Online Appendix

Product Variety, the Cost of Living and Welfare Across Countries

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A.1 Proof of Proposition 1

The final equality in (10) uses $M_s^i \propto L_s^i / F_s^i$. To prove this condition, we complete the description of the model in part (i) below, and then we prove Proposition 1 in part (ii). *Part i*):

With labor income of $w^i L^i$ in country *i* and the CES utility function with elasticity η between sectors, leading to the country price index in (3), then expenditure on sector *s* is

$$X_{s}^{i} = a_{s} w^{i} L^{i} (P_{s}^{i} / P^{i})^{1 - \eta}.$$
 (A1)

We have assumed trade balance, so that total expenditure is $\sum_{s=1}^{S} X_s^i = w^i L^i$. CES demand within each sector implies the consumer prices $p_s^{ij}(\varphi) = [\sigma_s / (\sigma_s - 1)] (\tau_s^{ij} w^i / \varphi)$, so that country *j* demand for the output from a country *i* firm with productivity φ is:

$$y_{s}^{ij}(\varphi) = \frac{X_{s}^{j}}{P^{j(1-\sigma_{s})}} \left[\frac{w^{i} \tau_{s}^{ij} \sigma_{s}}{\varphi(\sigma_{s}-1)} \right]^{-\sigma_{s}}.$$
 (A2)

Multiplying by price minus variable costs, $p_s^{ij}(\varphi) - (w^i \tau_s^{ij} / \varphi) = [1/(\sigma_s - 1)] (w^i \tau_s^{ij} / \varphi)$, profits are

$$\pi_s^{ij}(\varphi) = \underbrace{\left[\frac{X_s^j}{\sigma_s^{\sigma_s}} \left(\frac{w^i \tau_s^{ij}}{P_s^j(\sigma_s - 1)}\right)^{1 - \sigma_s}\right]}_{B_s^{ij}} \varphi^{\sigma_s - 1} - w^i f_s^{ij}.$$

It follows that the zero-cutoff-profit (ZCP) condition is:

$$\pi_{s}^{ij}(\varphi) = B_{s}^{ij}\varphi_{s}^{ij(\sigma-1)} - w^{i}f_{s}^{ij} = 0 \implies \varphi_{s}^{ij(\sigma_{s}-1)} = \frac{w^{i}f_{s}^{ij}}{B_{s}^{ij}} = \frac{w^{i}f_{s}^{ij}\sigma_{s}^{\sigma_{s}}}{X_{s}^{ij}} \left(\frac{w^{i}\tau_{s}^{ij}}{P_{s}^{j}(\sigma_{s}-1)}\right)^{\sigma_{s}-1}, (A3)$$

which appears as condition (8) in the main text for j = i.

Total employment in sector *s* at home for domestic and export sales equals:

$$L_{s}^{i} = M_{s}^{i}F_{s}^{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{C}M_{s}^{ij}\int_{\varphi_{s}^{ij}}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\tau_{s}^{ij}y_{s}^{ij}(\varphi)}{\varphi} + f_{s}^{ij}\right] \frac{g_{s}^{i}(\varphi)}{\left[1 - G_{s}^{i}(\varphi_{s}^{ij})\right]}d\varphi \cdot$$
(A4)

Notice that we have multiplied the quantity delivered to home and foreign consumers by their respective iceberg costs, τ_s^{ij} , and summed across destination to obtain the total quantity produced by the firm. Multiply the entire expression by wages w^i , move the fixed costs f_s^{ij} out of the brackets to combine with F_s^i , and then multiply and divide the remaining production terms by $\sigma_s / (\sigma_s - 1)$ to obtain prices $p_s^{ij}(\varphi) = [\sigma_s / (\sigma_s - 1)] (\tau_s^{ij} w^i / \varphi)$. Then we obtain:

$$w^{i}L_{s}^{i} = w^{i}\left(M_{s}^{i}F_{s}^{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{C}M_{s}^{ij}f_{s}^{ij}\right) + \left(\frac{\sigma_{s}-1}{\sigma_{s}}\right)\left[\sum_{j=1}^{C}M_{s}^{ij}\int_{\varphi_{s}^{ij}}^{\infty}\frac{p_{s}^{ij}(\varphi)y_{s}^{i}(\varphi)g_{s}^{i}(\varphi)}{[1-G_{s}^{i}(\varphi_{s}^{ij})]}d\varphi\right]$$
$$= w^{i}\left(M_{s}^{i}F_{s}^{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{C}M_{s}^{ij}f_{s}^{ij}\right) + \left(\frac{\sigma_{s}-1}{\sigma_{s}}\right)w^{i}L_{s}^{i},$$

where the second line follow because the bracketed term on the first line is total revenue earned by firms in sector *s*. With zero expected profits, total revenue in sector *s* equals the payments to labor $w^i L_s^i$, so then $L_s^i = \sigma_s (M_s^i F_s^i + \sum_{j=1}^C M_s^{ij} f_s^{ij})$ is obtained. It follows that the sector *s* employment condition (A4) is simplified as:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_s - 1}{\sigma_s}\right) L_s^i = \sum_{j=1}^C M_s^{ij} \int_{\varphi_s^{ij}}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\tau_s^{ij} y_s^{ij}(\varphi)}{\varphi}\right] \frac{g_s^i(\varphi)}{[1 - G_s^i(\varphi_s^{ij})]} d\varphi \cdot$$
(A5)

Note that CES demand with prices $p_s^{ij}(\varphi) = [\sigma_s / (\sigma_s - 1)] (\tau_s^{ij} w^i / \varphi)$, implies that output is $y_s^{ij}(\varphi) = (\varphi / \varphi_s^{ij})^{\sigma_s} y_s^{ij}(\varphi_s^{ij})$, where $y_s^{ij}(\varphi_s^{ij})$ is the output of the ZCP firm. Using the Pareto

distribution for productivity, the integral in (A5) is then:

$$\begin{split} \int_{\varphi_s^{ij}}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\tau_s^{ij} y_s^{ij}(\varphi)}{\varphi} \right] \frac{g_s^i(\varphi)}{[1 - G_s^i(\varphi_s^{ij})]} d\varphi &= \int_{\varphi_s^{ij}}^{\infty} \frac{\tau_s^{ij} y_s^{ij}(\varphi_s^{ij})}{\varphi} \left(\frac{\varphi}{\varphi_s^{ij}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \frac{g_s^i(\varphi)}{[1 - G_s^i(\varphi_s^{ij})]} d\varphi \\ &= \frac{\tau_s^{ij} y_s^{ij}(\varphi_s^{ij})}{\varphi_s^{ij}} \int_{\phi_d}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\varphi}{\varphi_s^{ij}} \right)^{\sigma_s^{-1}} \frac{\theta(\varphi)^{-\theta-1}}{(\varphi_s^{ij})^{-\theta}} d\varphi \\ &= \frac{\tau_s^{ij} y_s^{ij}(\varphi_s^{ij})}{\varphi_s^{ij}} \frac{\theta}{(\sigma_s - \theta - 1)} \left(\frac{\varphi}{\varphi_s^{ij}} \right)^{\sigma_s^{-\theta-1}} \bigg|_{\varphi_s^{ij}}^{\infty} \\ &= f_s^{ij} \frac{\theta(\sigma_s - 1)}{(\theta - \sigma_s + 1)}, \end{split}$$

where the last line uses $\tau_s^{ij} y_s^{ij} (\varphi_s^{ij}) / \varphi_s^{ij} = (\sigma_s - 1) f_s^{ij}$, as follows from (A2) and (A3). Substituting the last line above back into (A5) we arrive at:

$$L_s^i = \sum_{j=1}^C M_s^{ij} f_s^{ij} \frac{\theta \sigma_s}{(\theta - \sigma_s + 1)}.$$

Using $L_s^i = \sigma_s (M_s^i F_s^i + \sum_{j=1}^C M_s^{ij} f_s^{ij})$ we obtain $M_s^i = L_s^i (\sigma_s - 1) / F_s^i \theta \sigma_s$ so that $M_s^i \propto L_s^i / F_s^i$. **Part ii):**

Now completing the proof of Proposition 1, rewriting (7) very slightly, we have:

$$\frac{P_s^i}{P_s^j} = \left(\frac{w^i \tau_s^{ii}}{w^j \tau_s^{jj}}\right) \left(\frac{M_s^{ii} / \lambda_s^{ii}}{M_s^{jj} / \lambda_s^{jj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\sigma_s)}} \left(\frac{\varphi_s^{ii}}{\varphi_s^{jj}}\right)^{-1}.$$

The ratio of threshold productivity appearing on the right is solved using (10) as,

$$\frac{\varphi_s^{ii}}{\varphi_s^{jj}} = \left(\frac{A_s^i}{A_s^j}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda_s^{ii}}{\lambda_s^{jj}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \left(\frac{X_s^i / w^i L_s^i}{X_s^j / w^j L_s^i}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}.$$

where $f_s^i / F_s^i = f_s^j / F_s^j$ from Assumption 1. Substituting this into (7), we obtain

$$\frac{P_s^i}{P_s^j} = \frac{w^i / [A_s^i(\mu_s^i)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}]}{w^i / [A_s^i(\mu_s^i)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}]} \left(\frac{\lambda_s^{ii}}{\lambda_s^{jj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \left(\frac{\tau_s^{ii}}{\tau_s^{jj}}\right) \left(\frac{M_s^{ii} / \lambda_s^{ii}}{M_s^{jj} / \lambda_s^{jj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\sigma_s)}} \left(\frac{X_s^i / w^i L^i}{X_s^j / w^j L^i}\right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}},\tag{A6}$$

where $\mu_s^i \equiv L_s^i / L^i$ denote the share of the labor force in each sector. Notice that the final term above is the ratio of $x_s^i \equiv X_s^i / w^i L^i$ in countries *i* and *j*, which are the sectoral expenditure shares.

