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In the Norwegian planning models developed by the Central Bureau of Statistics the bulk of imports is determined by means of an import share matrix of constant coefficients with exogenous adjustments. The model presented in this paper generalizes that approach by making each element of the import share matrix a function of the relative prices of imports and the competing domestic products. This makes it possible to take explicitely into consideration the effect that changing prices of domestically produced and imported inputs have on the import shares and on the volume of imports. We also estimate the import price elasticities of selected sectors and commodities using data from the national accounts for the years 1949-1969.

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## FORORD

De norske planleggingsmodellene MODIS og MSG bruker en importandelsmatrise for à bestemme importnivået. Elementene i denne matrisen er, med unntak av mulige eksogene endringer, antatt konstante. Modellen som presenteres i denne rapporten generaliserer denne framgangsmáten ved at hvert element i importandelsmatrisen er en funksjon av forholdet mellom importprisen og prisen på konkurrerende hjemmeproduserte varer. Dette gjor det mulig à analysere virkningen av det endrede relative prisforholdet på importandeler og på importvolumet. Vi har også estimert importpriselastisiteten for utvalgte varer og sektorer pá grunnlag av nasjonalregnskapet for 1949-1969.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we develop a model for the demand for imports for Norway by explicitly representing the demand for imports of the individual sectors of the economy for each commodity. ${ }^{1)}$ The demand for imports by the country as a whole will then be the sum of the demand of the individual sectors. The present analysis is limited to the production sectors, but the approach is also meant to be valid for the final demand sectors. And obviously, all sectors must be included for a national demand function to result. A few sectoral import demand functions are estimated in the latter part of the paper.

In econometric models, the usual procedure for determining $x_{i}^{B}$, the import of commodity $i$, is to relate it to the macroeconomic activity $y$ and/or the total demand $x_{i}$ of the $i$ 'th commodity, to the relative price $p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}$, where $p_{i}^{A}$ and $p_{i}^{B}$ are the prices of domestically produced and imported commodity $i$ respectively, and possible other variables $z .{ }^{2}$ ) This gives a set of commodity import demand functions of the form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i}^{B}=f^{i}\left(y, x_{i}, p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}, z\right) . \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
i=1, \ldots, n
$$

The reader should be advised that the functional representations in this introduction is only intended as a concise representation of the verbal argument; no rigorous analysis is intended and all necessary symbols will be reintroduced in the main part of the paper. The approach (1.1) ignores the fact that it is the level of activity $y_{k}$ in each sector $k$ rather than some macroeconomic measure of economic activity which determines the import $x_{i k}^{B}$ of commodity $i$ to sector $k$. Relative prices may also differ between sectors, as may the set of "other" factors and the parameters of the demand functions. A sector's demand for the import of commodity i may be written:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i k}^{B}=f^{i k}\left(y_{k}, x_{i k}, p_{i k}^{A} / p_{i k}^{B}, z_{k}\right), \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

while total import is the sum of the import to the individual sectors:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i}^{B}=\sum_{k} x_{i k}^{B} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Input-output analysis has utilized both of these approaches, either by specifying an import share vector $\mathrm{m}^{B}$ thereby giving the import vector:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{B}=\hat{m}^{B} A y, \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $A$ is the input-output matrix and $y$ the vector of gross output, or alternatively by formulating an import share matrix $M^{B}$. In the latter case the import demand vector is given by: ${ }^{3)}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{B}=\left(M^{B} \circ A\right) y \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The latter approach is currently used in the Norwegian planning models MODIS AND MSG. ${ }^{4)}$ But neither (1.4) nor (1.5) allows for substitution between domestically produced and imported inputs, for example as a consequence of changing relative prices as outlined in (1.1) and (1.2) above.

[^0]Using data from the Norwegian national accounts for the period 1949-1969 and an aggregation level of about 30 commodities and 30 production sectors we will estimate the price response in (1.2) for the production sectors of the Norwegian economy. We will assume a priori functional separability of the production structure and then estimate the import ratio functions:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{x_{i k}^{A}}{x_{i k}^{B}}=\gamma_{i k}\left(\frac{p_{i k}^{A}}{p_{i k}^{B}}\right) \tag{i.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The explicit introduction of price variables in (1.2), estimated using (1.6) generalizes (1.5) in the same way as the usual treatment of import represented by (1.1) generalizes (1.4). 1) Section 2 presents a general production model for the economy, and introduces separability to allow estimation of the import share functions independently of other assumptions about the rest of the production structure. We then choose, in section 3, a functional form (CES) for the import share functions, and specify their dynamic and stochastic formulation. In section 4 we briefly explain the data: the national accounts covering the period 1949-1969. Section 5 presents single equation estimates and various tests of our specifications, while we, in section 6, take explicit account of the correlation of the residuals and estimate a multivariate model which also makes it possible to test assumptions about price responsiveness across sectors. A brief summary of our conclusions is given in section 7 .

[^1]
## 2. IMPORT SHARE FUNCTIONS IN A SEPARABLE TECHNOLOGY

We will start with a general description of the production function and the behavior of the producer in an arbitrary sector $k$, and then derive the demand for imports as factor demand equations. i) Let $x_{i k}$ be the input of commodity $i$ in sector $k$. Sector $k$ can purchase commodity $i$ either on the domestic or on the foreign market: $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ are the quantities of commodity $i$ which sector $k$ buys on the domestic and on the foreign market respectively. We define $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ as two different commodities, even though they will have the same name in the national accounts. ${ }^{2)}$ Let $p_{i}^{A}$ be the price of domestically produced commodity $i$ and let $p_{i}^{B}$ be the price of imported commodity $i .{ }^{3)}$ The fact that these price indices are different is taken as evidence for the fact that the respective commodities are different. This may in part simply be due to the fact that they are differently weighted averages of the same commodities, though the difference is in most cases more substantial.

We will assume that $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ are generally close substitutes, and describe the relationship between them and $x_{i k}$, the total input of the $i$ 'th commodity into sector $k$, by the function:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i k}=f^{i k}\left(x_{i k}^{A}, x_{i k}^{B}\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the inputs $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ "produce" $x_{i k}$. The production function $f^{i k}$ will be assumed to be linearly homogeneous. In the national accounts (2.1) is taken to be linear, reflecting an implicit assumption of free substitutability, and $x_{i k}$ is defined as the Laspeyres aggregate of $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B} \cdot 4^{4}$ In our model, $x_{i k}$ is also defined by (2.1), but the function $f^{i k}$ is unknown, and $x_{i k}$ will generally be unobservable.

Assume that sector $k$ needs a quantity $x_{i k}$ of commodity $i$, and that the prices $p_{i}^{A}$ and $p_{i}^{B}$ are given. The producer will then try to minimize the cost of producing $x_{i k}$, and this minimum cost can be expressed as a function of $x_{i k}, p_{i}^{A}$, and $p_{i}^{B}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
c^{i k}\left(x_{i k} ; p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)=\min _{x_{i k}^{A}, x_{i k}^{B}}^{\left.\left\{p_{i}^{A} x_{i k}^{A}+p_{i}^{B} x_{i k}^{B} \mid x_{i k} \geq f^{i k}\left(x_{i k}^{A}, x_{i k}^{B}\right)\right\}\right)} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us define:

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{i k}=c^{i k}\left(1, p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)=c^{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right) . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is the minimum cost associated with the production of one unit of $x_{i k}$, and may be interpreted as the price of $x_{i k}$. It follows from the homogeneity of the production function that $c^{i k}\left(x_{i k} ; p_{j}^{A}, p_{j}^{B}\right)=$ $x_{i k} c^{i k}\left(p_{j}^{A}, p_{j}^{B}\right)$. The cost minimizing input of $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ as functions of "output" $x_{i k}$ and prices are given by the partial derivates of (2.2): ${ }^{5}$ )

$$
\begin{align*}
& x_{i k}^{A}\left(x_{i k} ; p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)=x_{i k} \frac{\partial c^{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)}{\partial p_{i}^{A}}  \tag{2.4}\\
& x_{i k}^{B}\left(x_{i k} ; p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)=x_{i k} \frac{\partial c^{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)}{\partial p_{i}^{B}}
\end{align*}
$$

1) The approach outlined in this section can also be applied to the final demand sectors without any significant changes.
2) This approach has been extensively and fruitfully utilized by Armington (1969), and Artus and Rhomberg (1973).
3) The national accounts give at all but the most detailed level different price indices $p_{j k}^{A}$ and $p_{i k}^{B}$ for each receiving sector, and these will be used in the empirical work. See also section 4.
4) Or $x_{i k}$ may be defined directly by deflating the related value flow.
5) This'is Shephard's lemma [Shephard (1953)].

