

Technology Advantage and Home-market Effect: An Empirical Investigation

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Abstract

According to the conventional home-market effect, free trade tends to shrink the market share for a small economy in differentiated manufacturing goods, and in the extreme leads to a complete hollowing-out of the industry in a small economy. This paper considers the technology difference between countries using the standard Helpman-Krugman model. We will show that the home-market effect can be offset and even reversed if the smaller economy is characterized by better technology. The effect of a technology advantage is composed of two parts: a direct effect from lower unit costs that leads to a higher output level of each firm, and an indirect effect through a change of survival firms after trade. Based on theoretical results we derive the gravity equation to undertake empirical tests on the hypothesis of home-market effect, and direct and indirect technology effects using the stock of each country's patent registered in US in 2002 for six industries ranging from the most technology-intensive semiconductor industry to the most labor-intensive apparel and clothing industry. Empirical results show that the degree of home-market effect varies from industry to industry. The reversal of the home-market effect due to counteracting direct and indirect technology effects is more likely to occur in technology-intensive industries. In this regards, any

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technology improving policy like R&D subsidies is always justifiable especially for a small open economy and for high-tech industries to prevent from being marginalized by a large economy.

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I. Introduction

In a monopolistic competition model, Krugman (1979, 1980) and Helpman and Krugman (1985) illustrate the home market effect whereby a country with larger consumers will run a trade surplus in the differentiated products characterized by scale economies. The illustration of the home market effect in these papers relies on a specific market structure and functional form assumptions, especially on Dixit and Stiglitz's (1977) preferences and 'iceberg' transport costs. Thus, a further development in the literature has been to examine the robustness of the home market effect under different modeling assumptions.

In a model of monopolistic-competition with many industries, Hanson and Xiang (2004) prove that higher transport costs and more differentiated products tend to have more intensive home market effect. In addition, using the gravity approach their theoretical findings are also empirically supported. Davis (1998) illustrates that if both the homogeneous and differentiated goods face identical transport costs, then the home market effect will vanish.¹ Behrens (2005) shows that the existence of non-traded goods may also offset the home market effect. Head, *et al.* (2002) find the home market effect may reverse in a Cournot-competition model, in which varieties are linked to nations rather than firms. This result is consistent with those found in Head and Ries (2001) who consider a model featuring perfect competition and national product differentiation. The reversal of a home market effect is also found in a 'reciprocal-dumping' model by Feenstra, *et al.* (2001) considering nation-specific varieties. Yu (2005) shows that if the consumer's preference follows the form of a constant elasticity of substitution between the homogeneous and differentiated goods, then the reverse home market effect may occur depending on the level of elasticity. More specifically, if the elasticity of substitution is less than one, then the home market effect will reverse.

Under the standard assumption of identical technology in the literature on home

¹See also Holmes and Stevens (2005), Crozen *et al.* (2007) and the references therein.

market effect, what is ignored is the fact that a better technology for a smaller economy can offset its market size disadvantage for an increasing return to scale sector. Theoretically, in a monopolistic competition market a firm with better technology, reflected in lower marginal cost or fixed cost, should have a higher market share in equilibrium. For example, Ricci (1999) emphasizes the importance of the marginal costs advantage in offsetting or even reversing the home-market effect. In addition, Forslid and Wooton (2003) illustrate that technology advantage in the fixed costs can also make the home market effect disappear.

In other words, the Ricardian aspect (cross-country technical heterogeneity) is downplayed in the standard models. To fill this gap, the purpose of this paper is to analyze the role of general their heterogeneity, including not only the fixed costs difference but also the marginal costs difference across countries for the likely home-market reversal. Beginning with a theoretical model, we will prove that the home-market effect can be offset by the technology advantage of the smaller country. In the extreme, a smaller but technologically better country can have trade-induced expansion rather than reduction in its manufacturing sector. Conversely, for a big but technologically poorer country, free trade may end up decreasing rather than increasing its share in the differentiated manufacturing sector. In other words, the technology advantage of the small country may lead to a home market effect reversal, if the technology difference is large enough.

Then, from the theoretical model we derive the gravity equation and three home-market related hypotheses for further testing. By matching the trade data with the amount of each country's industry-specific patent stock registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which approximates the country-specific technology level, we establish samples of six different industries, ranging from the most technology-intensive industry semiconductor (SITC 776) to the conventional labor-intensive apparel and textile industry (SITC 84). And, as is theoretically predicted, for all the six industries the empirical result does reconfirm the conventional home-market effect, that is, the export country's market size affects more exports than that of the import country's size. Furthermore, in a new addition to the literature, the empirical evidence also significantly support the role for technology advantage to offset the home-market effect. However, the degree of the technology effect varies from industry to industry, the more the technology-intensive the more likely that the home-market effect will be reversed due to the technology advantage of the small economy. The policy implication delivered from our findings is clear. That is, for a small open economy to prevent its manufacturing

industries from losing to big economy, R&D or any technological improving policies are always justifiable. In addition, should there be any resource constraints as it usually be, then technology-intensive industries should be in the top priority of receiving the subsidies.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II establishes the theoretical model with technology difference between countries, solves for free trade equilibrium and derives the corresponding gravity equation and hypothesis for empirical test. Section III provides empirical tests and simulations for each of the six underlying industries. Section IV concludes the paper.