Consider taking the geometric mean of (A6) as in (11), using the Sato-Vartia weights. Then:

$$\frac{P^{i}}{P^{j}} = \prod_{s=1}^{S} \left(\frac{P_{s}^{i}}{P_{s}^{j}} \right)^{\omega_{s}^{ij}} = \prod_{s=1}^{S} \left\{ \frac{W^{i} / [A_{s}^{i}(\mu_{s}^{i})^{\frac{1}{\theta}}]}{W^{i} / [A_{s}^{i}(\mu_{s}^{i})^{\frac{1}{\theta}}]} \right\}^{\omega_{s}^{ij}} \left(\frac{\lambda_{s}^{ii}}{\lambda_{s}^{jj}} \right)^{\frac{\omega_{s}^{ij}}{\theta}} \left(\frac{\tau_{s}^{ii}}{\tau_{s}^{jj}} \right)^{\omega_{s}^{ij}} \left(\frac{M_{s}^{ii} / \lambda_{s}^{ii}}{M_{s}^{jj} / \lambda_{s}^{jj}} \right)^{\frac{-\omega_{s}^{ij}}{(\sigma_{s}-1)}} \left(\frac{x_{s}^{i}}{x_{s}^{j}} \right)^{\frac{\omega_{s}^{ij}}{\theta}}. \quad (A7)$$

The final term appearing above can be simplified as:

$$\exp\left\{\ln\prod_{s=1}^{S}\left(\frac{x_s^i}{x_s^j}\right)^{\frac{\omega_s^{ij}}{\theta}}\right\} = \exp\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{S}\left(\frac{\omega_s^{ij}}{\theta}\right)\ln\left(\frac{x_s^i}{x_s^j}\right)\right\} = \exp\left\{\frac{\sum_{s=1}^{S}(x_s^i - x_s^j)}{\theta\sum_{r=1}^{S}(x_r^i - x_r^j)/(\ln x_r^i - \ln x_r^j)}\right\} = 1, (A8)$$

where the final result is obtained because the expenditure shares in both countries sum to unity, so that $\sum_{s=1}^{S} (x_s^i - x_s^j) = 0$ and then $\exp(0) = 1$. Then (12) follows immediately. If we do not assume that θ is common across sectors, then the final term in (A7) is $\prod_{s=1}^{S} (x_s^i / x_s^j)^{\omega_s^{ij}/\theta_s}$, which does not equal unity but could be computed from the data. Then the result in (12) would be modified by this additional term.

Proof of (13):

It can be noted that the result in (A8) is precisely what is used to prove the Sato-Vartia index in (11). To see this, start with the expenditure share from (A1), $x_s^i = a_s (P_s^i / P^i)^{1-\eta}$. We readily solve for the ratio of country CES prices from this equation as:

$$\frac{P^i}{P^j} = \left(\frac{P_s^i}{P_s^j}\right) \left(\frac{x_s^i / a_s}{x_s^j / a_s}\right)^{\frac{-1}{1-\eta}}.$$

The terms a_s cancel in this expression since they are assumed to be equal across countries. Then taking the geometric mean of the expression using the Sato-Vartia weights in (12), we see that the terms involving the mean ratio of sectoral expenditure shares becomes unity, just as in (A8). Therefore, the Sato-Vartia index in (11) follows immediately.

The same approach is used to prove (13). From equation (9) we readily obtain:

$$\left(\frac{M_s^{ii}}{M_s^{jj}}\right) = \frac{\lambda_s^{ii}}{\lambda_s^{jj}} \left(\frac{X_s^i / w^i f_s^{ii}}{X_s^j / w^j f_s^{jj}}\right) = \frac{\lambda_s^{ii}}{\lambda_s^{jj}} \left(\frac{x_s^i}{x_s^j}\right) \left(\frac{L^i / f_s^{ii}}{L^j / f_s^{jj}}\right).$$

Taking the geometric mean of this expression using the Sato-Vartia weights ω_s^{ij} , and using (A8) – but without θ appearing there – we readily obtain (13). It follows that the result in (13) holds even if θ is not common across sectors, and it also does not rely on Assumption 1.

A.2 Sources and construction of data

Sato-Vartia weights:

We consider the general case of a nested CES function, where the expenditure across traded goods is aggregated using a CES function, the expenditure across the various traded sectors is aggregated using a second CES function, and then nontraded goods included within "actual individual consumption" (AIC) are added with a third CES function. At the lowest level, the traded goods price index P_s^{Ti} is obtained from the prices of goods purchased from home, P_s^{Tii} , and those that are purchased from abroad, P_s^{Tji} , $j \neq i$:

$$P_{s}^{Ti} = \left[\sum_{j=1}^{C} b_{s}^{j} (P_{s}^{Tji})^{1-\sigma}\right]^{1/(1-\sigma)}, \sigma > 1.$$
(A8)

This price index is comparable to what appears in (2) in our model, where the mass of products M_s^{ji} from each country in (2) is captured above by the (constant) parameter b_s^j , and we simplify with $\sigma_s = \sigma$. Above this level, the price index of traded goods P^{Ti} for country *i* is given by:

$$P^{Ti} = \left[\sum_{s=1}^{S} a_s \left(P_s^{Ti}\right)^{1-\eta}\right]^{1/(1-\eta)}, \ \eta > 0,$$

as in (3). Finally, we denote the price of nontraded goods included in AIC by P^{Ni} , which could is aggregated over multiple sectors, and construct the overall price index in country *i* as:

$$P^{i} = \left[b_{N}^{i} (P^{Ni})^{1-\delta} + b_{T}^{i} (P^{Ti})^{1-\delta} \right]^{1/(1-\delta)}, \ \delta > 0.$$

Choose country j (i.e., the United States) as the base country. Then the traded goods price index in country i relative to j can be measured by the Sato-Vartia price index:

$$\frac{P^{Ti}}{P^{Tj}} = \prod_{s=1}^{S} \left(\frac{P_s^{Ti}}{P_s^{Tj}} \right)^{\omega_s^{Ti}},$$
(A9)

where the Sato-Vartia weights, $\sum_{s=1}^{S} \omega_s^{Ti} = 1$, are defined over the expenditure shares on traded goods, as in (11). Since we have already used the variable X to denote expenditures and s to denote sectors, we will use x_s to denote expenditure shares. So $x_s^{Ti} \equiv X_s^{Ti} / X^{Ti}$ is the share of expenditure on sector s traded goods relative to total expenditure $X^{Ti} = \sum_{s=1}^{S} X_s^{Ti}$ in country *i*. Then the Sato-Vartia weights used in (A9) are:

$$\omega_s^{Ti} = \frac{(x_s^{Ti} - x_s^{Tj})}{(\ln x_s^{Ti} - \ln x_s^{Tj})} \bigg/ \bigg[\sum_{r=1}^{S} \frac{(x_r^{Ti} - x_r^{Tj})}{(\ln x_r^{Ti} - \ln x_r^{Tj})} \bigg].$$

These are the Sato-Vartia weights that appear in (14), (15) and (16) in the main text.

When we include the nontraded services that are part of AIC, the overall price index is:

$$\frac{P^{i}}{P^{j}} = \left(\frac{P^{Ti}}{P^{Tj}}\right)^{\omega_{s}^{Ti}} \left(\frac{P^{Ni}}{P^{Nj}}\right)^{\omega_{s}^{Ni}},$$
(A10)

where total AIC expenditure in country *i* is $X^{i} \equiv (X^{Ti} + X^{Ni})$ with the expenditure shares

 $x^{Ti} \equiv X^{Ti} / X^{i}$ and $x^{Ni} \equiv X^{Ni} / X^{i}$, and so the Sato-Vartia weights used in (A10) are:

$$\omega^{Ti} = \frac{(x^{Ti} - x^{Tj})}{(\ln x^{Ti} - \ln x^{Tj})} \bigg/ \bigg[\frac{(x^{Ti} - x^{Tj})}{(\ln x^{Ti} - \ln x^{Tj})} + \frac{(x^{Ni} - x^{Nj})}{(\ln x^{Ni} - \ln x^{Nj})} \bigg], \quad \omega_s^{Ni} = 1 - \omega_s^{Ti}$$

These weights appear in (21) and (22) in the main text.