We have interpreted $r_{i k}$ as the unit cost of producing $x_{i k}$, and the partial derivation of (2.3) w.r.t. $p_{i}^{B}$ becomes the cost minimizing import per unit of $x_{i k}$, i.e. the import share:

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{i k}^{B}\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)=\frac{\partial c^{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)}{\partial p_{i}^{B}}, \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where we have chosen to define the import share as a function of the price ratio $p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}$. This we may do since the derivative of the cost function is homogeneous of degree zero in prices. The domestic share is defined analogously:

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{i k}^{A}\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)=\frac{\partial c^{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right)}{\partial p_{i}^{A}} . \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

And these shares will satisfy the identity $f^{i k}\left(m_{i k}^{A}, m_{i k}^{B}\right)=1$.
Thus far we have taken $x_{i k}$ for given, but $x_{i k}$ is just a further input in the production process of sector $k$, and will be determined simultaneously by input and output prices, and by the level of activity in sector $k .{ }^{6}$ ) We will assume that sector $k$ has a separable production structure, and that the upper level function is defined implicitly by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
F^{k}\left(y_{1 k}, \ldots, y_{n k} ; x_{1 k}, \ldots, x_{1 k}, \ldots, x_{n k} ; z_{1 k}, \ldots, z_{m k}\right)=0, \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $y_{k}=\left(y_{1 k}, \ldots, y_{n k}\right)$ and $x_{k}=\left(x_{1 k}, \ldots, x_{n k}\right)$ represent the vector of outputs and commodity inputs, respectively, and $z_{k}=\left(z_{1 k}, \ldots, z_{m k}\right)$ is the vector representing the primary factors. The commodity inputs $x_{i k}$ are given by (2.1) which represent the lower level of the production process.

The producer is assumed to have a given or desired level of activity $A_{k}$, and then to maximize profits subject to the condition that $A_{k}$ be satisfied. $A_{k}$ may represent the output of one or more commodities, the input of one or more primary factors, or it may represent the presence of limitational factors such as fixed capacity. Let $p^{+}=\left(p_{\eta}^{+}, \ldots, p_{n}^{+}\right)$be the output prices and let $q=\left(q_{1} \ldots, q_{m}\right)$ be the cost of primary factors, and assume that they are all exogenous. The profit function, for given prices and level of activity, is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pi^{k}=\pi^{k}\left(A_{k} ; p^{+}, r_{k}, q\right)=\max _{y_{k}, x_{k}, z_{k}}\left\{p^{+} y_{k}-r_{k} x_{k}-q z_{k} \mid \text { for given } A_{k}\right. \text { and (2.8) \}, } \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $r_{k}=\left(r_{1 k}, \ldots, r_{n k}\right)$ is given by (2.3). ${ }^{7}$ ) The demand for the factor $x_{i k}$ is given by the derivative of $\pi^{k}$ w.r.t. the unit cost $r_{i k}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i k}\left(A_{k} ; p^{+}, r_{k}, q\right)=\frac{\partial \Pi^{k}}{\partial r_{i k}} . \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is this expression for $x_{i k}$ which enters (2.4) and (2.5) giving the demand for $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ as functions of prices and activity level only:

[^2]\[

$$
\begin{align*}
& x_{i k}^{A}=m_{i k}^{A}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right) x_{i k}\left(A_{k} ; p^{+}, r_{k}, q\right),  \tag{2.11}\\
& x_{i k}^{B}=m_{i k}^{B}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right) x_{i k}\left(A_{k} ; p^{+}, r_{k}, q\right) . \tag{2.12}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

This two stage derivation of the factor demand is possible only because of the assumption of homogeneous separability. ${ }^{8)}$ It implies a severe restriction on the form of the technology, but it greatly facilitates the empirical work. The main advantage to us is that it makes the ratio of domestic and imported inputs of commodity $i$ to sector $k$ a function of relative prices of the $i$ 'th commodity only:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{x_{i k}^{A}}{x_{i k}^{B}}=\frac{m_{i k}^{A}\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)}{m_{i k}^{B}\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)}=\gamma_{i k}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right) . \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is this function that we will estimate in section 5 .
Example: In the planning models MODIS and MSG one assumes that the upper level production functions (2.8) are "Leontief", i.e. that the $y_{i k}$ and the $x_{i k}$ must be used in fixed proportions. There are only two primary inputs: capital $K_{k}$ and labor $L_{k}$, and these form a separable input group which produces the value added $A_{k_{g}}=f^{n+l, k}\left(K_{k}, L_{k}\right)$. The input and output coefficients are normalized with respect to the value added: ${ }^{9}$ )

$$
a_{i k}^{+}=\frac{y_{i k}}{A_{k}}, \quad a_{i k}^{-}=\frac{x_{i k}}{A_{k}}, \quad a_{n+1, k}=1
$$

Let $q_{k}$ and $w_{k}$ be the price of capital services and labor in section $k$, and let $r_{n+1, k}\left(q_{k}, w_{k}\right)$ be the cost per unit of real value added [see (2.3)]. The profit function (2.9) reduces to:

$$
\pi^{k}=A_{k}\left[\sum_{i} p_{i}^{+} a_{i k}^{+}-\sum_{i} r_{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right) a_{i j}^{-}-r_{n+1, k}\left(q_{k}, w_{k}\right)\right]
$$

while the import of commodity $i$ to sector $k$ is given by:

$$
x_{i k}^{B}=-\frac{\partial \pi^{k}}{\partial p_{i}^{B}}=-\frac{\partial \pi^{k}}{\partial r_{i k}} \frac{\partial r_{i k}}{\partial p_{i}^{B}}=A_{k} a_{i k}^{-} m_{i k}^{B}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right)
$$

A similar derivation gives the demand for $x_{i k}^{A}$, while the ratio between the two is still given by ( 2.13 ).
Total demand for import of the $i$ 'th commodity is just the sum of the quantity demanded in the individual sectors:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i}^{B}=\sum_{k}^{B} x_{i k}^{B}=\sum_{k} m_{i k}^{B}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right) x_{i k}\left(A_{k} ; p^{+}, r_{k}, q\right) \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

8) Homogeneity refers to the assumption made about the category functions (2.1).
9) This normalization is characteristic of the two models mentioned, but in other respects the example represents a simplification of their production structure.

This import is seen to be a function of all prices and of the level of activity in each sector. All prices had to be assumed to be exogeneous when we derived the profit function (2.9). And even the simple example above required that $p_{i}^{A}$ and $p_{i}^{B}$ be exogeneous.

Formally therefore we must require that every sector is a price taker in all markets, i.e. that the elasticity of supply of factors is infinitely elastic, not only on the foreign market, but also on the domestic market. This assumption can only be defended as a first approximation, and is in some instances clearly untenable.

As mentioned above, the primary purpose of this analysis is to generalize the assumption that $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ must be used in fixed proportions. We will use the elasticity of substitution $\sigma_{i k}$ as a measure of the degree to which the two factors are substitutes. This parameter describes completely the second order properties of the function $f^{i k}$, and is defined in terms of the unit cost function (2.3) as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{i k}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{E}}\right)=\frac{c_{12}^{i k} c^{i k}}{c_{1}^{i k} c_{\hat{2}}^{i k}} \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

The subscripts 1 and 2 represent differentiation w.r.t. the first and the second argument. The elasticity of substitution will be non negative and will in general be a function of relative prices. Let us define the price elasticity of imports $\varepsilon_{i k}^{B}$ as the elasticity of the import share $m_{i k}^{B}$ w.r.t. the price ratio $p_{i}^{A} / p_{j}^{B}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon_{i k}^{B}=\frac{\partial m_{i k}^{B}}{\partial\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)} \frac{p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}}{m_{i k}^{B}} \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from the definition, with the domestic price $p_{i}^{A}$ in the numerator, that $\varepsilon_{i k}^{B} \geq 0$. The elasticity $\varepsilon_{i k}^{B}$ will be a function of the second derivative of the cost function, and consequently a function of the elasticity of substitution. The first derivative of $m_{i k}^{B}$ is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial m_{i k}^{B}}{\partial\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)}=\frac{\partial}{\partial\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)} c_{2}^{i k}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}, 1}\right)=p_{i}^{B} c_{12}^{i k}\left(p_{i}^{A}, p_{i}^{B}\right) \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

The right hand equality is a consequence of $c_{12}^{i k}$ being homogeneous of degree minus one in prices. Define the value share for imports $S_{i k}^{B}=p_{i}^{B} x_{i k}^{B} /\left(p_{i}^{A} x_{i k}^{A}+p_{i}^{B} x_{i k}^{B}\right)$. Setting (2.15) and (2.17) into (2.16) gives the price elasticity of imports expressed as a function of the elasticity of substitution:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon_{i k}^{B}=\sigma_{i k}\left(1-S_{i k}^{B}\right) \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

The price elasticity of total import of commodity $i(2.14)$ will be a weighted average of the elasticities of the individual sectors, with the individual sectors' share of total import as weights:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon_{i}^{B}=\frac{\partial x_{i}^{B}}{\partial\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)} \frac{p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}}{x_{i}^{B}}=\sum \frac{x_{i k}^{B}}{x_{i}^{B}}\left[\varepsilon_{i k}^{B}+\frac{\partial x_{i k}}{\partial\left(p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}\right)} \frac{p_{i}^{A} / p_{i}^{B}}{x_{i k}}\right] \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