II. The theoretical model

Suppose that the economy comprises two countries, home and foreign (denoted by an asterisk (*)), and that they are similar in regard to the consumer preferences but not necessarily in their production technologies and size. There is only one factor of production, labor, and thus the relative country size is measured by the labor force. Let L denote the size of the world's total labor force, of which γL ($0 < \gamma < 1$) belongs to the home country and $(1-\gamma)L$ belongs to the foreign one. That is, γ denotes the relative home country size. As usual, we assume that there are only two sectors: a competitive sector which produces a homogeneous good (A), and a monopolistic competition sector which produces a large number of varieties of firm-specific differentiated product (X). The homogeneous good, which will be taken as the numeraire, is produced under constant returns to scale technology.

The key assumption is a positive (but not prohibitive) transport cost for the differentiated product under free trade. More specifically, for the differentiated product, the international shipment incurs an “iceberg” effect of transport costs, that is, for t ($t > 1$) units of the goods shipped, only one unit arrives. Thus, the domestic price of the imported differentiated product will be tp^* , provided that p^* is the producer's price for the foreign product. On the other hand, the homogeneous goods is assumed to be costless to trade, and still exists in both countries after trade; with identical technology in this sector, this assumption implies that the wage rates are equal between the countries.

Furthermore, we assume that all the consumers share the same Cobb-Douglas preferences, as represented by the following utility function:

$$U = C_A^{1-s} C_X^s, \quad 0 < s < 1, \quad (1)$$

where C_A is the consumption level of the homogeneous goods, C_X is the quantity index of the differentiated products consumed, and s is the expenditure share of the differentiated products. The quantity index takes the well-known form of

$$C_X = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^\theta + \sum_{i^*=1}^{n^*} c_i^{\theta'} \right)^{1/\theta}, C_X^* = \left(\sum_{i^*=1}^{n^*} c_i^{*\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i'^{\theta} \right)^{1/\theta}, 0 < \theta < 1, \quad (2)$$

where $n(n^*)$ is the number of the products or firms in the home (foreign) country, c_i (c_i') is the quantity of the home (foreign) product i consumed by the home consumers, c_i^* ($c_i'^*$) is the quantity of the foreign (home) product i consumed by the foreign consumers, and $\varepsilon \equiv 1/(1 - \theta)$ is the elasticity of substitution between every pair of the differentiated products.

Solving the consumer's utility maximization problem yields the following domestic demand function (c_i) for each unit of home product i .

$$c_i = p_i^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} s w \gamma L = p_i^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} s Y, \quad (3)$$

where p_i denotes the price of home product i , P denotes the price index for the differentiated goods to be shown later, w denotes the nominal wage, and thus $w \gamma L$, which has been rewritten as Y , represents the income level for the home country. Similarly, the domestic demand for foreign product i (c_i') is

$$c_i' = (tp_i)^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} t s w \gamma L = (tp_i)^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} t s Y. \quad (4)$$

Correspondingly, we have the foreign consumers' demand for the domestic goods, c_i^* , and for the imported goods, $c_i'^*$, as follows:

$$c_i^* = p_i^{-\varepsilon} P^{*\varepsilon-1} s w^* (1 - \gamma) L = p_i^{-\varepsilon} P^{*\varepsilon-1} s Y^*, \quad (3')$$

$$c_i'^* = (tp_i)^{-\varepsilon} P^{*\varepsilon-1} t s w^* (1 - \gamma) L = (tp_i)^{-\varepsilon} P^{*\varepsilon-1} t s Y^*. \quad (4')$$

The price index for the differentiated products that is dual to the sub-utility is represented by

$$P = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{1-\varepsilon} + \sum_{i^*=1}^{n^*} (tp_i^*)^{1-\varepsilon} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon}}, P^* = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (tp_i)^{1-\varepsilon} + \sum_{i^*=1}^{n^*} (p_i^*)^{1-\varepsilon} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon}}. \quad (5)$$

On the other hand, the production technology in the homogenous sector is such that one unit of output requires one unit of labor input. Apart from the traditional setup, we assume that there is a cross-country technological heterogeneity in the monopolistically competitive sector. Let the amount of labor required to produce the quantity of x_i for the home (foreign, x_i^*) firm i be given as follows:

$$l_i = a + bx_i, \quad l_i^* = a^* + b^*x_i^*, \quad (6)$$

where $a > 0$ ($a^* > 0$) is the fixed labor requirement and $b > 0$ ($b^* > 0$) is the marginal labor requirement for the home (foreign) firm.