Output prices:

To construct a measure of output prices used in (14), we use the above equations and follow the framework of Inklaar and Timmer (2014). The price index P_s^{Ti} combines domestically produced goods, with price P_s^{Tii} , and imports with price P_s^{Tji} for $j \neq i$. We define P_s^{Mi} as the import price index,

$$P_{s}^{Mi} = \left[\sum_{j \neq i} b_{s}^{j} (P_{s}^{Tji})^{1-\sigma}\right]^{1/(1-\sigma)}$$

so that the overall traded goods price index in sector s can be constructed as,

$$\frac{P_s^{Ti}}{P_s^{Tj}} = \left(\frac{P_s^{Tii}}{P_s^{Tjj}}\right)^{1-\omega_s^{Mi}} \left(\frac{P_s^{Mi}}{P_s^{Mj}}\right)^{\omega_s^{Mi}},\tag{A11}$$

where $x^{Tii} \equiv X^{Tii} / X^{Ti}$ and $x^{Mi} \equiv \sum_{j \neq i} X^{Tji} / X^{Ti}$ are the expenditure shares on domestic goods and imports, respectively, and the Sato-Vartia weights on imports is:

$$\omega_s^{Mi} = \frac{(x_s^{Mi} - x_s^{Mj})}{(\ln x_s^{Mi} - \ln x_s^{Mj})} \bigg/ \left[\frac{(x_s^{Tii} - x_s^{Tjj})}{(\ln x_s^{Tii} - \ln x_s^{Tjj})} + \frac{(x_s^{Mi} - x^{Mj})}{(\ln x^{Mi} - \ln x^{Mj})} \right]$$

Notice that from (A11) we construct the domestic price of tradable goods as:

$$\frac{P_s^{Tii}}{P_s^{Tjj}} = \left(\frac{P_s^{Ti}}{P_s^{Tj}}\right)^{1/(1-\omega_s^{Mi})} \left(\frac{P_s^{Mi}}{P_s^{Mj}}\right)^{-\omega_s^{Mi}/(1-\omega_s^{Mi})}.$$
 (A12)

All these prices are inclusive of the domestic trade costs τ_s^{ii} needed to deliver a good to consumers, while import prices also include foreign trade costs . τ_s^{ji} ¹ We let $\tilde{P}_s^{Tii} \equiv P_s^{Tii}/\tau_s^{ii}$ denote the prices *net* of the domestic trade costs – or what is called a "basic" price – which is the price that home producers face for domestic sales. Home firms also export, so the total value of home production Y_s^{Ti} on tradable goods equals:

$$Y_s^{Ti} \equiv P_s^{Yi} Q_s^{Yi} = \tilde{P}_s^{Tii} Q_s^{Tii} + \tilde{P}_s^{Xi} Q_s^{Xi} = \left(X_s^{Ti}/\tau_s^{ii}\right) + \tilde{P}_s^{Xi} Q_s^{Xi}$$

where \tilde{P}_{s}^{Xi} is the export price index, the *Q*s denote the associated quantities, and sales to home consumers net of trade costs is $\tilde{P}_{s}^{Tii}Q_{s}^{Tii} = X_{s}^{Tii}/\tau_{s}^{ii}$. The export price index is defined using f.o.b. (free-on-board) prices net of any trade costs (i.e., net of transport costs and tariffs),

$$\tilde{P}_{s}^{Xi} = \left[\sum_{j \neq i} b_{s}^{i} \left(P_{s}^{Tij} / \tau_{s}^{ij}\right)^{1-\sigma}\right]^{1/1-\sigma}$$

Assuming a CES production function for domestic consumption and exports, the output price is constructed as a Sato-Vartia index:

$$\frac{P_s^{Yi}}{P_s^{Yj}} = \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_s^{Tii}}{\tilde{P}_s^{Tjj}}\right)^{1-\omega_s^{Xi}} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_s^{Xi}}{\tilde{P}_s^{Xj}}\right)^{\omega_s^{Xi}},\tag{A13}$$

where $y_s^{Tii} \equiv (X_s^{Tii} / \tau_s^{ii}) / Y_s^{Ti}$ and $y^{Xi} \equiv 1 - y_s^{Tii}$ are the production shares on domestic goods

¹ For simplicity, we assume that domestic trade costs are identical for domestically produced and imported goods.

and exports, respectively, and the associated Sato-Vartia weight on exports is:

$$\omega_{s}^{Xi} = \frac{(y_{s}^{Xi} - y_{s}^{Xj})}{(\ln y_{s}^{Xi} - \ln y_{s}^{Xj})} \bigg/ \bigg[\frac{(y_{s}^{Tii} - y_{s}^{Tjj})}{(\ln y_{s}^{Tii} - \ln y_{s}^{Tjj})} + \frac{(y_{s}^{Xi} - y_{s}^{Xj})}{(\ln y_{s}^{Xi} - \ln y_{s}^{Xj})} \bigg].$$
(A14)

Substituting (A12) and $\tilde{P}_s^{Tii} \equiv P_s^{Tii} / \tau_s^{ii}$ into (A13) we obtain the price of output:

$$\frac{P_{s}^{Yi}}{P_{s}^{Yj}} = \left(\frac{P_{s}^{Ti}}{P_{s}^{Tj}}\right)^{\frac{1-\omega_{s}^{Xi}}{1-\omega_{s}^{Mi}}} \left(\frac{\tau_{s}^{ii}}{\tau_{s}^{jj}}\right)^{-\left(1-\omega_{s}^{Xi}\right)} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Mi}\tau_{s}^{ii}}{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Mj}\tau_{s}^{jj}}\right)^{-\frac{\omega_{s}^{Mi}(1-\omega_{s}^{Xi})}{1-\omega_{s}^{Mi}}} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Xi}}{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Xj}}\right)^{\omega_{s}^{Xi}}$$
(A15)
$$= \left(\frac{P_{s}^{Ti}/\tau_{s}^{ii}}{P_{s}^{Tj}/\tau_{s}^{jj}}\right)^{\frac{1-\omega_{s}^{Xi}}{1-\omega_{s}^{Mi}}} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Xi}}{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Xj}}\right)^{\omega_{s}^{Xi}} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Mi}}{\tilde{P}_{s}^{Mj}}\right)^{-\frac{\omega_{s}^{Mi}(1-\omega_{s}^{Xi})}{1-\omega_{s}^{Mi}}},$$

where the first line comes from using $\tilde{P}_{s}^{Tii} \equiv P_{s}^{Tii}/\tau_{s}^{ii}$ and (A12), while letting $\tilde{P}_{s}^{Mi} \equiv P_{s}^{Mi}/\tau_{s}^{ii}$ denote the c.i.f. prices of imports inclusive of tariffs but net of *domestic* trade costs, and the second line follows from simplification.

The price indexes that we have constructed so far are the theoretically correct CES indexes. To relate these to the price level that we construct from ICP and PWT data, let us start with (A9). The price ratio on the left is what we measure as the price level of consumption for traded goods, so we replace P_s^{Ti} / P_s^{Tj} with PC_s^{Ti} / PC_s^{Tj} . This price level of consumption also appears first on both lines of (A15). In that case, the price of output P_s^{Yi} / P_s^{Yj} appearing on the left of (A15) is replaced with PY_s^{Ti} / PY_s^{Tj} , as in (15) in the main text. Finally, the export and import prices $\tilde{P}_s^{Xi} / \tilde{P}_s^{Xj}$ and $\tilde{P}_s^{Mi} / \tilde{P}_s^{Mj}$ are measured by the quality-adjusted export and imports prices from Feenstra and Romalis (2014), for j = USA.

To implement the resulting equations which appear as (15) and (16) in the main text, we draw on the World Input-Output Tables (Timmer et al., 2015, 2016; WIOD 2021b) for calculating the Sato-Vartia weights for import and export shares. For Colombia, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa, we use the data from the OECD-WTO (2018) Trade in Value Added

(TiVA) tables. The traded consumption prices are the same as discussed in the main text, aggregated from the (revised) ICP 2011 PPPs and consumption expenditure data using GEKS indexes (World Bank 2020). The import and export price data are organized by SITC rev. 2, so first we use the concordance to the Broad Economic Category (BEC-4) classification to select only traded products consumed by households.² Second, we use the concordance between 4-digit SITC rev. 2 and 3-digit ISIC rev. 2 constructed by Marc Muendler (2009) and bridge that to ISIC rev. 4, the industry classification used in WIOD and OECD TiVA. We aggregate to ISIC rev. 4 industries using export values from Comtrade and GEKS indexes. In the final step, we use export values by ISIC rev. 4 industry from WIOD and OECD TiVA to aggregate to the traded consumption sectors.