The second factor inside the square brackets will be zero if the upper level function is characterized by fixed coefficients.
3. THE MODEL

### 3.1. Functional form

In the previous section we have shown that as long as we assume that the upper level function $F^{k}$ isee (2.8)] is homogeneously separable, then the import ratio function (2.13) is independent of the further specification of $F^{k}$. But the import ratio $\gamma_{i k}$ and the import share $m_{i k}^{B}$ will depend on our specification of the lower level function $f^{i k}$. We will assume that these functions can be adequately represented by a constant elasticity of substitution (CES) function:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i k}=\left[\delta_{i k}\left(\frac{x_{i k}^{B}}{\delta_{i k}}\right)^{-\rho_{i k}}+\left(1-\delta_{i k}\right)\left(\frac{x_{i k}^{A}}{1-\delta_{i k}}\right)^{-\rho_{i k}}\right]^{-\frac{1}{\rho_{i k}}} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\delta_{i k}$ is the distribution parameter and $\rho_{i k}$ is a substitution parameter related to the elasticity of substitution by $\sigma_{i k}=1 /\left(1+p_{i k}\right)$. CES is a flexible functional form which, with only two inputs, represents a second order approximation to an arbitrary homogeneous function. It also gives a particularly convenient form for the import ratio functions, as will be shown below.

The dual unit cost function (2.3) becomes:

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{i k}=\left[\delta_{i k}\left(p_{i}^{B}\right)^{1-\sigma_{i k}}+\left(1-\delta_{i k}\right)\left(p_{i}^{A}\right)^{1-\sigma_{i k}}\right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma} i k} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The import share function and the domestic share function are obtained by taking the derivative of $r_{i k}$ w.r.t. the prices [see (2.6) and (2.7)]:

$$
\begin{align*}
& m_{i k}^{B}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right)=\delta_{k}\left(p_{i}^{B}\right)^{-\sigma_{i k}}\left[\delta_{i k}\left(p_{i}^{B}\right)^{1-\sigma_{i k}}+\left(1-\delta_{i k}\right)\left(p_{i}^{A}\right)^{1-\sigma_{i k}}\right]^{\frac{\sigma_{i k}}{1-\sigma_{i k}}},  \tag{3.3}\\
& m_{i k}^{A}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right)=\left(1-\delta_{i k}\right)\left(p_{i}^{A}\right)^{-\sigma_{i k}}\left[\delta_{i k}\left(p_{i}^{B}\right)^{1-\sigma_{i k}}+\left(1-\delta_{i k}\right)\left(p_{i}^{A}\right)^{1-\sigma_{i k}}\right]^{\frac{\sigma_{i k}}{1-\sigma_{i k}}} .
\end{align*}
$$

The import ratio becomes simply:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{i k}=\frac{m_{i k}^{A}}{m_{i k}^{B}}=\frac{1-\delta_{i k}}{\delta_{i k}}\left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right)^{-\sigma_{i k}} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

an expression which is $\log$ linear in the unknown parameters. Let $c_{i k}=\ln \left[\left(1-\delta_{i k}\right) / \delta_{i k}\right]$. The ratio of domestic to imported deliveries can be written

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ln \frac{x_{i k}^{A}}{x_{i k}^{B}}=c_{i k}-\sigma_{i k} \ln \left(\frac{p_{i}^{A}}{p_{i}^{B}}\right) . \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

One could of course have started directly with the functional form (3.5) and then proceeded to estimate it. The above derivation, however, sets the relationship in a broader context which facilitates its interpretation and points out more clearly its limitations.

### 3.2. Dynamic and stochastic specification ${ }^{1)}$

The model presented above is static, and may be looked upon as a description of the long run equilibrium.

In the empirical work we will assume that effective prices, i.e. the prices determining the input ratio $x^{A} / x^{B}$, are formed by adaptive expectation, and that the current effective price ${ }^{2)} \bar{p}_{t}$ is a weighted average of current and past prices:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{p}_{\mathrm{t}}=\sum_{\tau=0}^{L} \alpha_{\tau} p_{\mathrm{t}-\tau}, \quad \alpha_{\tau}=\frac{a_{\tau}}{\sum_{i=0}^{L}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}{ }_{1}} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The parameter $L$ represents the longest lag, $p_{t}=\ln \left(p_{t}^{A} / p_{t}^{B}\right)$, and the $a_{\tau}$ parametres are explained below. The logaritm of the import ratio $x_{t}=\ln \left(x_{t}^{A} / x_{t}^{B}\right)$ can then be written [see (3.5)]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{t}=c+\sum_{\tau=0}^{L} a_{\tau} p_{t-\tau}+\lambda t+u_{t} \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $t$ represents a trend included to represent (non-neutral) technological change, changing commodity mix, etc., and where the error terms are assured to follow a first order autoregressive process

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{t}=\rho u_{t-1}+\varepsilon_{t}, \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

the $\varepsilon_{t}$ being serially independently distributed. The coefficient $a_{0}$ represents the short run elasticity of substitution, while $\sum_{\tau} a_{\tau}$ becomes the long run elasticity $\sigma$. We will apriori choose a relatively simple lag structure $a_{\tau}, \tau=0, \ldots, L$ of the form:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { 1) } L=2, \\
& \text { 2) } a_{2}=.5 a_{1},
\end{aligned}
$$

i.e. the longest lag is two periods and $p_{t-2}$ has half the weight of $p_{t-1}$. The effective price can be written

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{p}_{t}=\frac{1}{a_{0}+a_{1}}\left[a_{0} p_{t}+a_{1}\left(\frac{2}{3} p_{t-1}+\frac{1}{3} p_{t-2}\right)\right] . \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

This lag structure is economical with the use of parameters, and sufficiently flexible to allow for an increased effect of prices in the second year. Additionally it allows for the following interesting special cases:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{0}=0 \quad \text { no influence of current period prices, } \\
& a_{1}=0 \quad-\quad \text { no influence from past prices }, \\
& a_{0}=a_{1} \quad-\quad \text { linearly distributed lag. }
\end{aligned}
$$

[^3]Defining the variable

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{t}^{L}=\frac{2}{3} p_{t-1}+\frac{1}{3} p_{t-2} \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

the model (3.7) becomes:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{t}=c+a_{0} p_{t}+a_{1} p_{t}^{L}+\lambda \cdot t+u_{t} \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the efror terms are serially correlated. Equation (3.11) with $\lambda=0$, is the basic model of this analysis. Combining (3.8) and (3.11) with $\lambda=0$ gives the restricted transformed equation (RTE) ${ }^{3)}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{t}=k_{0}+a_{0} p_{t}+a_{1} p_{t}^{L}-\rho a_{0} p_{t-1}-\rho a_{1} p_{t-1}^{L}+\rho x_{t-1}+\varepsilon_{t} \tag{3.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation (3.12) is characterized by two nonlinear restrictions. Writing it in unrestrected transformed equation (UTE) form it becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{t}=k_{0}+a_{0} p_{t}+a_{1} p_{t}^{L}+k_{1} p_{t-1}+k_{2} p_{t-1}^{L}+k_{3} x_{t-1}+\varepsilon_{t} \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

The restrictions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& k_{1}=-k_{3} a_{0} \\
& k_{2}=-k_{3} a_{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

become a test of the specification (3.12) with first order autoregressive error terms. Failure to accept (3.12) would indicate that our basic model is misspecified. 4)

Figure 3.1 presents the various formulations being tested in this paper. This scheme is essentially that of Sargan (1964) and Hendry (1974), augmented to include various lag specifications on the prices. Eq. 1 is the basic model while eq. 3 represents the same model with uncorrelated error terms. The set of equations $11,12,13,14$ and $31,32,33,34$ represents various hypotheses about the lag structure of the prices. Eq. 0 is the UTE and provides us with a test of the bacic model.

We have, in addition, included two alternative formulations, eq. 2 and eq. 21 , which include the lagged endogenous variable. The presence of a significant lagged endogenous variable in these equations may indicate, in addition to serial correlation, the presence of a partial adjustment mechanism. ${ }^{5}$ ) In addition, 6 of these equations, marked with a $T$ in fig. 1 , were also estimated with a time trend.

Some of the formulations in figure 3.1 are nonlinear in the parameters. We will therefore use the likelihood ratio to test the significance of the various formulations. Assume that the $i$ 'th equation represents a parametric restriction on the coefficients of the $j$ 'th equation. Let $L_{i}$ be the value of the likelihood function of the $i$ 'th equation, let $S_{i}$ be the sum of squared residuals, and let $k_{i}$ be the number of parameters estimated. On the assumption that the hypothesis embodied in the $i$ 'th equation is true, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda=-2 \ln \frac{L_{i}}{L_{j}}=T \ln \frac{S_{i}}{S_{j}} \tilde{A} x^{2}\left(k_{j}-k_{i}\right) \tag{3.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

i.e. $\lambda$ will have an asymptotic chi-square distribution with $k_{j}-k_{i}$ degrees of freedom.