Profit maximization and zero profit conditions solve the equilibrium level of each home and foreign firm's output and price, (x, p) and (x^*, p^*) respectively, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} \frac{a}{b}, \quad p = \frac{b}{\theta}, \\ x_i^* &= \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} \frac{a^*}{b^*}, \quad p^* = \frac{b^*}{\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

For simplicity, we will suppress the subscript in what follows. The market clearing condition for each of the differentiated products of the home firms requires that $x = c + c^*$. In other words, total supply x should equal the sum of home and foreign demand, c and c^* , respectively. By making use of equations (3), (4') and (7), the market clearing condition for each home good can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)} \frac{a}{b} &= p^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} sY + (tp^*)^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} tsY \\ &= \frac{p^{-\varepsilon} sY}{\phi_1} + \frac{\tau p^{-\varepsilon} sY^*}{\phi_2}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Correspondingly, we have the market clearing condition for each foreign good, $x^* = c' + c^*$, and by making use of equations (3'), (4) and (7) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)} \frac{a^*}{b^*} &= (tp^*)^{-\varepsilon} P^{\varepsilon-1} tsY + p^{*\varepsilon-1} P^{*\varepsilon-1} sY^* \\ &= \frac{p^{*\varepsilon-1} tsY}{\phi_1} + \frac{p^{*\varepsilon-1} sY^*}{\phi_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Note that as the homogeneous sector A remains active in both countries, the identical technology and costless trade in the sector ensure an identical wage rate

between the home and foreign countries. In other words, the home wage rate w should be equal to the foreign wage rate w^* , i.e., $w = w^*$. By making use of $w^*/w = 1$, we can solve equations (8) and (10) to obtain n and n^* (see Appendix 1 for the mathematical derivation):

$$n = \frac{(1-\theta)s}{a} \left[\frac{Y}{1-\tau\Phi} - \frac{\tau Y^*}{\Phi-\tau} \right], \quad (10)$$

$$n^* = \frac{(1-\theta)s}{a^*} \Phi \left[\frac{Y^*}{\Phi-\tau} - \frac{\tau Y}{1-\tau\Phi} \right] \quad (11)$$

where

$$\Phi \equiv \frac{a^*}{a} \left(\frac{b^*}{b} \right)^{\epsilon-1} \quad (12)$$

represents the relative technology difference between the countries. As we can see from equation (13), the factors affecting the technology differential include the ratio of fixed labor requirement (a^*/a) and ratio of the marginal labor requirement (b^*/b). Furthermore, higher values of a^* and b^* and/or lower values of a and b correspond to a higher Φ , indicating higher technology advantage for the home country.

A. Home-market effect versus technology effect

The conventional home-market effect states that a large country tends to have a more-than-proportional share of the differentiated industry, since with increasing return, transport costs provide an advantage for firms located in a larger market. However, as will be elaborated below, the technology advantage can offset or even reverse the home-market effect.

By equation (11) and (12), we can compute the ratio of the number of firms between home and foreign country as below

$$\frac{n}{n^*} = \frac{a^*}{a} \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{\Phi-\tau}{1-\tau\Phi} \right) - \tau}{1 - \tau \left(\frac{\Phi-\tau}{1-\tau\Phi} \right) \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}}, \quad (13)$$

The total output value of the home product, V is by definition equal to npx , in which $p=b/\theta$ and $x=\theta a/(1-\theta)b$ at equilibrium. Similarly, for the foreign country, we have $V^* = n^* p^* x^*$ in which $p^*=b^*/\theta$ and $x^*=\theta a^*/(1-\theta)b^*$. Accordingly, the ratio of

market share between home and foreign countries, V/V^* can be derived as

$$v \equiv \frac{V}{V^*} = \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{\Phi - \tau}{1 - \tau\Phi} \right) - \tau}{1 - \tau \left(\frac{\Phi - \tau}{1 - \tau\Phi} \right) \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}}. \quad (14)$$

Obviously, the relative market share between home and foreign country is a function of Φ , γ and τ . The relation can be expressed implicitly as $V/V^* = v(\Phi, \gamma, \tau)$ and depicted as the vv lines in Figure 1. The properties of the v function and vv -line can be listed as below:

(i) $\partial v / \partial \gamma > 0$, i.e., the larger the home country, the higher its market share, indicating the positive slope of the vv -line in Figure 1.

(ii) $0 < V/V^* < \infty$ only if $\gamma < \gamma < \bar{\gamma}$, where $\gamma \equiv \tau / [\tau + (\Phi - \tau) / (1 - \tau\Phi)]$ and $\bar{\gamma} \equiv 1 / [\tau(\Phi - \tau) / (1 - \tau\Phi) + 1]$. It states that if the home country is smaller than γ , then $n = 0$, and $V = 0$, implying its X sector will be out of the market under free trade. On the contrary, if the home country is bigger than $\bar{\gamma}$, then the other country will find no firm surviving under free trade.

(iii) $\partial \gamma / \partial \tau > 0$, and $\partial \bar{\gamma} / \partial \tau < 0$, implying that the lower the transport cost (that is, higher τ), the smaller the range of size difference between countries for both countries to keep the X sector surviving under free trade.

(iv) $\partial \gamma / \partial \Phi < 0$, and $\partial \bar{\gamma} / \partial \Phi < 0$, implying that with a better technology, not only will the home country's X sector be less likely to vanish from the world market ($\partial \gamma / \partial \Phi < 0$), but it is also more likely to take up the whole market ($\partial \bar{\gamma} / \partial \Phi < 0$). This also implies that raising Φ will move the vv -line leftward, as shown in Figure 1.