Other data:

Other data used in (14) is obtained as follows. The share of consumption expenditure on domestic products, λ_s^{ii} , is computed based on WIOD (2021b). Colombia, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa are not in WIOD, so we use the inter-country input-output tables of OECD-WTO (2018) to compute λ_s^{ii} for those countries. Domestic trade costs τ_s^{ii} in sector *s* are measured as consumption expenditure at purchaser's prices divided by consumption expenditure at basic prices, which excludes the margin earned in transportation and retail trade and excludes taxes on products, notably sales tax, VAT and excise taxes. For most countries, we rely on the margins and tax tables (sometimes also referred to as valuation tables) provided by Eurostat (2019a, b, c) and the OECD (2019a, b), which report consumption at purchaser's prices and at basic prices. For the remainder of countries, we use data from national input-output tables, from

² We select food and beverages, mainly for household consumption, primary (BEC code 112) and processed (122); processed fuels and lubricants (32), transport equipment, passenger motor cars (51) and consumption goods (6). This selection means that products used by industry, as supplies or capital goods, are omitted.

Eurostat's Structural Business Statistics for retail trade (Eurostat 2019d, e, f), or WIOD (2021a) to approximate trade margins.³ To estimate consumption taxes by sector, we use information on total taxes on products by sector and ensure that the tax rate (taxes as a share of consumption expenditure at purchaser's prices) does not exceed that country's indirect tax rates.⁴

A.3 Product Variety

Firm and Barcode Counts:

In Appendix Table A1 we show the Orbis firm counts in seven sectors and 46 countries, using data of Bureau van Dijk (2018). The firm count is computed at the country level using "Global Ultimate Owner" (GUO) information to eliminate duplications caused by outlets or branches. We deleted duplicate company names, and firms with 0 or 1 employees. The Orbis database classifies companies using NACE revision 2 codes, which we map to COICOP 2-digit codes; we only include industries producing traded products.⁵

In Appendix Table A2, we show the barcode counts computed from the data available at the Billion Prices Project, in five sectors and 24 countries. Note, however, that these barcode counts include both domestically produced and imported goods. As explained in section II.B, we

³ We rely on national input-output data for China (Asian Development Bank/ERCD, 2017a), Japan (ESRI, 2016), Indonesia (Asian Development Bank/ERCD, 2017b), New Zealand (Statistics New Zealand, 2016), Russia (Rosstat 2017), South Africa (OECD, 2020), Taiwan (Asian Development Bank/ERCD, 2017c); Eurostat retail survey data (Eurostat 2019d, e, f) for Germany, Spain and Switzerland; and WIOD (2021a) data for India. The retail survey data does not cover transportation margins, but most transportation costs are registered as intermediate inputs rather than as margins.

⁴ Country-level indirect tax rates are from OECD (2018). On average across European countries with the requisite data, only 60 percent of taxes on products are borne directly by consumers, so scaling is important. Excise taxes on alcoholic beverages, tobacco and fuel lead to higher tax rates in the food and transport sectors so in those sectors, the tax rate is allowed to exceed the national indirect tax rate, though not by more than the maximum excess rate observed in other European countries. In Japan, a uniform VAT rate of 5 percent is applied to all sectors, which is increased by an additional 5.8 percent in the food and transport sectors based on estimates of the revenue from excise taxes relative to VAT in OECD (2018).

⁵ The correspondence to the COICOP classification used here is: (COICOP) 01–02 => (NACE) 10, 11, 12; 03 => 14, 15, 321; 04 => 23, 271, 272, 273, 274, 303; 05 => 31, 275, 203, 257, 282; 06 => 21; 07 => 29; 09 => 18, 26, 322, 323, 324; 12 => 172, 204.

adjust these barcode codes to obtain just *domestically produced* barcodes by collecting the *barcode domestic share*, which was obtained in two different ways

Our main measure of the barcode domestic share uses data collected by freelancers in physical stores of large retailer, or what we refer to as the crowdsourcing method. The first columns in Table A3 provide details of this data collection effort in 19 countries. In some countries we hired multiple freelancers to collect data from several large companies. The freelancers took photos of the product labels (see example shown in Figure A1), which we then used to monitor and validate their work. A more detailed description of the mobile-phone app used by the freelancers can be found on Cavallo (2017).

Appendix Figure A1: Example of a Crowdsourced Product Image



Notes: Freelancers were instructed to take a photograph of the package's country-of-origin information. In this example taken inside a German electronics retailer, the product is made in China.

The crowdsourcing method makes it possible to collect country-of-origin data from many locations, but it also limited us to a relatively small sample of about 1000 products in each country (500 food products and 500 electronic product). As a robustness check, we were also able to collect web-scraped data from the websites of retailers that show the country-of-origin information for individual goods. These online estimates are only available for 9 food and 2 electronics retailers (covering 10 countries), but the product samples are much larger because they include all goods available for sale in these companies. The last columns of Table A3 show the number of domestic and imported varieties using this online scraped data. The barcode domestic ratios are very similar, with a correlation 0.76 between the benchmark offline (crowdsourced) and online estimates.

As a final robustness check, we also estimated the domestic barcode ratio for food in the US using Nielsen' Scanner data, shown in the last column of Table A3. Reassuringly, the barcode domestic ratio is 0.86 with scanner data, 0.90 with online scraped data, and 0.89 with the crowdsourced data.

In Appendix Table A4 we compare the firm counts and barcode counts for the 23 countries where both are available (Colombia does not have firm counts). Barcode data and domestic shares are also available as part of the Data and Code for this paper, available at https://doi.org/10.34894/7RCSFZ. The first data column in Table A3 lists the count of domestic firms when summed across 7 sectors, and the second column lists the count of barcode for 5 sectors for which data are available from BPP, that are likewise summed across sectors. Those barcode counts in the second column (labeled *total N*) include both domestically produced and imported goods. We use the domestic barcode ratios *B*, summarized in Table A3, to compute the number of domestic barcodes in Table A4 as M = NB for the sectors in Food & Beverages and in

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Recreation & Culture (mainly Electronics goods). Outside of these two sectors, we instead use the domestic expenditure share λ to compute the number of domestic barcodes as $M = N\lambda$, as explained in section II.B. Then the number of domestic barcodes summed across 5 sectors is shown in the third data column of Table A4.

It can be seen from Table A4 that the number of firms (in 5 sectors) can be greater or less than the number of domestic barcodes (in 5 sectors). Specifically, the number of firms exceeds the number of domestic barcodes in 10 countries and is less than the number of barcodes in 13 countries. Having more firms than barcodes in these sectors can occur because some of the firms might exclusively produce intermediate inputs, while having more barcodes than firms can occur because of multiproduct firms. Furthermore, we see that for Ireland, the number of firms in the 5 sectors is roughly 100x smaller than in the United States (2,991/329,389 \approx 0.01), but the number of domestic barcodes is only 10x smaller (15,646/184,974 \approx 0.1). A similar pattern holds for New Zealand, where both domestic barcodes and firm counts are roughly 3x higher than in Ireland. Evidently, the surviving firms in these small and very open countries have more product varieties per firm, on average, than in a large and less-open country like the United States (as suggested by the theoretical results in Feenstra and Ma, 2009).