In the empirical section (sec. 5) we have started the analysis by testing the autoregressive formulation of eq. 1 against the UTE, represented by eq. 0 . But regardless of whether the basic model (i.e. eq. 1) was rejected or not, we chose to proceed down the test tree, conditional upon the hypothesis of eq. 1. We always used a 5 per cent confidence level at each step, unless otherwise mentioned. If the procedure accepted two or more of the "parallel" hypothesis 11,12 , and 13,6 ) or 31,32 , and 33 , we chose among them on the basis of the lowest SSR (sum of squarded residuals), which is equivalent to choosing the one with the highest value of the likelihood function. This procedure led unambiguously to a "best" formulation, conditional upon which no more restrictive hypothesis could be accepted. Only rarely did we consider the hypothes is embodied in eqs. 2 and 21 , or consider the role of the time trend.
3) See Hendry (1974).
4) The presence of serial correlation in the UTE, as indicated by the DW or the Durbin $h$ statistic, might indicate that even this model is misspecified.
5) We may later return to an analysis of such a model.
6) Eq. 3 should perhaps be considered "parallel" to 11 , 12 , and 13.

Fig. 3.1
Outline of estimated equations


The data for this analysis are all taken from the "old" national accounts, covering the years 1949 to 1969.1) These accounts were presented on a sector by sector basis, the commodities being classified according to their principal sector of production. The national accounts have been aggregated to 29 commodities, 29 production sectors and 15 final demand sectors. ${ }^{2)}$ This level of aggregation corresponds to that of the MSG model.

Table 4.1 presents a list of the commodities (and production sector classification) and some summary data for 1961. The first two columns give the numerical codes and the names of the commodities. The third column gives the value of total import, the fourth gives the value of "supply for domestic use" defined as Norwegian production (presented in column six) less exports pluss imports. The fifth column gives the value shares for imports.

The national accounts are available in four value sets: producers' and purchasers' values measured in both current and constant (1961) prices. ${ }^{3)}$ We have chosen to measure the value of inputs in current purchasers' prices and the volume of input in constant producers' prices, interpreting the change in the volume of trade margins as price changes. ${ }^{4)}$

We have thus far limited the analysis to the study of price substitution in the production sectors. ${ }^{5)}$ Table 4.2 presents the 1961 input matrix for the production sectors, the typical element of the matrix being $p_{i k}^{A} x_{i k}^{A}+p_{i k}^{B} x_{i k}^{B}$, where we have taken explicit account of the fact that the price of the $i$ 'th commodity (imported and domestically produced) differ among recipient sectors. ${ }^{6)}$

1) The conversion to new SNA (system of national accounts) in 1969 limits the length of the available time series.
2) Four investment sectors, nine private consumption sectors, exports and inventory investment.
3) The constant price data for 1949 to 1961 were measured in 1955 prices, while data for the period 1961 to 1969 were measured in 1961 prices.
4) Given the prevalent use of fixed weights in computing trade margins, this distinction may be of little consequence.
5) Excluding sector 34: public administration.
6) In 1961 all the price indices are unity.

Table 4.1. Commodity flows, 1961. Mill. Nkr. (Purchasers' prices)

| Commodity/sector |  | Commodity |  |  | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Code | Name | Import | Supply for domestic usel) | Import share | Domestic production |
| 01 | Agriculture | 1327.0 | 5989.9 | 0.221 | 4825.6 |
| 02 | Forestry | 206.8 | 1288.6 | 0.160 | 1117.0 |
| 03 | Fishing | 12.2 | 872.0 | 0.013 | 1119.6 |
|  | Mining (incl. crude oil) | 476.5 | 705.6 | 0.675 | 439.7 |
| 05 | Food processing ..................... | 459.7 | 5825.5 | 0.079 | 6430.2 |
| 06 | Beverages, tobacco and chocolate | 236.6 | 2078.9 | 0.114 | 1851.0 |
| 07 | Textiles and wearing apparel | 1468.8 | 4315.1 | 0.340 | 2996.7 |
| 08 | Wood and wood products | 207.5 | 2036.2 | 0.102 | 1932.9 |
| 09 | Paper and paper products | 111.0 | 1497.5 | 0.074 | 2590.1 |
| 11 | Chemicals (incl. petroleum refining) | 2017.3 | 3819.9 | 0.528 | 2502.0 |
| 12 | Mineral products | 237.7 | 989.7 | 0.240 | 803.5 |
| 13 | Basic metals | 1367.5 | 2372.8 | 0.576 | 2674.0 |
| 15 | Machinery | 3360.8 | 6159.2 | 0.546 | 3218.9 |
| 16 | Electrical machinery and products | 695.4 | 1729.9 | 0.402 | 1124.0 |
| 17 | Building and repair of vessels | 2354.8 | 3644.6 | 0.646 | 1453.4 |
| 18 | Other manufacturing (printing, rubber products, glass, etc.) ...... | 617.9 | 2509.7 | 0.246 | 1960.7 |
| 19 | Electricity, gas, and water supply | 131.3 | 1576.4 | 0.083 | 1453.7 |
| 20 | Construction | - | 6512.9 | - | 6512.9 |
| 21 | Trade | 79.2 | 9039.2 | 0.009 | 9228.0 |
| 22 | Restaurants and hotels |  | 415.9 | - | 415.9 |
| 23 | Real estate services | - | 2108.0 | - | 2108.0 |
| 24 | Finance and insurance | 42.8 | 1068.7 | 0.040 | 1025.9 |
| 25 | Communication | 7.6 | 782.8 | 0.010 | 775.2 |
| 27 | Domestic transports | 2.0 | 2599.7 | 0.001 | 2944.2 |
| 28 | Health services | - | - 926.4 | - | 926.4 |
| 29 | Education and research | - | 883.5 | - | 883.5 |
| 30 | Other services | 18.4 | 1539.4 | 0.012 | 1521.2 |
| 31 | Shipping ........................... | - | 44.0 | - | 6313.0 |
| 34 | Public administration ............... | - | 2069.3 | - | 2069.3 |

1) "Supply for domestic use" equals "domestic production" less export, pluss import.

Table 4.2. 1961 Commodity input matrix for the production sectors ${ }^{1}$ )

| Commodity | Receiving sector |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 16 |
| 01 | 1386.0 | 1.5 | 0. | 0. | 2117.7 | 94.8 | 126.3 | 1.1 | 0. | 99.1 | 0. | 0. | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| 02 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 1.6 | 0. | 0.3 | 321.3 | 578.3 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0. |
| 03 | 38.2 | 0. | 17.8 | 0. | 587.3 | 0. | 8.3 | 0. | 0. | 1.7 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 04 | 5.1 | 0. | 0.3 | 0.9 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 16.2 | 290.5 | 49.2 | 209.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 05 | 568.1 | 0. | 20.5 | 0. | 1371.2 | 35.2 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 18.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| 06 | 1.5 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 3.4 | 72.2 | 0. | 0. | 1.8 | 2.8 | 0. | 0. | 0.5 | 0. |
| 07 | 2.9 | 0. | 4.4 | 0. | 2.6 | 0. | 764.1 | 32.4 | 13.7 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 14.1 | 2.3 |
| 08 | 4.4 | 0. | 2.7 | 0.8 | 18.9 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 345.4 | 40.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 11.9 | 19.6 | 29.5 |
| 09 | 1.5 | 0. | 0. | 0.3 | 69.9 | 17.5 | 16.4 | 5.4 | 705.9 | 83.6 | 15.5 | 0. | 12.6 | 7.3 |
| 11 | 235.7 | 0.8 | 57.7 | 7.5 | 182.6 | 9.3 | 76.4 | 33.0 | 95.0 | 385.9 | 27.9 | 306.9 | 46.7 | 19.4 |
| 12 | 3.3 | 0. | 0. | 1.4 | 10.8 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 11.6 | 63.4 | 12.6 | 7.9 | 9.3 |
| 13 | 0.2 | 0. | 0. | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0. | 1.2 | 10.9 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 13.1 | 669.5 | 492.7 | 104.3 |
| 15 | 7.2 | 0. | 2.7 | 17.3 | 66.7 | 9.4 | 22.4 | 52.5 | 20.2 | 27.5 | 4.8 | 16.1 | 393.5 | 30.9 |
| 16 | 0. | 0. | 1.0 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0.1 | 0. | 0.5 | 0. | 0.2 | 2.8 | 40.0 | 171.6 |
| 17 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0.8 | 0. | 52.9 | 36.2 | 2.1 |
| 18 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 6.1 | 11.2 | 8.2 | 20.3 | 10.5 | 20.0 | 25.4 | 4.7 | 13.2 | 24.9 | 15.7 |
| 19 | 36.2 | 0. | 0. | 14.9 | 40.0 | 3.2 | 12.3 | 19.2 | 60.0 | 96.2 | 17.3 | 188.7 | 23.8 | 4.7 |
| 20 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 21 | 1.0 | 0. | 1.0 | 6.5 | 11.8 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 16.2 | 1.0 | 0. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0. |
| 22 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 23 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 24 | 6.2 | 0. | 12.1 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 25 | 7.0 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 27 | 0. | 0. | 1.5 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 28 | 11.6 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 29 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 30 | 12.5 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 31 | 0. | 0. | 8.0 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 34 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |


| Receiving sector |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |



[^4] for consistency with table 4.1 have been measured in purchasers' prices).