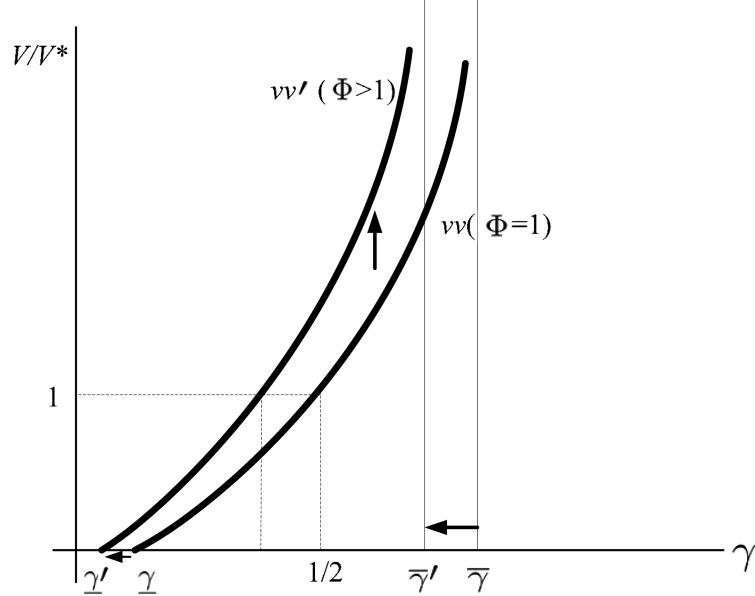
(v) If $\Phi = 1$ (identical technology), then

$$\frac{V}{V^*} = \frac{\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} - \tau}{1 - \tau \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}}.$$

In this case we have

$$\frac{\frac{V}{V^*}}{\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} = \frac{1 - \left[\frac{\tau}{\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \right]}{1 - \tau \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \geq 1, \text{ if } \gamma \geq 1 - \tau$$

Obviously, this special case illustrates the conventional home-market effect,

Figure 1. Relative market share and technology advantage

which states that a bigger country ($\gamma > 1-\gamma$) will have a more than proportional share of the world market. The relation between V/V^* and γ under $\Phi = 1$ is depicted as the vv -line in Figure 1.

(vi) Home-market effect under technology difference: With $\Phi > 1$, a smaller country ($\gamma < 1/2$) can still have higher market share than the other big country, provided the degree of technology advantage is high enough. The technology effect on the home-market effect can be illustrated in Figure 1. In the figure, vv -line represents the case of identical technology $\Phi = 1$, and vv' -line represents the case of $\Phi > 1$. Since higher Φ will move the vv -line leftward, the vv' -line is on the left-hand side of vv -line. We can easily find that with better technology a smaller country $\gamma < 1/2$, can still have a larger market share than its bigger trade partner, a case against the conventional home-market effect.

B. The gravity equation

To test the effect of technology advantage on the home-market effect, we will adopt the conventional approach of the gravity equation. For this purpose, we firstly have to derive the gravity equation from our model. By definition, c_i^* is the quantity of export of i^{th} firm's output. Under the identical cost assumption, $c_i^* = c'^*$ for all i . For convenience, we shall suppress subscript i in the following.

Accordingly, the export value for each firm is

$$pC' = (tp)^{1-\varepsilon} P^{*\varepsilon} s \cdot Y^*.$$

Since there are n firms in the home country, the export value, denoted as X , is

$$X = np \cdot C' = n(tp_i)^{1-\varepsilon} P^{*\varepsilon} s Y^*. \quad (15)$$

Using equation (11) of n and replacing b/θ for the equilibrium level of p , we can linearize the gravity equation by taking logs to yield

$$\begin{aligned} \log X = & \alpha + \log \left(\frac{Y}{1 - \tau\Phi} - \frac{\tau Y^*}{\Phi - \tau} \right) + \log Y^* + (1 - \varepsilon) \log t \\ & + (1 - \varepsilon) \log b - \log a + (\varepsilon - 1) \log P^*, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where $\alpha \equiv 2\log s + (\varepsilon - 1)\log \theta + \log(1 - \theta)$. Compared to the conventional gravity equation, equation (17) states that the factors affecting bilateral export value include not only the conventional gravity variables, such as the national income of both countries (Y, Y^*), distance (represented by t) and the general price level P^* , but also the technology difference as represented by Φ, b and a .

C. Technology effects

The effects of technology advantage on the gravity relation of bilateral trade are two-fold as indicated by equation (17): one a direct effect as reflected by the terms of $(1 - \varepsilon)\log b - \log a$, the other an indirect effect through the market sizes of Y and Y^* as reflected by the term of $\log(Y/(1 - \tau\Phi) - \tau Y^*/(\Phi - \tau))$.²

1. Direct technology effect

The direct effect of $(1 - \varepsilon)\log b - \log a$ clearly indicates that a higher marginal cost, b , and/or higher fixed cost, a , of the export country will lower its export volume, noting that $1 - \varepsilon < 0$.