| G . i | Food & | Clothing & | Furnishing & | 11 14 | | Recreation & | Other goods & |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sector | beverages | Tootwear | household eq. | Health | Transportation | culture | services |
| COICOP | 01-02 | 03 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 09 | 12 |
| Australia | 18,315 | 7,954 | 10,152 | 926 | 3,947 | 21,352 | 836 |
| Austria | 5,416 | 3,316 | 5,841 | 315 | 725 | 3,096 | 199 |
| Belgium | 15,361 | 6,910 | 7,274 | 2,040 | 1,326 | 14,775 | 395 |
| Brazil | 31,524 | 30,127 | 29,188 | 2,271 | 5,616 | 38,407 | 3,689 |
| Bulgaria | 12,144 | 10,692 | 4,652 | 90 | 184 | 2,679 | 810 |
| Canada | 5,595 | 3,458 | 10,927 | 1,071 | 1,822 | 14,037 | 1,207 |
| Chile | 3,676 | 1,290 | 1,153 | 58 | 97 | 1,369 | 118 |
| China | 61,415 | 56,998 | 47,803 | 6,684 | 19,681 | 74,328 | 15,590 |
| Croatia | 4,165 | 2,332 | 1,969 | 66 | 161 | 2,584 | 321 |
| Cyprus | 784 | 280 | 323 | 13 | 45 | 264 | 37 |
| Czechia | 21,975 | 23,053 | 36,497 | 111 | 1,078 | 13,023 | 441 |
| Denmark | 2,330 | 804 | 1,491 | 155 | 163 | 1,545 | 140 |
| Estonia | 1,262 | 1,700 | 1,373 | 27 | 105 | 995 | 90 |
| Finland | 3,534 | 5,199 | 3,207 | 75 | 445 | 4,062 | 218 |
| France | 28,419 | 5,561 | 7,384 | 447 | 1,649 | 10,800 | 1,024 |
| Germany | 19,856 | 5,191 | 17,666 | 1.776 | 2,991 | 26,788 | 1,793 |
| Greece | 2,503 | 992 | 769 | 130 | 56 | 873 | 284 |
| Hungary | 8.518 | 5.910 | 5,717 | 153 | 653 | 6.841 | 1.672 |
| India | 15,945 | 11.074 | 6.927 | 9.829 | 3.242 | 9.224 | 1.437 |
| Indonesia | 1 717 | 1 425 | 1 404 | 376 | 471 | 2,647 | 373 |
| Ireland | 1,608 | 436 | 869 | 237 | 209 | 1,635 | 51 |
| Italy | 45 299 | 62 181 | 27 315 | 719 | 2 690 | 21.045 | 2 918 |
| Ianan | 21,175 | 5 714 | 11 724 | 698 | 4 040 | 18 549 | 4 094 |
| Korea | 16 679 | 8 928 | 11,724 | 1 1 5 5 | 10 147 | 27 288 | 3 511 |
| Latvia | 1 300 | 1 203 | 1 110 | 1,155 | 74 | 27,200 | 113 |
| Latvia | 1,300 | 1,203 | 1,119 | | 59 | 632 | 120 |
| Luuuama | 1,305 | 1,1/1 | 1,403 | 10 | 20 | 162 | 129 |
| Malta | 229 | 39 | 80 | 10 | 20 | 102 | 7 |
| Mariaa | 90 | 6247 | 5.047 | 23 | 2 259 | 5 264 | 1.520 |
| Mexico Nationales de | 9,914 | 5,100 | 3,947 | /93 | 2,558 | 3,304 | 1,330 |
| Netherlands | 8,173 | 5,196 | 11,810 | 428 | 927 | 7,599 | 401 |
| New Zealand | 5,079 | 1,001 | 1,477 | 245 | 507 | 2,170 | 112 |
| Norway | 3,605 | 3,548 | 2,554 | 69 | 170 | 2,753 | 77 |
| Poland | 14,740 | 13,183 | 15,117 | 498 | 1,505 | 10,034 | 2,490 |
| Portugal | 8,477 | 8,875 | 4,911 | 178 | 551 | 2,781 | 434 |
| Romania | 18,805 | 12,261 | 7,706 | 158 | 532 | 4,338 | 1,003 |
| Russia | 60,918 | 50,262 | 49,429 | 1,162 | 2,074 | 29,265 | 2,777 |
| Slovakia | 4,525 | 4,763 | 4,859 | 36 | 522 | 3,537 | 307 |
| Slovenia | 3,075 | 1,397 | 2,175 | 38 | 230 | 2,028 | 187 |
| South Africa | 17,921 | 4,269 | 4,941 | 788 | 707 | 7,579 | 1,293 |
| Spain | 21,845 | 12,811 | 12,563 | 510 | 1,881 | 14,150 | 1,210 |
| Sweden | 2,681 | 699 | 2,502 | 160 | 657 | 2,896 | 188 |
| Switzerland | 5,920 | 2,945 | 2,867 | 544 | 317 | 6,150 | 186 |
| Taiwan | 7,768 | 3,903 | 12,912 | 459 | 1,650 | 15,698 | 2,236 |
| Turkey | 13,550 | 17,559 | 18,552 | 838 | 3,023 | 11,165 | 1,553 |
| United Kingdom | 22,919 | 13,892 | 18,259 | 1,704 | 4,786 | 26,748 | 2,816 |
| United States | 56,689 | 28,022 | 95,313 | 10,917 | 19,661 | 140,302 | 9,063 |

Appendix Table A1. Orbis Firm Counts in 46 Countries

| | Food & | Clothing & | Furnishing & | Recreation & | Other goods & |
|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sector | beverages | footwear | household eq. | culture | services |
| COICOP | 01-02 | 03 | 05 | 09 | 12 |
| Australia | 9,738 | 64,319 | 11,513 | 29,217 | 3,205 |
| Brazil | 7,721 | 11,493 | 133,418 | 70,128 | 14,844 |
| Canada | 13,502 | 17,224 | 38,401 | 30,910 | 9,969 |
| Chile | 3,680 | 16,205 | 25,516 | 6,810 | 8,911 |
| China | 22,123 | 87,193 | 59,736 | 23,065 | 19,662 |
| Colombia | 5,707 | 15,975 | 13,003 | 5,694 | 3,515 |
| Germany | 15,860 | 26,219 | 87,676 | 98,334 | 22,678 |
| Spain | 12,741 | 60,832 | 43,763 | 35,568 | 23,077 |
| France | 11,235 | 26,766 | 183,281 | 23,793 | 3,782 |
| United Kingdom | 11,996 | 39,254 | 26,142 | 19,880 | 13,237 |
| Greece | 4,454 | 7,236 | 30,092 | 11,678 | 5,989 |
| India | 4,039 | 38,675 | 4,091 | 2,019 | 1,614 |
| Ireland | 9,162 | 8,896 | 11,389 | 3,005 | 7,636 |
| Italy | 7,819 | 13,434 | 41,214 | 14,348 | 3,248 |
| Japan | 16,163 | 136,015 | 160,810 | 165,692 | 85,293 |
| Korea | 41,641 | 47,999 | 95,512 | 42,891 | 26,467 |
| Mexico | 7,789 | 17,137 | 17,269 | 7,275 | 7,626 |
| Netherlands | 12,038 | 38,104 | 42,526 | 17,533 | 12,634 |
| New Zealand | 7,006 | 11,613 | 26,341 | 20,800 | 8,591 |
| Poland | 7,927 | 1,221 | 19,268 | 28,590 | 3,784 |
| Russia | 7,821 | 13,755 | 38,533 | 21,049 | 3,567 |
| Turkey | 6,753 | 37,719 | 32,532 | 8,910 | 11,244 |
| United States | 22,386 | 57,305 | 185,983 | 80,598 | 29,671 |
| South Africa | 9,493 | 4,901 | 10,182 | 14,152 | 11,150 |

