Endogenous Labour Supply in CGE-Household Micro-Simulation-Top-Down/Bottom Up Model

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- Objective and a brief history of CGE modeling
- CGE modeling with labour supply
- Magnac labour supply model (1991)
 - Main characteristics
 - The econometric model
- CGE-TD/BU model applied to the Philippines
 - Macroeconomic results
 - Effects on poverty for the whole population and by education groups
 - Comparative Growth Incidence Curves for population
- Conclusion and to follow up the thinking



- Use of a new approach to model macro-micro linkages to analyse impacts of policies/external shocks on poverty and income distribution
- Introduce a labour supply with unemployment (regime switching) for poverty analysis
- Introduce endogenous labour supply

- As previously presented: Three types of approaches
 - Representative households (RH approach)
 - Integrated Multi-household approach (IMH approach)
 - Macro-micro-simulation (CGE-MS approach)

CGE-TD/BU approach

Linking the CGE model to a household (HHMS) model (Top-down) and the HHMS model to the CGE model (Bottom-Up) until a converging solution is found

- Pros.
 - Allows rich micro-behaviour
 - Allows intra-group distributional analysis
 - Removes the group choice constraint
 - Takes into account micro-household feedback effects in the CGE model
 - Provides macro coherence framework
 - No need to have a consistency between micro and macro data
 - No limit to the level of disaggregation (production sectors and number of HH)
- Cons.
 - Data and technically intensive



The algorithm: linking the models



Exogenous: (*Consumption, C, Labor supply, L*) Endogenous and output to HHMS: (*p, w*)



Loop until $\left\| \Delta C, \Delta L \right\| \le \varepsilon$



Bottom module: household micro-simulation (HHMS)

Exogenous (p, w)Endogenous (Y_{in}, C_{in}, L_{in})

Output to CGE (Total Consumption, C, Total Labor supply, L)



- Applications of CGE-RH approach:
 - Fortin, Marceau and Savard (1997)
 - Savard and Adjovi (1998)
 - Devarajan, Ghanem and Thierfelder (1999)
 - Agenor, Izquierdo and Fofack (2003)
- According to our knowledge, no application with Integrated Multi-household approach
- Applications of CGE-MS approach:
 - Bourguignon, Robilliard and Robinson (2002)
 - Bussolo and Lay (2003)
 - As seen in other presentations
- CGE-TD/BU ⇒ An illustration in this presentation of Savard's version



- Fixed formal wage, excess supply of labour
 - The supply of labour is based on the potential wage estimated from the Magnac model
 - This potential wage takes into account the cost of entry into the formal sector
 - Hiring (most skilled from unemployed and informal sector)
 - Fired (least qualified of the formal sector)
- Informal sector labour supply
 - Based on the reservation wage calculated from the estimation of the Magnac model
 - Work if reservation wage is below prevailing wage
 - Unemployed if reservation wage is above



• The potential wage ω_h^j of individual h in the segment j (1=formal and 2= informal) of the labour market is given by:

$$\omega_h^j = \pi_h.w^j \tag{1}$$

with

$$ln\pi_h = H_h.\gamma^j + u_h^j \tag{2}$$

where

- ullet w^j is the general level of earnings in segment j (solution of the aggregate CGE model)
- ullet H_h are the human capital characteristics of worker h
- ullet γ^j is a vector of coeff. specific of segment j and
- u_h^j is the residual term for the effect of unobserved characteristics on worker productivity in i



☐ Main characteristics

• Participation decisions are taken by comparing the potential wage on both segments to a reservation wage ω_h^0 :

$$ln\omega_h^0 = H_h.\gamma^0 + Z_h.\delta + u_h^0 \tag{3}$$

where

- \bullet γ^0 are the elasticities of the reservation wage with respect to the observable characteristics of workers
- \bullet δ are the elasticities of the reservation wage with respect to the household characteristics and
- ullet Z_h and u_h^0 summarize the effect of unobserved variables

As ω_h^0 is not directly observed and must be inferred from the observed participation behaviour of individuals



- Decision process of an individual who has to choose among three alternatives (Roy's model):
 - Being unemployed
 - Working in formal sector or
 - Working in informal sector
- Imperfection of the labor market and entry restrictions in formal sector are got by a cost of entry in that sector. Then the net gain in the formal segment is defined as:

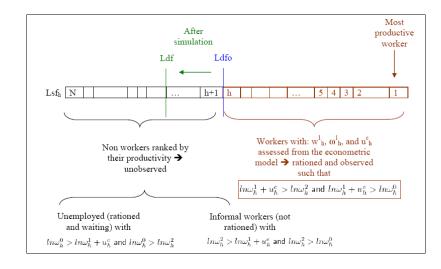
$$ln\omega_h^1 + u_h^c \tag{4}$$

where u_h^c stands for the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of earnings in formal sector received by the worker after taking into account the cost of the proportion of the pro