2. Indirect technology effect

The term of $\log(Y/(1 - \tau\Phi) - \tau Y^*/(\Phi - \tau))$ captures the standard home-market effect, i.e., the effect of export country's national income (Y) vs. the import country's

²Term $\log Y^*$ in equation (17) represents the import demand of the foreign country due to its income change, and therefore is not considered in the technology effect.

national income (Y^*) on the export level via the firm numbers. Noting that $\tau < \Phi < 1/\tau$, we can easily see that the larger the home size of Y and/or the smaller the foreign size of Y^* , the higher the level of export from home to the foreign country due to the trade-induced increase in firms number of the home country and decrease in the foreign country.

A simple algebra yields that the larger the Φ (better technology of home), the greater $Y/(1-\tau\Phi) - \tau Y^*/(\Phi-\tau)$, keeping in mind the technology index Φ lies within the range of $(\tau, 1/\tau)$ to have meaningful equilibrium. This implies that the technology advantage will enhance the home market effect, no matter whether the home country is bigger or smaller than its trade partner. On the contrary, the technology disadvantage of the export country will weaken the degree of the home-market effect.

III. Empirical tests

To develop a testable hypothesis, we can, based upon the previous discussion, rewrite equation (17) as below:

$$LX_{ij} = \alpha + \beta_i(TECH_i)LY_i + \beta_j(TECH_j)LY_j + \delta_D L DIST_{ij} + \delta_T LTECH_i + \delta_P LP_j + \mu_{ij}, \quad (17)$$

where $LX_{ij} \equiv \log X$, $LTECH_i \equiv \log$ of technology level of country i , $LY_i \equiv \log Y$, $LY_j \equiv \log Y^*$, $L DIST_{ij} \equiv \log$ of geometrical distance, $LP_j \equiv \log P^*$; μ_{ij} is the error term.

Clearly, our model predicts $\beta_i > \beta_j$ (standard home-market effect); $\partial\beta_i/\partial TECH_i > 0$, and $\partial\beta_j/\partial TECH_j < 0$ (indirect technology effect); $\delta_T > 0$ (direct technology effect); $\delta_D < 0$ (distance effect) and $\delta_P > 0$ (relative price effect).

To single out the indirect technology effect, we further assume

$\beta_i(TECH_i) = \beta_i + \dot{\beta}_i LTECH_i$ and $\beta_j(TECH_j) = \beta_j + \dot{\beta}_j LTECH_j$, where $\beta_i > 0$, $\beta_j < 0$. Thus, equation (18) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} LX_{ij} = & \alpha + \beta_i LY_i + \dot{\beta}_i LY_i \cdot LTECH_i + \beta_j LY_j + \dot{\beta}_j LY_j \cdot LTECH_j \\ & + \delta_D L DIST_{ij} + \delta_T LTECH_i + \delta_P LP_j + \mu_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

In addition to the standard results of $\delta_D < 0$, $\delta_P > 0$, the main hypothesis to be tested includes the following:

(i) $\beta_i > \beta_j$ (standard home-market effect)

- (ii) $\beta'_i > 0$, and $\beta'_j < 0$ (indirect technology effect)
- (iii) $\delta_T > 0$ (direct technology effect)

A. Data

To estimate the gravity equation of (19), we need data on bilateral export flows (X_{ij}), geometrical distance between any pair of countries to represent the transport cost ($DIST_{ij}$), general price level of the import countries (P_j), and more importantly the technology level of each country ($TECH_i$, $TECH_j$). Variables to be used in the regression and their statistics are reported in Table 1 and 2 respectively.

1. General gravity variables

For LX_{ij} , we need trade flows, which are extracted from the World Trade Database of Statistics Canada which in turn is derived from the United Nations' COMTRADE data. For LY_i and LY_j , we need national income, for which we will adopt the gross domestic product of country i (GDP_i) and j (GDP_j) to be extracted from World Development Indicator (WDI), World Bank. Also, from the WDI database, we have the nominal exchange rate and purchasing power parity for each country with respect to U.S. to compute the real exchange rate, or relative price levels between country i and j (denoted as $RXR_{ij} = (E_i/E_j) * (PPP_j/PPP_i)$ to approximate the corresponding price level P_j or in log form the variable LP_j in

Table 1. List of variables

Variables	Description
GDP_i	The export country's gross domestic products, is retrieved from the World Development Indicators, World Bank. $LGDP_i = \log(GDP_i)$ and the same notation applies to other variables.
GDP_j	The import country's gross domestic product, retrieved also from the World Development Indicators, World Bank.
$DIST_{ij}$	The transportation distance between country i and j .
RXR_{ij}	The real exchange rate between country i and country j , that is the nominal exchange rate over purchasing power parity, sourced from the World Development Indicators, World Bank.
$PTNk_i$	Country i 's U.S. patent stock registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with respect to the industry of SITC k , $k=75$, 76, 776, 78-79, 82 and 84.
$DPTNk_{ij}$	The dummy-variable that takes value one if $PTNk_i > PTNk_j$, otherwise zero.
$LGDP_i \cdot LPTNk_i$	$\equiv \log(GDP_i) \cdot \log(PTNk_i)$

Table 2. Descriptive statistics of country-specific variables

Variables	N	Avg.	Std. Dev.	Maximum	Minimum
<i>GDP</i>	127	246163.95	1018198.54	10383100	203.35
<i>PPP</i>	127	0.482	0.288	1.475	0.00002
<i>PTN75</i>	127	3059.929	21509.928	222141	0
<i>PTN76</i>	127	3724.472	25753.430	275593	0
<i>PTN776</i>	127	632.024	4066.325	38762	0
<i>PTN7879</i>	127	803.654	5784.844	63687	0
<i>PTN82</i>	127	547.024	4518.353	50726	0
<i>PTN84</i>	127	472.984	3067.318	33316	0

equation (19).