In principle we would have to estimate $28^{2}=784$ import ratio functions, but a majority of these flows are zero, while in other instances either $x_{i k}^{A}$ or $x_{i k}^{B}$ may be zero for some or all the years. We decided to estimate only those $\gamma_{i k}$ for which we have complete time series for both $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$. This criteria excluded deliveries of commodities $20,22,23,28,29,31$ and 34 because they are not imported to any production sector in any year, and it excluded commodities $03,18,21,24,25$ and 30 because all flows of those commodities to the production sectors (i.e. $x_{i k}^{A}$ or $x_{i k}^{B}$ ) were zero in some year. Along the same lines, we excluded the production sectors 22 and 29 because they do not receive any imported inputs and sectors $2,19,23,24,25$ and 28 because either $x_{i k}^{A}$ or $x_{i k}^{B}$ was zero in some year. This leaves us with 16 commodities and 20 production sectors to be analyzed. But many of these flows are also zero, or either $x_{i k}^{A}$ or $x_{i k}^{B}$ is zero in some year.

Table 4.3 presents an import value shares matrix for all those flows for which complete time series for both $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$ are available. It will be seen that we are left with 86 import ratios which can be estimated on the basis of complete observations: for the commodities 06 and 27 we have only one recipient sector with complete data, while commodity 11 , chemicals is delivered to all sectors included in table $4.3^{1)}$ A look at table 4.3 will also reveal substantial differences among sectors in the magnitude of the import shares for the same commodity.

1) In section 5 below we present select estimates from 31 of these flows.

Table 4.3. 1961 Import share matrix ${ }^{1)}$ for production sectors for flows with complete data

| Commodity | Receiving sector |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 12 |
| 1 | - | - | - | 0.116 | 0.932 | 0.739 | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.060 | 0.311 | - | - |
| 4 | 0.078 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.506 | 0.941 | 0.245 |
| 5 | 0.008 | - | - | 0.078 | 0.531 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6 | - | - | - | - | 0.322 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.491 | 0.290 | 0.992 | - | - |
| 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.241 | - | - | - |
| 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.066 | - | - |
| 11 | 0.252 | 0.679 | 0.693 | 0.446 | 0.634 | 0.630 | 0.406 | 0.554 | 0.525 | 0.616 |
| 12 | - | - | - | - | 0.539 | - | - | - | 0.431 | 0.197 |
| 13 | - | - | - | 0.166 | - | - | - | 0.318 | - | 0.274 |
| 15 | - | - | - | 0.046 | - | 0.758 | 0.219 | 0.594 | - | - |
| 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | 0.030 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.071 | 0.104 |
| 27 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |


| Receiving sector |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |


| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 0.616 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.891 | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | 0.560 | - | - | 0.512 | 0.502 | 0.449 | - | - | - |
| - | 0.224 | - | - | - | 0.042 | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | 0.027 | 0.212 | - | - | - | - |
| 0.778 | 0.439 | 0.603 | 0.357 | 0.605 | 0.189 | 0.643 | 0.731 | 0.357 | 0.483 |
| 0.515 | 0.531 | 0.559 | - | - | 0.183 | - | - | - | - |
| 0.760 | 0.631 | 0.614 | 0.684 | 0.550 | 0.480 | - | - | - | - |
| 0.453 | 0.525 | 0.326 | 0.409 | 0.333 | 0.227 | - | - | - | - |
| - | 0.540 | 0.766 | 0.549 | - | 0.269 | - | - | - | - |
| 0.820 | - | - | 0.405 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 0.220 | 0.025 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.022 | - | - |

## 5. SINGLE EQUATION ESTIMATES

In the following I will present results from the estimation of a selection of import ration $\gamma_{i k}$ [see (3.4)], the selection consisting of:

| Commodity (index i) | Recipient sector (index k) |
| :---: | :--- |
| 02 | 08,09 |
| 07 | $07,08,09,15,18,20,21$ |
| 08 | $08,15,20$ |
| 09 | $09,18,20$ |
| 11 | $01,05,11,13,20,27$ |

In the case of the first four commodities above, we present estimates for all sectors having complete time series for both $x_{i k}^{A}$ and $x_{i k}^{B}$, while we have chosen the six largest flows, those with a value of more than $100 \mathrm{mill} . \mathrm{N} . \mathrm{kr}$. in 1961, for the remaining commodity 11.

We have chosen to give a more detailed description for commodities 02, 08, and 09, presenting only summary tables for the remaining two. At the beginning of the presentation of the results for each commodity we present in tabular form the value of the input of this commodity and the import share of the sector, this data being taken from table 4.2 and 4.3 respectively.

The data presented here represent 21 of the possible 86 flows listed in table 4.3. The sample gives in all probability a somewhat "biased" picture of the overall quality of the results, but the magnitude of this bias will become clearer as we complete the estimation ${ }^{1}$ ).

For each flow we present results for the estimation of the "basic model" (eq. 1) and for the "best" alternative, chosen generally on the basis of the $x^{2}$ test outlined in sect. 3. A complete presentation of the results from a selection of the flows is presented in the appendix.

## Commodity 02 = Forestry products:

Receiv. sector
08
09

Input value
321.3
578.3

Import share
.061
.312

Sector 08 - Manufacture of wood and wood products:
The AR formulation is almost rejected $\left.{ }^{2}\right)\left(x_{2}^{2}=5.09\right)$, but conditional on eq. 1 we can clearly accept eq. $12\left(x_{j}^{2}=1.02\right)$ while formulations 11 and 13 are rejected. Given the low value of the correlation coefficient we easily accept eq. $32\left(x_{1}^{2}=.09\right)$, which becomes the preferred formulation. The hypothesis that prices are not significant is rejected with $x_{1}^{2}=48.7$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1: x_{t}=\underset{(.06)}{3.07}-\underset{(.31)}{1.68} p_{t}-\underset{(.31)}{1.06} p_{t}^{L} \quad \rho=-.01 \quad \begin{array}{l}
R^{2}=.937 \\
D W=1.80
\end{array} \\
& \text { eq. 32: } x_{t}=3.04-2.70 L\left(p_{t}\right)^{3)} \quad R^{2}=.933 \\
& (.06) \quad(.18) \\
& D W=1.94
\end{aligned}
$$

Sector 09 - Manufacture of paper and paper products:
The basic AR formulation is rejected $\left(x_{2}^{2}=6.09\right)$, but eq. 2 , which includes the lagged endogenous variable is more clearly rejected. The inclusion of the trend improves the picture a little leading to the acceptance of eq. $1 T$ compared with OT $\left(x_{2}^{2}=5.09\right)$. And not even conditional on eq. 1 or eq. IT can any more restrictive hypothesis be accepted. Eq. 1 is implausible also because the current price

[^5]elasticity has the wrong sign. Strengthening our rejection criteria, we can accept eq. 13 at the $2 \%$ significance level ( $x_{1}^{2}=4.5$ ) compared with eq. 1. Eq. 13 assigns a large role to lagged prices:

```
eq. 1: \(x_{t}=\underset{(.45)}{1.00}+\underset{(.74)}{1.52} p_{t}-\underset{(.72)}{3.32} p_{t}^{L}\)
    \(0=.79 \quad R^{2}=.886\)
    (.14) \(\quad D W=1.36\)
eq.13: \(x_{t}=\underset{(.45)}{1.32}-\underset{(.79)}{3.68} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}-1}\)
\(\rho=\begin{array}{ll}.78 & R^{2}=.853 \\ (.15) & D W=1.63\end{array}\)
```

The import ratio $\gamma_{i k}$ associated with this flow has fallen at an average rate of 14 per cent per year over the period 1949-1969.

Commodity 07_- Textiles

| Receiv. sector | Input value | Import share |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 07 | 764.1 | .491 |
| 08 | 32.4 | .290 |
| 09 | 13.7 | .993 |
| 15 | 14.1 | .560 |
| 18 | 34.9 | .513 |
| 20 | 47.2 | .502 |
| 21 | 9.8 | .449 |

The demand for commodity 07 is dominated by the production sector 07 , which uses 80 per cent of the textiles used as inputs in the production sectors (most textiles go directly to final demand). The hypothesis of eq. 1 is accepted readily in all seven cases, but in only two of them (07 and 09) do we get significant price effects. In the case of the remaining five sectors, a constant alone does "best" for sector 18, while a purely autoregressive model does best for the rest.