- The employment decision process can be described by the following set of conditions:
 - Formal employment: $ln\omega_h^1+u_h^c>ln\omega_h^2$ and $ln\omega_h^1+u_h^c>ln\omega_h^0$
 - Informal employment: $ln\omega_h^2>ln\omega_h^1+u_h^c$ and $ln\omega_h^2>ln\omega_h^0$
 - \bullet Unemployed: $ln\omega_h^0>ln\omega_h^1+u_h^c$ and $ln\omega_h^0>ln\omega_h^2$
- Under the assumption of a normal distribution of the unobserved terms, the model could be estimated by different ML methods:
 - Generalized bivariate Tobit (Amemiya, 1985)
 - In two steps (Heckman, 1979): 1- Bivariate probit (participation and choice sector) or univariate probit (participation) and 2- OLS on wage equations with Mill's ratio



☐ The rationing scheme



- Standard CGE model: EXTER model from Decaluwé, Martens and Savard (2001)
 - 20 production branches
 - HH consumption modeled with a LES based on consumption expenditures
 - Fixed capital in production branches
 - Small country: Armington assumption
- Contribution
 - Segmented labour market such as Magnac (1991) with functions mimicking the labour supply behaviour of the HHMS model



- Data used for the Household model/Labour supply estimation (Bottom part)
 - 39,520 households of the FIES 1997 survey
 - Income and expenditure structures taken exactly from FIES
 - Labour supply (Magnac, 1991) assessed as Heckman and Sedlecek (1985)
 - Modern/formal labour market: rationed by fixed wage
 - Informal sector with flexible wage
 - Unemployment (rationed and waiting)
 - Used data from LFS (three passages combined with FIES (at 98%) for 1997)



- \bullet Simulation : An across-the board reduction in import duties of 30%
 - The Philippines are a rather open economy;
 - Such a reform entails some restructuring of the economy implying
 - effects on price system and
 - on distribution of welfare
 - Popular reform in 90's
- The simulation is performed under two specifications:
 - Real wage fixed and TD/BU specification
 - Real wage fixed but ignoring the feedback effects from the microsimulation to the macro (TD specification)



CGE-TD/BU model applied to the Philippines

Macroeconomic results: Comparison of both approaches

Variables	Base	TD/BU_FX_w ¹	TD_FX_w ¹
Gross domestic product	104,510	-0.69%	-1.27%
Real Household income	86,476	1.13%	0.64%
Household real consumption	72,607	1.40%	1.03%
Formal Wage (index)	1	-	-
Informal Wage (vs formal)	0.5	-1.25%	-0.46%
Government income	20,367	-8.43%	-8.84%
Real public spending	16,818	-11.34%	-13.02%
Real investment	23,684	2.26%	2.17%
Firms' income	26,172	0.55%	0.14%
Firms' savings	7,810	0.95%	0.24%
Employment rate	0.8316	-0.66%	-2.03%
Exchange rate (index)	1	0.30%	0.27%

TD/BU_FX_w¹: TD/BU model with fixed formal wage

TD_FX_w¹: TD model with fixed formal wage



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Effects on poverty: Comparison of both approaches

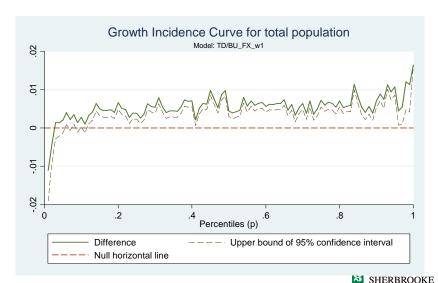
Poverty Index	Groups	Base	TD/BU_FX_w ¹	TD_FX_w ¹
FGT_0	Philippines	0.311	-1.46%	-1.79%
	Not reported or no grade	0.564	-1.48%	-1.55%
	Elementary undergraduate	0.501	-1.38%	-1.58%
	Elementary graduate	0.384	-0.81%	-1.25%
$\mathbf{FGT_0}$	One to three years of HS	0.317	-2.11%	-2.45%
	HS graduate	0.184	-3.08%	-3.28%
	College undergraduate	0.092	-0.34%	-2.06%
	At least college graduate	0.021	-1.96%	-3.42%

TD/BU_FX_w1: TD/BU model with fixed formal wage

TD_FX_w¹: TD model with fixed formal wage



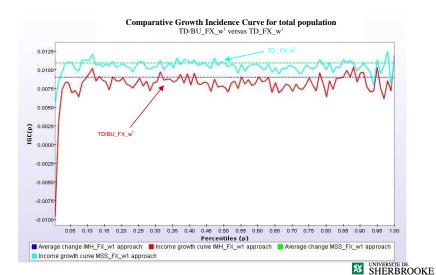
Growth Incidence Curves: Is this policy pro-poor for the whole population?





CGE-TD/BU model applied to the Philippines

Comparative Growth Incidence Curves



- Taking into account the micro consequences of a macro policy through the integration of a micro data base of HH within a CGE model. Two ways:
 - through a conventional CGE-MS approach without any feedback at the macro level (TD-CGE)
 - through iterations between those two modules with a TD/BU-CGE model
- Differences between the two approaches in the presence of rigidities in the labor market (rationing situation):
 - TD-CGE model tends to overestimate the negative impact on GDP and employment ⇒ to underestimate effects on reducing poverty
 - Differences between the two models are higher with a fixed formal wage

- Further work:
 - Testing the limits or possible sources of non-convergence
 - Applying with other micro-modeling such as
 - Almost Ideal demand system (to follow)
 - Agriculture household modeling
 - Gender issues