For $L DIST_{ij}$, we need the transport distance between countries, which is basically the sum of sea and inland routes. For the sea route, the distance between major ports is calculated.³ However, if more than one port is the case, then the average distance of all the navigation routes is adopted. The inland transport distance is measured between the ports and the capital, and an average distance is taken if necessary.

2. Technology

To measure the industry-specific technology level for each country, we use the NBER Patent Citation Database, described in Hall *et al.* (2001) which, in turn, draws upon the electronic records of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Our sample is confined to the year of 2002, which is the most recently available year for the dataset. From the dataset we are able to count the total number of country and industry specific U. S. patents, denoted as PTN_{K_i} for industry k country i . Using the patent stock in U. S. to represent a country's technology level implicitly assumes that technological strength of a country in terms of new products and in terms of efficiency are correlated. To match the trade data classified by the coding system of SITC Rev. 2, we therefore aggregate the patent data further according to the grouping as shown in the appendix of Table 3.⁴ As a result, there are six different industries for which we can find the matching

³The distances of sea routes are computed according to the "Distance Between Ports" (1976) published by the Defense Mapping Agency, Hydrographic Center.

⁴See Hall and Trajtenberg (2001) for details about the database, and for other application see Branstetter (2006) and its references therein. The variables in the original dataset include patent number grant year, country of the first inventor, technological category and patent subclass etc.

Table 3. Industry category

SITC (Rev. 2) ¹		Patent classification	
Code	Description	Patent code ²	Description
75	Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	21 22 23 24	Communications Computer hardware and software Computer peripherals Information storage
76	Telecommunications and sound recording apparatus	41 42 43 45 49	Electrical devices Electrical lighting Measuring and testing Power systems Miscellaneous electrical and electronic
776	Thermionic, cold and photo-cathode valves, tubes, parts	46	Semiconductor devices
78	Road vehicles (include air cushion vehicles)	55	Transportation
79	Other transport equipment		
82	Furniture and parts thereof	65	Furniture, house fixtures
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	63	Apparel and textile

Note: 1. SITC represented Standard International Trade Classification Version 2.

2. This is the subcategory of the patent classification described in Hall *et al.* (2001).

patent stock for each country, including SITC 75, 76, 776, 78-79 (including STIC 78 and 79), 82 and 84. The gravity equation is estimated for each industry.

B. Empirical strategies

To focus on the role of technology difference on the trade flows and the home market effect, the variable of PTN_{K_i} (country i 's total U.S. patent stock in industry k for 2002) is included in each of the regressions in three different models. Taken SITC 75 industry as an example, as is shown in Table 4, in Model 1, in addition to the commonly adopted gravity variables of $LGDP_i$, $LGDP_j$, $L DIST_{ij}$, and $LRPP_{ij}$, we consider $LPTN75_i$ (log of the country i 's U.S. patent stock for industry SITC75) and $LPTN75_j$ (for the import country j). Keeping in mind the theoretical predictions

about the direct technology effect, we expect a positive coefficient for the $LPTN75_i$, and a negative coefficient for the $LPNT75_i$.

In Model 2, we add one more variable of $DPTN75$, which is a binary dummy variable and takes value of 1 (0) if the export country's U.S. patent stock in the underlying industry $PTN75_i$ is greater (smaller) than that of the import country j , $PTN75_j$. And, obviously, the coefficient of $DPTN75$ is expected to be positive to reflect the direct technology effect on export.

In Model 3, we keep the dummy for technology difference, $DPTN75$, to capture the direct technology effect and include also the cross variable between the income level ($LGDP_i$) its patent stock ($LPTN_{K_i}$, denoted as $LGDP_i PTN_{K_i}$ for the export country i ; correspondingly $LGDP_j PTN_{K_j}$ for the import country j). Obviously, these two variables match on the $LY_i LTECH_i$ and $LY_j LTECH_j$ respectively in equation (19). Theoretically, it is expected that the coefficient for $LGDP_i PTN_{K_i}$ be positive ($\beta_i > 0$), indicating the enhancement of export country's technology on the home market effect and consistently the coefficient for $LGDP_j PTN_{K_j}$ be negative ($\hat{\beta}_j < 0$), reflecting the negative impact of the import country's technology advantage on the home market effect.

It should also be noted that the sample sizes are different among industries, as can be seen from the corresponding number of observation. This is because we have deleted the observations with $X_{ij} + X_{ji} = 0$, indicating no trade occurs upon the underlying industry between country i and j . We can see that the semi-conductor industry (SITC 776) has the smallest number of observations of 3223. This fact should to some extent reflect on one hand the disaggregation of commodity group, and on the other hand its high technology property of the semiconductor devices that makes this commodity only be traded within a small set of technologically able countries.