Appendix Table A2. BPP Barcode Counts by Sector in 24 Countries

| | | | | Mobile Phone | Data Collection | n | Online Scraped Data | | | | Scanner Data | |
|---------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | Share | Share | | | | · |
| | | | | | | | Domestic | Barcode | Domestic | Imported | Domestic | Share Domestic |
| Country | Туре | Workers | Retailers | Barcodes | Domestic | Imported | Barcode | Online | Online | Online | Online | (Nielsen) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUS | Food | 1 | 2 | 482 | 294 | 188 | 0.61 | 14,829 | 11,249 | 3,580 | 0.76 | |
| BRA | Food | 4 | 4 | 478 | 430 | 48 | 0.90 | 12,293 | 10,392 | 1,901 | 0.85 | |
| CAN | Food | 1 | 2 | 408 | 230 | 178 | 0.56 | | | | | |
| CHN | Food | 2 | 2 | 517 | 397 | 120 | 0.77 | 21,843 | 17,932 | 3,911 | 0.82 | |
| DEU | Food | 2 | 3 | 513 | 448 | 65 | 0.87 | 26,808 | 21,157 | 5,651 | 0.79 | |
| ESP | Food | 4 | 5 | 419 | 280 | 139 | 0.67 | | | | | |
| FRA | Food | 4 | 7 | 472 | 392 | 80 | 0.83 | | | | | |
| GBR | Food | 3 | 5 | 547 | 426 | 121 | 0.78 | | | | | |
| GRC | Food | 3 | 6 | 585 | 475 | 110 | 0.81 | | | | | |
| IND | Food | 3 | 4 | 206 | 204 | 2 | 0.99 | | | | | |
| IRL | Food | 3 | 4 | 423 | 268 | 155 | 0.63 | 9,219 | 5,926 | 3,293 | 0.64 | |
| ITA | Food | 4 | 3 | 420 | 374 | 46 | 0.89 | 7,881 | 6,620 | 1,261 | 0.84 | |
| JPN | Food | 1 | 8 | 508 | 447 | 61 | 0.88 | | | | | |
| MEX | Food | 4 | 7 | 346 | 276 | 70 | 0.80 | | | | | |
| NLD | Food | 1 | 5 | 501 | 337 | 164 | 0.67 | 5,593 | 1,891 | 3,702 | 0.34 | |
| POL | Food | 1 | 2 | 384 | 205 | 179 | 0.53 | | | | | |
| RUS | Food | 3 | 3 | 533 | 377 | 156 | 0.71 | 21,900 | 12,538 | 9,362 | 0.57 | |
| TUR | Food | 2 | 3 | 513 | 402 | 111 | 0.78 | , | · | , | | |
| USA | Food | 3 | 3 | 509 | 454 | 55 | 0.89 | 23.259 | 21.035 | 2,224 | 0.90 | 0.86 |
| AUS | Electronics | 1 | 6 | 1035 | 15 | 1020 | 0.01 | 4,474 | 92 | 4.382 | 0.02 | |
| BRA | Electronics | 4 | 7 | 487 | 235 | 252 | 0.48 | ., | | ., | | |
| CAN | Electronics | 1 | 3 | 435 | 44 | 391 | 0.10 | | | | | |
| CHN | Electronics | 1 | 3 | 516 | 510 | 6 | 0.99 | | | | | |
| DEU | Electronics | 3 | 7 | 502 | 162 | 340 | 0.32 | | | | | |
| ESP | Electronics | 4 | 5 | 382 | 78 | 304 | 0.20 | | | | | |
| FRA | Electronics | 3 | 5 | 502 | 53 | 449 | 0.11 | | | | | |
| GBR | Electronics | 1 | 2 | 308 | 60 | 248 | 0.19 | | | | | |
| GRC | Electronics | 3 | 3 | 411 | 52 | 359 | 0.13 | | | | | |
| IRL | Electronics | 3 | 2 | 150 | 20 | 130 | 0.13 | | | | | |
| IPN | Electronics | 1 | 4 | 420 | <u> </u> | 354 | 0.16 | | | | | |
| MEX | Electronics | 3 | 8 | 428 | 46 | 382 | 0.11 | | | | | |
| NLD | Electronics | 1 | 1 | 505 | 89 | 416 | 0.18 | | | | | |
| POI | Electronics | 3 | 3 | 467 | 158 | 309 | 0.10 | | | | | |
| RUS | Electronics | 2 | 3 | 301 | 42 | 349 | 0.11 | | | | | |
| TUR | Electronics | 5 | 7 | 445 | 168 | 277 | 0.38 | | | | | |
| USA | Electronics | 4 | 6 | 410 | 97 | 313 | 0.30 | 6 596 | 2,477 | 4 1 1 9 | 0.38 | |

Appendix Table A3. Offline and Online Data Collection for Estimating the Share of Domestic Barcodes

Notes: This Table shows details for the crowdsourcing data collection to estimate the share of domestic varieties in Food and Electronics. The first columns show the number of workers (freelancers hired), the number of retailers they visited, the number of barcodes they collected, and whether the products were domestically produced or imported. If the product packaging showed a foreign country of origin, the barcode was classified as foreign. The share of domestic barcodes is computed as domestic barcodes over total barcodes. The columns labelled "Online Scraped Data" show details on a complementary data collection carried out online, in a single retailer per sector and country, but with the advantage of much large product samples. The last column shows a similar domestic share estimate computed for Food in the US using Nielsen's scanner data.

| | | | | | Food & Beverages | | Recreati | on & Culture |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | Orbis Firm | Orbis Firm | # Barcodes | #Domestic | | | (Ele | ectronics) |
| Country | Count | Count | (5 Sectors, | Barcodes | # Barcodes | Share Domestic | # Barcodes | Share Domestic |
| | (7 Sectors) | (5 sectors) | total N) | (5 Sectors, M) | (N) | Barcodes (B) | (N) | Barcodes (B) |
| Australia | 63,482 | 58,609 | 117,992 | 41,134 | 9,738 | 0.61 | 29,217 | 0.01 |
| Brazil | 140,822 | 132,935 | 237,604 | 189,268 | 7,721 | 0.90 | 70,128 | 0.48 |
| Canada | 38,117 | 35,224 | 110,006 | 33,155 | 13,502 | 0.56 | 30,910 | 0.10 |
| Chile | 8,253 | 7,606 | 61,122 | 28,418 | 3,680 | - | 6,810 | - |
| China | 282,499 | 256,134 | 211,779 | 188,952 | 22,123 | 0.77 | 23,065 | 0.99 |
| France | 55,284 | 53,188 | 248,857 | 82,430 | 11,235 | 0.83 | 23,793 | 0.11 |
| Germany | 76,061 | 71,294 | 250,767 | 102,415 | 15,860 | 0.87 | 98,334 | 0.32 |
| Greece | 5,607 | 5,421 | 59,449 | 26,479 | 4,454 | 0.81 | 11,678 | 0.13 |
| India | 57,678 | 44,607 | 50,438 | 48,302 | 4,039 | 0.99 | 2,019 | - |
| Ireland | 5,045 | 2,991 | 40,088 | 15,646 | 9,162 | 0.63 | 3,005 | - |
| Italy | 162,167 | 158,758 | 80,063 | 41,924 | 7,819 | 0.89 | 14,348 | 0.13 |
| Japan | 65,994 | 61,256 | 563,973 | 266,783 | 16,163 | 0.88 | 165,692 | 0.16 |
| Korea | 78,893 | 67,591 | 254,510 | 180,931 | 41,641 | - | 42,891 | - |
| Mexico | 32,253 | 29,102 | 57,096 | 34,117 | 7,789 | 0.80 | 7,275 | 0.11 |
| Netherlands | 34,534 | 33,179 | 122,835 | 19,518 | 12,038 | 0.67 | 17,533 | 0.18 |
| New Zealand | 11,460 | 9,839 | 74,351 | 43,301 | 7,006 | - | 20,800 | - |
| Poland | 57,567 | 55,564 | 60,790 | 27,291 | 7,927 | 0.53 | 28,590 | 0.34 |
| Russia | 195,887 | 192,651 | 84,725 | 43,652 | 7,821 | 0.71 | 21,049 | 0.11 |
| South Africa | 45,695 | 36,003 | 49,878 | 35,499 | 9,493 | - | 14,152 | - |
| Spain | 64,970 | 62,579 | 175,981 | 72,612 | 12,741 | 0.67 | 35,568 | 0.20 |
| Turkey | 66,240 | 62,379 | 97,158 | 73,148 | 6,753 | 0.78 | 8,910 | 0.38 |
| United King. | 91,124 | 84,634 | 110,509 | 29,924 | 11,996 | 0.78 | 19,880 | 0.19 |
| United States | 359.967 | 329.389 | 375 943 | 184 974 | 22 386 | 0.89 | 80 598 | 0.24 |

Table A4: Number of Firms and Domestic Varieties

Notes: This table compares the firm and barcode counts by country. The second column shows the total count of firms from the Orbis database for 7 sectors of tradable goods (see Table 1). The third and fourth columns restrict the sample to 5 sectors (excluding Health and Transportation) where there we have both Orbis firm counts, and barcode counts from the Billion Price Project. These variables are plotted again country populations in Figure 1 in the main text. Also shown here are the domestic barcode shares collected for Food & Beverages and for Recreation & Culture (mainly Electronics).

A.4 Additional Figures

Results using Firm Counts and Barcode Counts Separately

Figure A2 shows the estimates of the cost of living for 46 countries based on the firm count data. The variety effect increases the cost of living in all countries relative to the United States, which has nearly the greatest variety. As a result, most countries have a greater cost of living relative to the US than indicated by their relative consumption prices (second panel). Only Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom (GBR) have a cost of living relative to the US that is lower than their traded consumption price level. A group of



Figure A2. Cost of living versus the traded consumption price level – firm count data

Notes: The left-hand figure plots $\ln CoL^{Ti}$ versus $\ln PC_c^{Ti}$ for the 46 countries in our analysis with firm count data, with $\ln CoL^{Ti}$ as defined in equation (14) and $\ln PC_c^{Ti}$ computed as the price level of traded consumption, with PC^{Ti} and CoL^{Ti} normalized to USA=1. The right-hand figure plots $\ln(CoL^{Ti}/PC^{Ti})$ versus $\ln PC^{Ti}$. Countries in blue are covered by both firm count data and barcode data, while observations in red are only in the firm count data.

other countries have relative costs of living that are insignificantly different from their relative consumption prices, based on the 95% confidence intervals for the cost of living shown in the second panel. This group includes Russia and several countries in Europe: Austria, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, and Germany.

Figure A3 shows the results based on the barcode data for the 24 countries with available data. Here, too, most countries have a higher cost of living relative to the US than their consumption price level, with only France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom at a lower level. Figure A4 shows the ratio of theory-based real consumption calculated using firm count data for all 46 countries to actual real consumption using ICP prices. A difference between Figure A4 and Figure 7 (which uses mixed barcode and firm counts) occurs for Russia,



Figure A3. Cost of Living versus the Traded Consumption Price Level – barcode data

Notes: The left-hand figure plots $\ln CoL^{Ti}$ versus $\ln PC_c^{Ti}$ for the 23 countries in our analysis with barcode data, with $\ln CoL^{Ti}$ as defined in equation (14) and $\ln PC_c^{Ti}$ computed as the price level of traded consumption, with PC^{Ti} and CoL^{Ti} normalized to USA=1. The right-hand figure plots $\ln(CoL^{Ti}/PC^{Ti})$ versus $\ln PC^{Ti}$.

