left[\left(\frac{R}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right]^{-\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} A(\omega)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} (1 + \tau_K(\omega))^{-\frac{\alpha}{1-\gamma}} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned} D_3(\omega) &= \ln \left(\frac{wL(\omega)/(1-\alpha)}{RK(\omega)/\alpha} \right) \\ &= (1 + \tau_K(\omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Equation (20), (21), (22) can be rewritten to yield

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ln D_1(\omega) \\ \ln D_2(\omega) \\ \ln D_3(\omega) \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} & -\alpha \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} & \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \\ -\frac{1}{1-\gamma} & -\alpha \frac{1}{1-\gamma} & \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ln \left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)} \right) \\ \ln(1 + \tau_K(\omega)) \\ \ln A(\omega) \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

which I assume is distributed according to a tri-variate normal distribution with parameters $\mu_i = E[\ln D_i(\omega)]$, $\sigma_{ii} = Var[\ln D_i(\omega)]$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$ and $\sigma_{ij} = Cov(\ln D_i(\omega), \ln D_j(\omega))$ for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ and $i \neq j$. As equation (23), shows, these parameters in turn are functions

of the underlying heterogeneity parameters $\mu_A = E[\ln A(\omega)]$, $\mu_{\tau_Y} = E\left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)}\right)\right]$, $\mu_{\tau_K} = E[\ln(1+\tau_K(\omega))]$, $\sigma_A = Var[\ln A(\omega)]$, $\sigma_{\tau_Y} = Var\left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)}\right)\right]$, $\sigma_{\tau_K} = Var[\ln(1+\tau_K(\omega))]$, $\rho_{A\tau_Y} = Corr\left(\ln A(\omega), \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)}\right)\right)$, $\rho_{A\tau_K} = Corr(\ln A(\omega), \ln(1+\tau_K(\omega)))$
 $\rho_{\tau_Y\tau_K} = Corr\left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)}\right), \ln(1+\tau_K(\omega))\right)$

Selection is given by

$$\Pi_s(\omega) \geq w_s \quad (24)$$

which after plugging in (2) and taking the log, gives

$$\left(\frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\tau_Y(\omega)}\right) + \alpha \left(\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}\right) \ln(1+\tau_K(\omega)) - \left(\frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) \ln A(\omega) \leq \ln \kappa_Z \quad (25)$$

where the log truncation threshold $\ln \kappa_Z$ is given by

$$\ln \kappa_Z = \ln\left(\frac{1-\gamma}{w}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{1-\gamma}\right) [\ln p + \gamma \ln \gamma] - \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \ln \left[\left(\frac{R}{\alpha}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{w}{1-\alpha}\right)^{1-\alpha} \right] \quad (26)$$

The MLE objective with parameters $\theta = [\mu_A; \mu_{\tau_Y}; \mu_{\tau_K}; \sigma_A; \sigma_{\tau_Y}; \sigma_{\tau_K}; \rho_{A\tau_Y}; \rho_{A\tau_K}; \rho_{\tau_Y\tau_K}]$ under truncation for a single observation can then be written as

$$\ln \left\{ \frac{\phi\left(\ln D_1(\omega), \ln D_2(\omega), \ln D_3(\omega) \mid \theta, w, R\right)}{1 - \Phi(\kappa_Z)} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(|\bar{\sigma}|) - \ln \Phi\left(\frac{\ln \kappa_Z - \mu_Z}{\sigma_Z}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \ln D_1(\omega) - \mu_1 \\ \ln D_2(\omega) - \mu_2 \\ \ln D_3(\omega) - \mu_3 \end{pmatrix}' \bar{\sigma}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \ln D_1(\omega) - \mu_1 \\ \ln D_2(\omega) - \mu_2 \\ \ln D_3(\omega) - \mu_3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad (27)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_Z &= g \cdot \mu_{\tau_Y} + h \cdot \mu_{\tau_K} + k \cdot \mu_A \\ \sigma_Z^2 &= g^2 \sigma_{\tau_Y}^2 + h^2 \sigma_{\tau_K}^2 + k^2 \sigma_A^2 + 2(g \cdot h \cdot \sigma_{\tau_Y, \tau_K} + h \cdot k \cdot \sigma_{\tau_K, A} + g \cdot k \cdot \sigma_{\tau_Y, A}) \\ g &= \frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}, h = \frac{\alpha\gamma}{1-\gamma}, k = \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Furthermore, $\bar{\sigma}$ is the variance-covariance matrix of $\ln D_1(\omega)$, $\ln D_2(\omega)$, $\ln D_3(\omega)$ and the term

$|\bar{\sigma}|$ the determinant of that variance-covariance matrix. $\Phi()$ denotes the cdf of a standard normal distribution.

Equilibrium Constraints

Equilibrium constraints are given by the terms (8) and (13). To evaluate the truncated power means in these expressions, I use the following Lemmas.

Lemma 1 (Lien and Balakrishnan, 2006)

Let X and Z be two jointly log-normally distributed random variables. Define the multiplicative constraint by the set

$$1_{\{a,b,K\}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X^a \cdot Z^b \leq K \\ 0 & \text{if else} \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

Then it follows that

$$E [X^m Z^n \cdot 1_{\{a,b,K\}}] = \exp \left\{ m\mu_X + n\mu_Z + \frac{1}{2} (m^2\sigma_m^2 + n^2\sigma_n^2 + 2mn\sigma_{X,Z}) \right\} \\ \times \Phi \left(\frac{\log K - (a\mu_X + b\mu_Z) - [am\sigma_X^2 + (bm + an)\sigma_{X,Z} + bn\sigma_Z^2]}{\sqrt{a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Z^2 + 2ab\sigma_{X,Z}}} \right) \quad (30)$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the cdf of a standard normal.

To apply the Lien and Balakrishnan result to the trivariate lognormal truncated moments in (8) and (13), I use the following result, based in the fact that sums of normal random variables are themselves normally distributed.

Lemma 2

Let X_1, X_2, X_3 be three jointly log-normally distributed random variables. Define the multiplicative constraint by the set

$$1_{\{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,K\}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_1^{\beta_1} X_2^{\beta_2} X_3^{\beta_3} \leq K \\ 0 & \text{if else} \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[X_1^m X_2^n X_3^l \cdot 1_{\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, K\}} \right] &= E \left[X \cdot Z^c \cdot 1_{\{0, 0, 1, K\}} \right] \\
&= \exp \left\{ \mu_X + c\mu_Z + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_X^2 + c^2\sigma_Z^2 + c\sigma_{X,Z}) \right\} \cdot \Phi \left(\frac{\log K - \mu_Z - [\sigma_{X,Z} + c\sigma_Z^2]}{\sigma_Z} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the cdf of a standard normal and X and Z are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\log X &= a \log X_1 + b \log X_2 \\
\log Z &= \beta_1 \log X_1 + \beta_2 \log X_2 + \beta_3 \log X_3
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

and the coefficients a, b, c are given by

$$a = m - \beta_1 \frac{l}{\beta_3}, b = n - \beta_2 \frac{l}{\beta_3}, c = \frac{l}{\beta_3} \tag{34}$$

Proof: apply mapping (33) and (34) to reduce the trivariate problem to the bivariate problem of Lemma 1.