C. Empirical results

The regression results for each industry of SITC 75, 76, 776, 78-79, 82 and 84 are reported in Table 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 respectively. In general, the commonly-observed empirical results for the gravity equation are reconfirmed in all the three models in each of the underlying industries. That is, the positive coefficient for $LGDP_i$, $LGDP_j$ and $LRPPP_{ij}$, and the negative coefficient of the $LDIST_{ij}$. These results are also consistent with the model predictions.

1. Home market effect ($H_0 : \beta_i > \beta_j$)

The home market effect are empirically supported from the regression results for all the underlying industries, as indicated by a greater coefficient of $LGDP_i$, $\hat{\beta}_i$, than that of $LGDP_j$, $\hat{\beta}_j$. For example, as shown in Table 4 for the office machines and automatic data processing equipment industry (SITC 75), the estimated coefficient $LGDP_i$ in all the three models are greater than 2, much greater than the estimated coefficient of $LGDP_j$, which is less than 1. This result of $\hat{\beta}_i > \hat{\beta}_j$ can also be found for all of the other industries, as shown in Table 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Note that Model 1 and 2 consider only the direct technology effect, and thus leave the indirect technology effect embodied in the home market effect. In Model 3, the indirect technology effect is separated from $\hat{\beta}_i$ and $\hat{\beta}_j$ by considering the cross variables of $LGDP_iPTN_{K_i}$ and $LGDP_jPTN_{K_j}$ (with estimated coefficient of $\hat{\beta}_i$ and $\hat{\beta}_j$ respectively). Consequently, the hypothesis: $\hat{\beta}_i > \hat{\beta}_j$, “pure” home market effect, still holds, as reflected by a greater coefficient of $LGDP_i$ than that of $LGDP_j$ coefficient in Model 3 in all the industries.

Furthermore, the difference of $\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j$, degree of home-market effect are also found to be various from industry to industry, among all the three model as shown in Figure 2. More specifically, the difference $\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j$ is positive in six industries. The values, however, now are the highest for capital-intensive sectors such as transport equipment (SITC 78-79) and lower for technology-intensive sectors (SITC 776, 76

Table 4. Estimation of the Gravity Equation (SITC75)

Dependent variable: LX_{ij} (2002 export value of SITC 75 from country i to j)

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
<i>Intercept</i>	-58.321 (-15.63)**	-59.821 (-16.2)**	-59.821 (-16.2)**
$LGDP_i$	2.320(23.1)**	2.0627(20.16)**	1.788(15.42)**
$LGDP_j$	0.697(6.94)**	0.937(9.2)**	0.961(8.29)**
$LDIST$	-2.247(-15.49)**	-2.292(-15.96)**	-2.291(-15.96)**
$LPTN75_i$	0.327(16.74)**	0.274(13.72)**	
$LPTN75_j$	-0.061(-3.13)**	-0.023(-1.18)	
$DPTN75$		4.630(10.44)**	4.630(10.44)**
$LRXR_{ij}$	-0.078 (-3.11)**	-0.021 (-0.57)	-0.021 (-0.57)
$LGDP_iPTN75_i$			0.274(13.72)**
$LGDP_jPTN75_j$			-0.023(-1.18)
ADJ. R ²	0.4511	0.4693	0.4693
Number of Obs.	4903	4903	4903

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are t-value. Superscripts '*' and '**' denote significant levels of 10% and 5%, respectively.

Table 5. Estimation of the Gravity Equation (SITC76)Dependent variable: LX_{ij} (2002 export value of SITC 76 from country i to j)

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Intercept	-67.517(-19.71)**	-70.390(-21.06)**	-70.390(-21.06)**
$LGDP_i$	2.544(27.68)**	2.047(21.7)**	1.746(16.22)**
$LGDP_j$	0.820(8.93)**	1.320(13.99)**	1.421(13.15)**
$LDIST$	-2.146(-15.5)**	-2.210(-16.38)**	-2.210(-16.38)**
$LPTN76_i$	0.356(17.87)**	0.301(15.26)**	
$LPTN76_j$	-0.134(-6.72)**	-0.100(-5.12)**	
$DPTN76$		6.843(16.84)**	6.843(16.84)**
$LRXR_{ij}$	0.099(2.76)*	0.159(4.57)**	0.160(4.57)**
$LGDP_iPTN76_i$			0.301(15.26)**
$LGDP_jPTN76_j$			-0.100(-5.12)**
ADJ. R ²	0.4643	0.4950	0.4995
Number of Obs.	5373	5373	5373

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are t-value. Superscripts '*' and '**' denote significant levels of 10% and 5%, respectively.