Figure A4. Ratio of theory-based real consumption to actual real consumption using ICP prices, versus actual real consumption – firm count data



Notes: The left-hand figure plots the log of the ratio of theory-based real consumption (using firm counts) to actual real consumption (based on ICP prices), against log real consumption, for 43 countries in our sample. The right-hand panel plots the log of ratio of welfare from Jones and Klenow (2016) to actual real consumption (based on ICP prices), against log real consumption, for the matching 43 countries in their sample.

which has welfare comparable to real consumption in Figure A4 using firm counts, but lower welfare in Figure 7 using barcode counts.

Results using Low Parameter Estimates:

In Appendix Figures A5, A6 and A7, we re-compute Figures 5, 6 and 7 but using low parameter estimates (σ , θ) = (3.9, 5.1). We find that Figures A5, A6 and A7 have a very similar qualitative pattern to Figures 5, 6 and 7, but with values on the vertical axis (and the horizontal axis for Figure A5) that are roughly 1.5–2 times greater than those in Figures 5, 6 and 7, which used the higher parameter values (σ , θ) = (6.5, 8.3).







Figure A6. Cost of living versus the traded consumption price level, low parameter values

Notes: See notes to Figure 6, which uses the high parameter estimates $(\sigma, \theta) = (6.5, 8.3)$ to obtain the cost of living. This Appendix Figure A6 uses the low estimates $(\sigma, \theta) = (3.9, 5.1)$.

Figure A7. Ratio of theory-based real consumption to real consumption using ICP prices, versus real consumption – firm count data



Notes: See notes to Figure 7, which uses the high parameter estimates $(\sigma, \theta) = (6.5, 8.3)$ to obtain the theory-based real consumption. This Appendix Figure A7 uses the low estimates $(\sigma, \theta) = (3.9, 5.1)$.

A.5 Decomposition of Results

In Appendix Tables A5 and A6, we show the log values of the terms in (16) to provide a decomposition of the ratio of the cost of living to the consumption price. Table A5 uses the firm counts, and Table A6 use the barcode counts.

| Trade costs andInverseSecterms of tradeopennessVarietySI | toral are 034 |
|--|---------------------|
| | 034 |
| India IND 0.466 0.586 0.229 0.000 0.047 0.206 -0. | |
| [0.203, 0.269] 	[0.181, 0.247] | |
| Taiwan TWN 0.682 0.824 0.189 -0.011 -0.009 0.182 0. |)27 |
| [0.152, 0.248] $[0.146, 0.241]$ | |
| Indonesia IDN 0.727 1.047 0.364 0.024 0.017 0.350 -0. | 026 |
| [0.304, 0.462] 		 [0.289, 0.447] | |
| China CHN 0.813 0.867 0.065 -0.007 0.041 0.068 -0. | 037 |
| [0.064, 0.067] 	[0.067, 0.070] | |
| Russia RUS 0.838 0.847 0.010 -0.039 0.003 0.078 -0. | 031 |
| [-0.004, 0.032] [0.064, 0.100] | |
| Mexico MEX 0.859 1.046 0.197 0.002 0.012 0.215 -0. | 033 |
| [0.160, 0.256] 	[0.178, 0.274] | |
| Poland POL 0.874 0.978 0.112 0.038 -0.032 0.123 -0. | 017 |
| [0.080, 0.164] [0.091, 0.175] | |
| Bulgaria BGR 0.909 1.174 0.256 0.054 -0.022 0.238 -0. | 014 |
| [0.205, 0.338] [0.187, 0.320] | |
| Turkey TUR 0.911 1.062 0.153 -0.004 0.016 0.176 -0.016 | 035 |
| [0.125, 0.200] 	[0.148, 0.222] | |
| Romania ROU 0.927 1.158 0.222 0.024 -0.006 0.208 -0. | 004 |
| [0.181, 0.288] 	[0.167, 0.274] | |
| South Africa ZAF 0.942 1.221 0.249 0.045 0.008 0.215 -0. | 008 |
| [0.221, 0.321] 	[0.177, 0.276] | |
| Hungary HUN 0.965 0.960 -0.005 0.049 -0.109 0.076 -0. | 021 |
| [-0.050, 0.068] [0.031, 0.149] | |
| United States USA 1.000 1.000 0.000 | 000 |
| Lithuania LTU 1.003 1.420 0.347 0.034 0.035 0.365 0 | 017 |
| $\begin{bmatrix} 0.269 & 0.473 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.286 & 0.491 \end{bmatrix}$ | 017 |
| $\begin{bmatrix} [0.205, 0.475] \\ [0.205, 0.475] \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} [0.205, 0.475] \\ [0.205, 0.475] \\ \end{bmatrix}$ | 005 |
| [0.099, 0.242] [0.125, 0.054] = 0.075 = 0.100 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000 = 0.00000000 | 005 |
| $\begin{bmatrix} 0.077, 0.242 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0.125, 0.200 \end{bmatrix}$ | 003 |
| $\begin{bmatrix} -0.040 & 0.0461 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.050 & 0.055 & -0.057 \\ \hline 0.021 & -0.057 & -0.057 & -0.057 \\ \hline 0.021 & -0.057 & -0.057 $ | 005 |
| $\begin{bmatrix} -0.040, 0.040 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0.022, 0.100 \end{bmatrix}$ | 019 |
| [0.187. 0.348] [0.207 0.207 -0.072 0.207 -0. | 017 |

Appendix Table A5. Traded consumption prices, the cost of living and a decomposition, Orbis firm counts

| Country | ISO-code | РС | CoL | ln(CoL/PC) | Due to: | | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | Trade costs and terms of trade | Inverse openness | Variety | Sectoral Share |
| Chile | CHL | 1.061 | 1.598 | 0.409 | 0.108 | -0.031 | 0.318 | 0.014 |
| | | | | [0.341, 0.519] | | | [0.249, 0.428] | |
| Estonia | EST | 1.068 | 1.258 | 0.164 | 0.052 | -0.119 | 0.222 | 0.010 |
| | | | | [0.089, 0.285] | | | [0.146, 0.343] | |
| Latvia | LVA | 1.074 | 1.295 | 0.187 | 0.047 | -0.106 | 0.245 | 0.002 |
| | | | | [0.111, 0.309] | | | [0.169, 0.367] | |
| Spain | ESP | 1.118 | 1.273 | 0.129 | 0.027 | -0.011 | 0.142 | -0.028 |
| - | | | | [0.100, 0.177] | | | [0.112, 0.190] | |
| South Korea | KOR | 1.127 | 1.357 | 0.186 | 0.015 | 0.019 | 0.150 | 0.002 |
| | | | | [0.163, 0.222] | | | [0.127, 0.186] | |
| Slovenia | SVN | 1.130 | 1.398 | 0.213 | 0.046 | -0.064 | 0.250 | -0.019 |
| | | | | [0.148, 0.318] | | | [0.185, 0.355] | |
| United Kingdom | GBR | 1.153 | 1.086 | -0.060 | 0.013 | -0.067 | 0.012 | -0.019 |
| - | | | | [-0.082, 0.025] | | | [-0.008, 0.048] | |
| Portugal | PRT | 1.172 | 1.450 | 0.213 | 0.052 | -0.029 | 0.212 | -0.022 |
| - | | | | [0.165, 0.290] | | | [0.164, 0.290] | |
| Greece | GRC | 1.221 | 1.830 | 0.405 | 0.075 | -0.011 | 0.364 | -0.024 |
| | | | | [0.333, 0.520] | | | [0.293, 0.480] | |
| Netherlands | NLD | 1.232 | 0.855 | -0.366 | 0.023 | -0.243 | -0.142 | -0.004 |
| | | | | [-0.408, -0.298] | | | [-0.184, -0.074] | |
| Luxembourg | LUX | 1.236 | 1.146 | -0.076 | 0.045 | -0.274 | 0.170 | -0.018 |
| C | | | | [-0.185, 0.100] | | | [0.061, 0.346] | |
| Germany | DEU | 1.238 | 1.310 | 0.056 | 0.016 | -0.041 | 0.078 | 0.003 |
| • | | | | [0.030, 0.098] | | | [0.052, 0.120] | |
| Malta | MLT | 1.240 | 2.107 | 0.530 | 0.091 | -0.076 | 0.525 | -0.010 |
| | | | | [0.410, 0.723] | | | [0.405, 0.718] | |
| Cyprus | СҮР | 1.252 | 2.034 | 0.485 | 0.111 | -0.052 | 0.410 | 0.017 |
| •• | | | | [0.394, 0.632] | | | [0.318, 0.557] | |
| France | FRA | 1.264 | 1.251 | -0.010 | 0.016 | -0.072 | 0.066 | -0.020 |
| | | | | [-0.043, 0.043] | | | [0.033, 0.119] | |
| Belgium | BEL | 1.269 | 1.063 | -0.177 | 0.043 | -0.152 | -0.049 | -0.019 |
| C | | | | [-0.211, 0.123] | | | [-0.083, 0.005] | |
| Italy | ITA | 1.271 | 1.395 | 0.093 | 0.027 | -0.001 | 0.094 | -0.027 |
| - | | | | [0.076, 0.122] | | | [0.076, 0.123] | |
| Austria | AUT | 1.283 | 1.303 | 0.015 | 0.023 | -0.109 | 0.106 | -0.005 |
| | | | | [-0.035, 0.097] | | | [0.055, 0.187] | |