Table 5.1. Textiles - Select regression results
Sector 07 - Manufacture of textiles


Sector 08 - Manufacture of wood and wood products


Sector 09 - Manufacture of paper and paper products


Table 5.1 (cont.). Textiles - Select regression results

Sector 15 - Manufacture of non-electrical machinery

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 x_{t}=\underset{(.37)}{-.31}+\underset{(1.32)}{1.04} p_{t}+\underset{(1.63)}{.37} p_{t}^{L} \\
& \text { eq. } 14 x_{t}=\underset{(-.19}{(.36)}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\rho=\begin{array}{ll}
.52 & R^{2}=.349 \\
(.20) & D W=1.98
\end{array}
$$

$$
\rho=\begin{array}{ll}
.56 & R^{2}=.316 \\
(.20) & D W=1.89
\end{array}
$$

$$
(.20) \quad D W=1.89
$$

Sector 18 - Other manufacture
eq. $1 x_{t}=\underset{(.14)}{-.33}-\underset{(1.68)}{.22} p_{t}+\underset{(1.53)}{.23} p_{t}^{L}$

eq. $34 \begin{aligned} & x_{t}= \\ &(.10)\end{aligned}$
$D W=1.65$

Sector 20 - Building and construction


Sector 21 - Wholesale and retail trade


Commodity 08_-_-Wood and wood products

Receiv. sector
08
15
20

Input value
345.4
19.6
662.8

## Import share

. 242
.225
.043

Sector 08. - Manufacture of wood and wood products
The assumption of autoregressive residuals is clearly accepted, and both $a_{0}$ and $a_{1}$ are significant in eq. 1 and approximately of the same magnitude ( $a_{0}=-2.02$ and $a_{1}=-1.68$ ). The $x^{2}$ test scheme indicates not significant serial correlation in eq. 12 and suggests eq. 32 as the preferred formulation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 x_{t}=\underset{(.05)}{1.26}-\underset{(.65)}{2.02} p_{t}-\underset{(.59)}{1.68} p_{t}^{L} \\
& \text { eq. } 32 x_{t}=\underset{(.04)}{1.20}-\underset{(.57)}{2.52} L\left(p_{t}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\rho=.278 & R^{2}=.632 \\
(.226) & D W=2.33 \\
& R^{2}=.55 \\
& D W=2.12
\end{array}
$$

The time trend is in no case significant.

Sector 15 - Manufacturing of non-electrical machinery
The DW in eq. 0 indicates correlated errors even in this general formulation, but we can accept the AR formulation, conditional upon the model of eq. 0 . The coefficient $a_{1}$ is insignificant, while the autocorrelation coefficient is significant in eq. 1. The test scheme leads to either eqs. 11 or 14 :

| eq. | $x_{t}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.01 \\ & (.28) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\frac{1.59}{(.11)} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}$ | $+\underset{(1.17)}{.05} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{L}}$ |  | $=\frac{.53}{(.20)}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2=.511 \\ & W=1.68 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eq. 1 | $x_{t}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.01 \\ & (.27) \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{(.96)}^{1.58} p_{t}$ |  |  | $=\begin{aligned} & .52 \\ & (.20) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2=.51 \\ & w=1.68 \end{aligned}$ |
| eq. 1 | $x_{t}$ | $=$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.88 \\ & (.39) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | $=\frac{.68}{(.17)}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2=.452 \\ & W=1.78 \end{aligned}$ |

However, eq. 14 indicates that we cannot reject this purely $A R$ formulation. The trend is never significant, but comparison with eq. OT indicates that we can accept eq. 11 but reject eq. 14.

Sector 20 - Building and construction
The residuals are strongly correlated, but the $x^{2}$-test of eq. 1 indicates acceptance of the $A R$ specification, though eq. 2 and eq. 21 indicate significant role for the lagged endogenous variable. The coefficients $a_{0}$ and $a_{1}$ are of the same order of magnitude, though not significant, in eq. 1. Based on the SSR criterion we choose eq. 12 over eq. 11 and eq. 13:


The purely AR formulation of eq. 14 does well, despite the significant coefficient on prices in eq. 12 and cannot, by the $x^{2}$-test, be rejected either conditional on eq. 0 or on eq. 12 . The trend is in no case significant.

## Commodity 09_- Paper and paper products

| Receiv. sector | Input value | Import share |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 09 | 705.9 | .067 |
| 18 | 143.8 | .028 |
| 20 | 41.9 | .212 |

Sector 09. - Manufacture of paper and paper products:
The AR formulation of eq. 1 is not rejected, and eq. 1 is in fact the preferred equation:
eq. $1 x_{t}=\begin{aligned} & 2.43-1.52 p_{t}-2.89 p_{t}^{L} \\ & (.19)\end{aligned}(.34) \quad \rho=\begin{aligned} & .76 \\ & (.15)\end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & R^{2}=0.90 \\ & D W=1.26\end{aligned}$
One must reject the hypothesis that $a_{0}=a_{1}$. The trend is not significant in OT or IT, and a test of eq. 1 against eq. OT does not lead to rejection.

Sector 18 - Other manufacturing:
The AR structure of eq. 1 is accepted. The lagged price variable in this equation is insignificant, so that our $x^{2}$-test scheme chooses eq. 11 unequivocally: the test of eq. 11 against eq. 1 having $x^{2}=.25$.

```
eq. \(1 x_{t}=\underset{(.10)}{3.36}-\underset{(.27)}{1.29} p_{t}+\underset{(.31)}{.14} p_{t}^{L}\)
eq. \(11 \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}=3.35-\underset{(.18)}{1.19 p_{t}}\)
```

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\rho=.45 脌=.855
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\rho=.45 脌=.855
(.21) DW = 2.16
(.21) DW = 2.16
0= .45 (.21)

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0= .45 (.21) 
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The trend is not significant.

Sector 20 - Building and construction
The AR formulation of eq. 1 (and eq. IT) is clearly rejected ( $x^{2}=36.00$ ): our basic model seems to be misspecified. The regressions 2 and 3 suggest a significant role for lagged prices, but they have a significantly wrong sign. Only in the UTE eqs. $O$ and $O T$ is the current price significantly negative. The test scheme would choose eq. 13 with $\mathrm{a}_{1}=1.91$ (.78). Insisting on a negative price coefficient, we choose eq. 11:

though it appears to be the AR structure of the error terms which "explains" most of the change $\left(R^{2}=.56\right.$ for eq. 14), and eq. 14 cannot be rejected conditional upon eq. 11. Inclusion of a trend does not alter the above picture.

## Commodity 11_-_Chemicals

Receiv. sector
01
05
11
13
$20 \quad 226.0$. 190
27 . 139.0 . 357

Chemicals represent the most widely used commodity having positive flows of both domestically produced and imported products to all production sectors included in this analysis in all years from 1949 to 1969. We have chosen to analyse the six largest recipients of chemicals, i.e. those receiving an input of chemicals of over 100 mill . N.kr in 1961.

The autoregressive formulation of eq. 1 was accepted in all cases except for sector 13. For sector 27 , our selection criteria picks eq. 11, an equation with a significant positive price coefficient. As an alternative we have also included eq. 13 , where the price term has the right sign, but which is rejected when compared with eq. 1.

Sector 01 - Agriculture

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 x_{t}=\underset{(.97)}{1.87}-\underset{(.78)}{2.64} p_{t}-\underset{(.72)}{.82} p_{t}^{L} \\
& \text { eq. } 11 x_{t}=\underset{(.54)}{.98}-\underset{(.74)}{2.19} p_{t}
\end{aligned}
$$

| $0=.92$ | $R^{2}=.416$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $(.09)$ | $D W=1.68$ |
| $0=.86$ | $R^{2}=.367$ |
| $(.12)$ | $D W=1.57$ |

Sector 05 - Food processing

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 x_{t}=\underset{(.04)}{.27}-\underset{(.27)}{.78} p_{t}-\underset{(.27)}{.67} p_{t}^{L} \\
& \text { eq. } 32 x_{t}=\underset{(.03)}{.26}-\frac{1.44}{(.11)} \mathrm{L}\left(p_{t}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

| $=.17$ | $R^{2}=.918$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| (.23) | $\mathrm{DW}=1.60$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & R^{2}=.915 \\ & \mathrm{DW}=1.35 \end{aligned}$ |

Sector 11 - Manufacture of chemicals

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 x_{t}=-\underset{(.21)}{-.03}-\underset{(.47)}{1.42} p_{t}-\underset{(.57)}{.16} p_{t}^{\mathrm{L}} \\
& 0=.79 \quad R^{2}=.875 \\
& \text { eq. } 11 \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}=\underset{(.21)}{-.04}-\underset{(.46)}{1.43} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}} \\
& 0=\begin{array}{ll}
.80 & R^{2}=.874 \\
(.14) & D W=1.12
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