| Country | ISO-code | РС | CoL | ln(CoL/PC) | Due to: | | | |
|-------------|----------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | Trade costs and terms of trade | Inverse openness | Variety | Sectoral Share |
| New Zealand | NZL | 1.303 | 1.836 | 0.343 | 0.023 | -0.008 | 0.299 | 0.029 |
| | | | | [0.284, 0.436] | | | [0.240, 0.392] | |
| Brazil | BRA | 1.317 | 1.596 | 0.192 | 0.030 | 0.044 | 0.149 | -0.031 |
| | | | | [0.176, 0.217] | | | [0.133, 0.174] | |
| Canada | CAN | 1.389 | 1.497 | 0.075 | 0.036 | -0.062 | 0.111 | -0.010 |
| | | | | [0.037, 0.136] | | | [0.072, 0.172] | |
| Ireland | IRL | 1.392 | 1.844 | 0.282 | 0.048 | -0.077 | 0.259 | 0.051 |
| | | | | [0.211, 0.395] | | | [0.189, 373] | |
| Finland | FIN | 1.393 | 1.806 | 0.259 | 0.054 | -0.047 | 0.226 | 0.026 |
| | | | | [0.203, 0.349] | | | [0.170, 0.316] | |
| Sweden | SWE | 1.424 | 1.675 | 0.162 | 0.032 | -0.084 | 0.190 | 0.024 |
| | | | | [0.103, 0.258] | | | [0.131, 0.286] | |
| Japan | JPN | 1.474 | 1.783 | 0.190 | 0.022 | 0.015 | 0.168 | -0.015 |
| | | | | [0.163, 0.234] | | | [0.141, 0.212] | |
| Australia | AUS | 1.475 | 1.671 | 0.125 | 0.067 | -0.033 | 0.101 | -0.011 |
| | | | | [0.096, 0.170] | | | [0.073, 0.147] | |
| Switzerland | CHE | 1.578 | 1.744 | 0.100 | 0.059 | -0.100 | 0.123 | 0.018 |
| | | | | [0.049, 0.183] | | | [0.072, 0.206] | |
| Denmark | DNK | 1.597 | 1.296 | -0.209 | 0.036 | -0.245 | -0.009 | 0.008 |
| | | | | [-0.277, -0.100] | | | [-0.077, 0.100] | |
| Norway | NOR | 1.865 | 2.410 | 0.257 | 0.086 | -0.071 | 0.225 | 0.016 |
| | | | | [0.194, 0.357] | | | [0.163, 0.325] | |

Notes: Decomposition by showing the natural log values of the terms in (16), when using approximately the square root of the firm counts to measure product variety. The terms in brackets appearing underneath the variety effect shown the 95% confidence interval on this effect, by varying the square root exponent on the firm count according to its 95% confidence interval. Likewise, the total effect on $\ln(CoL/PC)$ is computed according to these confidence intervals. All variables are measured relative to their values for the United States.

| Country | ISO-code | РС | CoL | ln(CoL/PC) | Due to: | - | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|-------|------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | | | | | Trade costs and terms of trade | Inverse | Variety | Sectoral Share |
| India | IND | 0.466 | 0.616 | 0.278 | 0.000 | 0.047 | 0.256 | -0.025 |
| China | CHN | 0.813 | 0.838 | 0.309 | -0.007 | 0.041 | 0.034 | -0.037 |
| Russia | RUS | 0.838 | 0.967 | 0.143 | -0.039 | 0.003 | 0.211 | 0.032 |
| Mexico | MEX | 0.859 | 0.997 | 0.149 | 0.002 | 0.012 | 0.167 | -0.033 |
| Poland | POL | 0.874 | 1.035 | 0.169 | 0.038 | -0.032 | 0.180 | -0.017 |
| Turkey | TUR | 0.911 | 1.073 | 0.163 | -0.004 | 0.016 | 0.187 | -0.035 |
| South Africa | ZAF | 0.942 | 1.147 | 0.197 | 0.045 | 0.008 | 0.152 | -0.008 |
| Colombia | COL | 0.954 | 1.164 | 0.199 | 0.048 | 0.019 | 0.134 | -0.002 |
| United States | USA | 1.000 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Chile | CHL | 1.061 | 1.388 | 0.268 | 0.108 | -0.031 | 0.177 | 0.014 |
| Spain | ESP | 1.118 | 1.187 | 0.059 | 0.027 | -0.011 | 0.072 | -0.028 |
| South Korea | KOR | 1.127 | 1.138 | 0.010 | 0.015 | 0.019 | -0.026 | 0.002 |
| United Kingdom | GBR | 1.153 | 1.142 | -0.010 | 0.013 | -0.067 | 0.063 | -0.019 |
| Greece | GRC | 1.221 | 1.621 | 0.284 | 0.075 | -0.011 | 0.243 | -0.024 |
| Netherlands | NLD | 1.232 | 0.970 | -0.239 | 0.023 | -0.243 | -0.015 | -0.004 |
| Germany | DEU | 1.238 | 1.182 | -0.046 | 0.016 | -0.041 | -0.025 | 0.003 |
| France | FRA | 1.264 | 1.246 | -0.014 | 0.016 | -0.072 | 0.062 | -0.020 |
| Italy | ITA | 1.271 | 1.518 | 0.178 | 0.027 | -0.001 | 0.178 | -0.027 |
| New Zealand | NZL | 1.303 | 1.548 | 0.172 | 0.023 | -0.008 | 0.128 | 0.029 |
| Brazil | BRA | 1.317 | 1.527 | 0.148 | 0.030 | 0.044 | 0.105 | -0.031 |
| Canada | CAN | 1.389 | 1.470 | 0.057 | 0.036 | -0.062 | 0.092 | -0.010 |
| Ireland | IRL | 1.392 | 1.614 | 0.148 | 0.048 | -0.077 | 0.126 | 0.051 |
| Japan | JPN | 1.474 | 1.495 | 0.014 | 0.022 | 0.015 | -0.009 | -0.015 |
| Australia | AUS | 1.475 | 1.677 | 0.129 | 0.067 | -0.033 | 0.105 | -0.011 |

Appendix Table A6. Traded consumption prices, the cost of living and a decomposition, BPP barcode counts

Notes: Decomposition by showing the natural log values of the terms in (16), when using barcode counts to measure product variety. All variables are measured relative to their values for the United States.

A.6 Test of Assumption 1

Using the result in (13), we can begin to test whether Assumption 1 holds using additional data. Specifically, equation (13) tells us that when aggregated across sectors using the Sato-Vartia weights, the "overall" measure of product variety reflects country populations and the weighted-average fixed costs of production. Given that we have the data on "overall" product variety and population, we readily construct those fixed costs of production from (13).

Assumption 1 states that the fixed costs of production are proportional to the fixed costs of entry. Those fixed costs are not easily identified from our model, and we do not have any data to measure those fixed costs with accuracy. But we can use the "costs of doing business" from the World Bank as one way to infer these costs. These data provide a ranking of countries according to the ease of business regulations and enforcement of property rights. In 2011, for example, Singapore ranked 1st among 183 countries, the United States ranked 5th, China ranked 79th, Russia ranked 123rd, and India ranked 135th (World Bank, 2010). The higher rank numbers indicate greater cost of doing business, or higher fixed costs of entry. We compute the Spearman rank correlation of those numbers with the fixed costs of production from (13), using either Orbis firm counts or BPP barcode counts to infer domestic variety. We find rank correlations with costs of doing business of 0.32 (p=0.032) for the 45 countries where the square root of Orbis firm count data is used, and 0.57 (p=0.004) for the 24 countries for which BPP barcode counts are used. These rank correlations give us an indication that Assumption 1 is satisfied in the weak sense that the fixed costs of production are significantly correlated with the fixed costs of entry, as measured by the costs of doing business. Further data would be needed to test Assumption 1 more fully or modify it.

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