Sector 13 - Manufacture of basic metals

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}=\underset{(.11)}{-1.41}+\underset{(1.90)}{2.46} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}-\underset{(2.14)}{5.43} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{L}} \\
& 0=-.35 \quad R^{2}=.330 \\
& \text { (.22) } \quad \mathrm{DW}=2.08 \\
& R^{2}=.294 \\
& D W=2.29
\end{aligned}
$$

Sector 20 - Building and construction

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { eq. } 1 x_{t}=\underset{(.04)}{1.19}-\underset{(.25)}{.23} p_{t}-\underset{(.28)}{.07} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{L}} \\
& 0=-.03 \quad \begin{array}{ll}
R^{2}=.360 \\
(.24) & D W=1.12
\end{array} \\
& \text { eq. } 31 x_{t}=\underset{(.04)}{1.19}-\frac{.29}{(.12)} p_{t} \\
& R^{2}=.255 \\
& D W=i .17
\end{aligned}
$$

Sector 27 - Domestic transport

| eq. 1 x | $x_{t}$ | $=\frac{-.38}{(1.63)}$ | $+\frac{3.07}{(1.27)} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}$ | $-\frac{1.65}{(1.73)} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{L}}$ | $\rho=\begin{aligned} & .93 \\ & (.09) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2^{2}=.878 \\ & W=i .37 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eq. $11 \times$ | $x_{t}$ | $=\frac{-.91}{(1.07)}$ | $+\frac{3.38}{(1.26)} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}$ |  | $\rho=\begin{aligned} & .90 \\ & (.10) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2=.870 \\ & W=1.35 \end{aligned}$ |
| eq. 13 x | ${ }_{\text {x }}$ | $=\begin{gathered} 1.58 \\ (3.08) \end{gathered}$ | $-\frac{2.50}{(1.90)} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{L}}$ |  | $\rho=\frac{.96}{(.07)}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2=.833 \\ & W=1.44 \end{aligned}$ |

Thus far in this section we have concentrated entirely on the second order parameter of the production function $f_{i k}\left[\right.$ see (2.1)] identifying the elasticity of substitution $\sigma_{i k}$ [see (3.5)] with the long run elasticity $a_{i k 0}+a_{i k 1}$ of this section. ${ }^{3)}$ We can estimate the price elasticities of the import demand functions using (2.18), while the estimates of the distribution parameters $\hat{\delta}_{i k}$ can be computed from $\hat{c}_{i k}=\ln \left(1-\hat{\delta}_{i k}\right) / \hat{\delta}_{i k}$. The estimates $\hat{\sigma}_{i k}$ and $\hat{\delta}_{i k}$ completely specify the function $f_{i k}$, providing us with an estimate $\hat{f}_{i k}$ of this function and, if desired, an estimate $\hat{x}_{i k}$ of the unobservable $x_{i k}$.

[^6]
## 6. SOME MULTIVARIATE ESTIMATES

Thus far we have estimated each import ratio equation $\gamma_{i k}$ individually. But it seems reasonable to expect the disturbances from the various equations referring to the demand for the same commodity, i.e. $\gamma_{j k}, k=1, \ldots, n$, to be correlated. Many of the same omitted factors may influence both the demand of input $i$ from the various sectors, and, perhaps more importantly, the supply of the $j$ 'th commodity. In addition, we are interested in testing various hypotheses about the elasticity of substitution.

We will therefore analyze the following multivariate model for the i'th commodity:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{t}=c+\sum_{\tau=0}^{L} \hat{a}_{\tau} p_{t-\tau}+u_{t} \tag{6.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c$ is an n-dimensional vector of constants, and
$x_{t}=\left(x_{i 1}(t), x_{i 2}(t), \ldots, x_{i n}(t)\right)^{\prime}$ and $u_{t}=\left(u_{i 1}(t), u_{i 2}(t), \ldots, u_{i n}(t)\right)^{\prime}$ are the (column) vectors of import ratios and residuals of the $i^{\prime}$ th commodity in period $t^{1}$. $\hat{a}_{\tau}$ is an $n \times n$ diagonal matrix of parameters and $p_{t-\tau}$ is an $n$ dimensional vector of relative prices in year $t-\tau$. The exact form of the lag structure will depend on the model formulation. In our basic model [see (3.11)] equation (6.1) becomes:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{t}=c+\hat{a}_{0} p_{t}+\hat{a}_{1} p_{t}^{L}+u_{t} . \tag{6.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The errors will be assumed to be first order serially correlated, i.e.

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{t}=\hat{\rho} u_{t-1}+\varepsilon_{t} \tag{6.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\rho$ is the $n$-vector of first order correlation coefficients and $\varepsilon_{t}$ is a serially independently distributed $n$-vector with mean zero and covariance matrix $\Sigma^{2)}$.

We have chosen to estimate three models for each set of $\gamma_{i k}, k=1, \ldots, n$, using this multivariate method:
i) eq. 1 - the basic model of this analysis
ii) eq. 12 - the linearly distributed lag model
iii) eq. $P$ - the set of preferred models as derived in sec. 5

An example of these estimates (for commodity 09 - paper and paper products) is presented in columns 3, 5 , and 7 in table 6.1. The first column gives the names of the estimated coefficients, while the second column gives the estimates obtained by single equation non-linear least squares. ${ }^{3)}$ A comparison of the single equation estimates and those of eq. 1 reveal the expected gain in efficiency.

The main purpose of introducing the multivariate model is to test the equality of the elasticity of substitution across the production sectors. We have estimated the following three restricted equation systems corresponding to i-iii above:
iv) eq. IS - eq. 1 with the restriction that $a_{k 0}=a_{0}$, and $a_{k 1}=a_{j}, k=1, \ldots, n$.
v) eq. 12 S - eq. 12 with $a_{k 0}=a_{0}, k=1, \ldots, n$.
vi) eq. PS - eq. $P$ with $a_{k 0}=a_{0}, a_{k 1}=a_{1}, k=1, \ldots, n$, uniess $a_{k 0}$ or $a_{k 1}$ already are zero in the preferred equation.

[^7]The last comment suggests some of the ambiguity in defining equality of the elasticity of substitution, when the equations are not all of the same type. We have three measures of the substitution parameter: the short run elasticity $a_{k 0}$, the delayed elasticity $a_{k l}$, and the long run elasticity $a_{k 0}+a_{k l}$. ${ }^{4}$ ) The most reasonable definition of equality would perhaps refer to the long run parameters. We have chosen a simpler definition as evidenced by vi) above. The estimates of equation systems $15,12 S$, and $P S$ are presented in columns 4, 6, and 8 of table 6.1.

Table 6.1. Commodity 09 - Paper and paper products. Coefficient estimates, multivariate analysis

| Coefficient | Single eq. estimates | eq. 1 | eq. 15 | eq. 12 | eq. 12 S | pref. | pref.s |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sector $09^{1}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{k}_{1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .59 \\ & (.39) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .52 \\ & (.33) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .24 \\ & (.38) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .27 \\ & (.42) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .24 \\ & (.34) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .66 \\ & (.31) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} .56 \\ (.38) \end{gathered}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {a }} 10$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.52 \\ (.35) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -7.51 \\ (.30) \end{gathered}$ | $-\begin{aligned} & .81 \\ & (.16) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -2.47 \\ & (.70) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.05 \\ (.14) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -7.56 \\ (.30) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -7.17 \\ (.13) \end{gathered}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {a }} 11$ | $\begin{gathered} -2.89 \\ (.56) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -2.94 \\ (.50) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .31 \\ & (.18) \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} -3.17 \\ (.48) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -2.76 \\ (.46) \end{gathered}$ |
| ${ }^{\circ} 1$ | $\begin{aligned} & .76 \\ & (.16) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .79 \\ & (.14) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .87 \\ & (.16) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .87 \\ & (.17) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .87 \\ & (.14) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .73 \\ & (.13) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .77 \\ & (.76) \end{aligned}$ |

Sector 18

| $k_{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.84 \\ & (.61) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.15 \\ & (.47) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.39 \\ & (.49) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.86 \\ & (.53) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.84 \\ & (.51) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.15 \\ & (.45) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.11 \\ & (.45) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{a}_{20}$ | $\begin{gathered} -7.29 \\ (.28) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -7.26 \\ (.22) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} -1.07 \\ (.15) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} -7.18 \\ (.14) \end{gathered}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{a}_{21}$ | $\begin{gathered} .14 \\ (.33) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .07 \\ & (.25) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\circ} 2$ | $\begin{gathered} .45 \\ (.19) \end{gathered}$ | .36 $(.14)$ | .27 $(.15)$ | .12 $(.16)$ | .12 $(.16)$ | .36 $(.14)$ | .37 $(.14)$ |

Sector 20

| $k_{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .40 \\ & (.22) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .35 \\ & (.18) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .21 \\ & (.12) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .26 \\ & (.14) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .20 \\ & (.12) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .20 \\ & (.13) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .20 \\ & (.13) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{a}_{30}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -.21 \\ (.61) \end{array}$ | $-. .12$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & .31 \\ & (.90) \end{aligned}$ |  | $-. .59$ |  |
| $\mathrm{a}_{31}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.85 \\ & (.88) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.68 \\ & (.72) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\circ} 3$ | $\begin{aligned} & .57 \\ & (.24) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} .63 \\ (.19) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .82 \\ & (.12) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .72 \\ & (.15) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .82 \\ & (.12) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .82 \\ & (.13) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .84 \\ & (.13) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\ln \mathrm{L}$ |  | 13.2342 | 1.9714 | 3.6069 | 1.5152 | 11.1476 | 9.7309 |
| No.of coeff. | 12 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 8 |

1) The indices 1,2 , and 3 represent the sectors $08,18,20$ respectively.
2) In the linearly distributed lag formulation $a_{k O}$ is the long run parameter.

We have estimated the system (6.1) and (6.3) using multivariate maximum likelihood. The value of the log likelihood function is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ln L=-\frac{n T}{2}(1+\ln 2 \pi)-\frac{T}{2} \ln |\hat{\Sigma}|, \tag{6.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $|\hat{\Sigma}|$ is the generalized residual variance. ${ }^{5)}$ Let $H_{j}$ be the hypothesis that the parametric restrictions embodied in the formulation ofsthe $i$ 'th equation system are true, and let $H_{j}$ be another less restrictive hypothesis. Then a test of $H_{i}$ conditional upon $H_{j}$ is provided by the likelihood ratio test:
$-2 \ln \frac{L}{i}_{L_{j}}=T\left(\ln \left|\hat{\Sigma}_{i}\right|-\ln \left|\hat{\Sigma}_{j}\right|\right) \tilde{A} x^{2}\left(k_{j}-k_{j}\right)$
which has an asymptotic chi-square distribution with $k_{j}-k_{i}$ degrees of freedom.
We have carried out these tests only for commodities 08 and 09 , and the results are presented in fig. 6.1. For commodity 08, the preferred equations are: sector 08 - eq. 32, sector 15 - eq. 11 , and sector $20-$ eq. 12. For commodity 09, the preferred equations are: sector $09-\mathrm{eq}$. , sector 18 - eq. 11, and sector 20 - eq. 11. In both cases equality is rejected in the basic model, and accepted in eq. 12 and the preferred model. It would seem that equality in the basic model is too restrictive because it imposes the same lag structure on all sectors, an hypothesis which we may already have rejected when choosing a preferred formulation. ${ }^{6}$ ) But there seems to be evidence for the equality of the substitution parameters, once one has determined the type of lag structure.

[^8]Table 6.2 - Parameter Tests in the Multivariate Model ${ }^{1}$
08 Wood and wood products


09 Paper and paper products


1) Numbers in parentheses are degrees of freedom. See text for further explanation.

## 7. CONCLUDING REMARKS

This analysis has been a test both of the methodology and of the data. One could easily fault the data when the theory seems to fail, or one could lay the blame on the model when the data seem unreasonable. There are, particularly for some of the commodities, many reasons why the model may be inadequate. But the estimates presented above do suggest that there often is significant price responsiveness in the demand for imports of a given commodity by a given sector. It may therefore be advantageous to introduce the import share functions $m_{i k}^{B}$ [see (2.6)] as explicit functions of relative prices into the import share matrix $M^{B}$ [see (1.5)]. This is particularly the case, since, as mentioned in the introduction, it seems to be the only way to combine price substitution with the use of a detailed matrix of import shares.

We had hoped in this analysis to use the added information contained in the data by sector to obtain more efficient estimates of the substitution parameter, given that this was the same for all sectors. Tentative conclusions thus far do not seem to support the last assumption. It would still seem reasonable, however, to use such a common value for the elasticity of substitution for those sectors where for one reason or another we do not get good estimates (in some cases the import share may better be left as an exogeneous variable).

It may be worth while to look again at (1.1) and (1.2). In a planning model we are primarily interested in explaining the total import $x_{i}^{B}$ of the different commodities. This suggests a comparison of the following three models:
i) - estimate (1.1) directly
ii) - the approach of this paper [i.e. (1.2)], using (1.3) to obtain $x_{i}^{B}$
iii) - model ii) with the added restriction that the substitution parameter be the same for all sectors

We have not yet estimated i) using the present body of data, but we will do so and we then intend to compare the predictive ability of the three models over the sample period. This will not give us a statistical test, but may give a better idea of the gains that can be expected from an implementation of the current approach.

This appendix consists of 6 tables giving detailed estimates of the equations outlined in fig. 3.1 for the commodities "wood and wood products" (08) and "paper and paper products" (09). For each commodity, there is one table for each of the three production sectors receiving that commodity and having complete time series on import and domestic supplies. 1) The first column gives the number of the equation estimated (see fig. 3.1): a star indicates that the equation is estimated by the Cochrane-Orcutt procedure, and a $T$ indicates the inclusion of a time trend, i.e. eq. IT is eq. 1 with a time trend added. For each equation the first row presents the coefficient estimates and the summary statistics, and the second row gives the standard errors of the coefficients. The following abbreviations are used in the column heading:

CONST - the constant term.
P - the coefficient of $p_{t}$, the current price variable. In equations estimated by polynomially distributed lag ( $12,32,12 \mathrm{~T}, 32 \mathrm{~T}$ ) the coefficient shown is the sum of the individual lag coefficients.
PLAG - the coefficient of $p_{t}^{L}=\left(.67 p_{t-1}+.33 p_{t-2}\right)$.
TREND - the coefficient of the time trend, the trend being - 10 in 1949 and +10 in 1969.
XLAG, RHO the coefficient of the lagged endogenous variable $x_{t-1}$ in unrestricted equations, and the first order correlation coefficient for equations estimated by the Cochrane-Orcutt-method (and market with a star in the first column).

RSQ - square of the multiple correlation coefficient.
DW - Durbin-Watson statistic.
SER - standard error of the regression, corrected for degrees of freedom.
SSR - sum of squared residuals (multiplied by 10).

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[^0]:    1) A related paper was presented at the Sixteenth General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth in August 1979. The paper, entitled "Relative Prices and Import Substitution, Sectoral Analysis on Norwegian Data for the Period 1949-1969" gives greater attention to data construction and aggregation, and presents further empirical results. It will be published in the Review of Income and Wealth.
    2) Commonly used other variables are capacity utilization, cyclical factors, and the ubiquitous time trend.
    3) The o represents an element by element multiplication of the two matrices.
    4) See Bjerkholt and Longva (1975, 1979), and Lorentsen and Skoglund (1976), respectively.
[^1]:    5) It does not seem meaningful to combine information on the detailed import share matrix $M^{B}$ with demand functions like (1.1). The use of an import share matrix necessitates introducing substitution into each element of the matrix, though one may still assume some of the elements to be constant.
[^2]:    6) Perhaps subject to capacity restrictions or other factor limitations.
    7) See MCFadden (1978) for a detailed analysis of the properties of (restricted) profit functions.
[^3]:    1) This subsection treats only the flow of a single commodity $i$ to a single sector $k$. The subscripts i and k will therefore be dropped.
    2) The argument of part a) of this section now applies with respect to these effective prices.
[^4]:    1) Sum of domestically produced and imported inputs. Measured in (1961) producers' prices (it should
[^5]:    1) Estimates for another 33 flows are given in Frenger (1979):
    2) A $5 \%$ significance level is used at each step unless otherwise mentioned.
    3) The symbol $L\left(p_{t}\right)$ represents the linear lag polynomial, with weights summing to one.
[^6]:    3) We have earlier ignored the commodity and sector subscripts on the a coefficients.
[^7]:    1) The commodity index $i$ is fixed in the analysis of this section, and has been ignored. The index $n=n_{i}$ is the number of production sectors included in the estimation of the $i$ 'th commodity.
    2) Good arguments could also be made for the residuals $\varepsilon_{i k}$, $i=1, \ldots, m$, i.e. for the various commodities used by the same sector, to be correlated.
    3) The equivalent estimates in sec. 5 were obtained by the Cochrane-Orcutt method. The parametres of the multivariate model are estimated using the RTE formulation (3.12). The constant term of the present multivariate estimates and the single equation estimates of section 5 are therefore related by $k_{k}=c_{k}\left(1-o_{k}\right)$.
[^8]:    5) $\Sigma$ is the maximum likelihood estimate of the covariance matrix $\Sigma$.
    6) See section 5 .
[^9]:    1) See sec. 4 for more detailed explanation of the selection of sectors included in the analysis.