Table 6. Estimation of the Gravity Equation (SITC776)Dependent variable: LX_{ij} (2002 export value of SITC 776 from country i to j)

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Intercept	-43.275(-8.97)**	-43.718(-9.05)**	-43.718(-9.05)**
$LGDP_i$	1.451(11.88)**	1.44(11.77)**	0.908(6.58)**
$LGDP_j$	0.935(7.65)**	0.951(7.77)**	0.934(6.77)**
$LDIST$	-2.023(-12.05)**	-2.044(-12.14)**	-2.044(-12.14)**
$LPTN776_i$	0.551(25.93)**	0.532(21.92)**	
$LPTN776_j$	0.005(0.23)	0.017(0.77)	
$DPTN776$		0.955(1.68)*	0.955(1.68)*
$LRXR_{ij}$	-0.028(-0.61)	-0.019(-0.4)	-0.019(-0.4)
$LGDP_iPTN776_i$			0.532(21.92)**
$LGDP_jPTN776_j$			0.017(0.77)
ADJ. R ²	0.4733	0.4892	0.4892
Number of Obs.	3223	3223	3223

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are t-value. Superscripts '*' and '**' denote significant levels of 10% and 5%, respectively.

and 75). This finding is consistent to those as the results of Schumacher and Siliverstovs (2006).

Table 7. Estimation of the Gravity Equation (SITC 78 and SITC79)Dependent variable: LX_{ij} (2002 export value of SITC 78 and SITC79 from country i to j)

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
<i>Intercept</i>	-61.218(-20.58)**	-61.67(-20.78)**	-61.70(-20.78)**
$LGDP_i$	3.010(38.28)**	2.897(35.76)**	2.795(30.9)**
$LGDP_j$	0.267(3.39)**	0.367(4.56)**	0.342(3.77)**
$LDIST$	-2.471(-18.53)**	-2.509(-18.84)**	-2.509(-18.84)**
$LPTN7879_i$	0.141(8.9)**	0.102(5.9)**	
$LPTN7879_j$	0.003(0.19)	0.025(1.53)**	
$DPTN7879$		2.286(5.56)**	2.286(5.56)**
$LRXR_{ij}$	-0.138(-4.08)**	-0.121(-3.55)**	-0.121(-3.55)**
$LGDP_iPTN7879_i$			0.102(5.9)**
$LGDP_jPTN7879_j$			0.0246(1.53)
ADJ. R ²	0.4271	0.4301	0.4209
Number of Obs.	6177	6177	6177

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are t-value. Superscripts '*' and '**' denote significant levels of 10% and 5%, respectively.

Table 8. Estimation of the Gravity Equation (SITC82)Dependent variable: LX_{ij} (2002 export value of SITC 82 from country i to j)

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
<i>Intercept</i>	-48.326(-14.55)**	-48.402(-14.57)**	-48.402(-14.57)**
$LGDP_i$	2.711(30.94)**	2.686(29.87)**	2.444(24.15)**
$LGDP_j$	0.055(0.63)	0.077(0.86)	0.081(0.8)
$LDIST$	-2.681(-20.13)**	-2.694(-20.16)**	-2.694(-20.16)**
$LPTN82_i$	0.250(14.74)**	0.241(13.08)**	
$LPTN82_j$	-0.009(-0.5)	-0.004(-0.21)	
$DPTN82$		0.520(1.24)	0.520(1.24)
$LRXR_{ij}$	0.306(9.15)**	0.309(9.23)**	0.309(9.23)**
$LGDP_iPTN82_i$			0.241(13.08)**
$LGDP_jPTN82_j$			-0.004(-0.21)
ADJ. R ²	0.4393	0.4387	0.4387
Number of Obs.	6,286	6,286	6,286

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are t-value. Superscripts '*' and '**' denote significant levels of 10% and 5%, respectively.

2. Technology effect

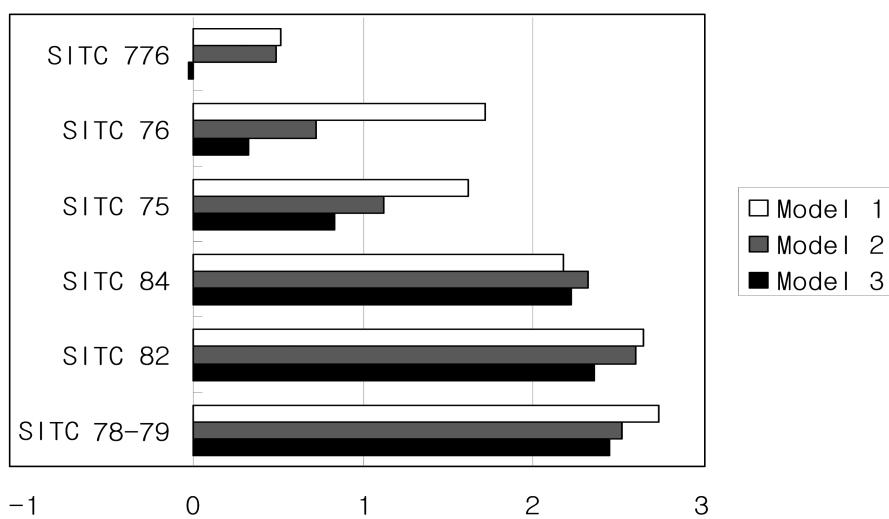
i) Direct technology effect

Theoretically, the direct technology effect states that a country's export is

Table 9. Estimation of the Gravity Equation (SITC84)Dependent variable: LX_{ij} (2002 export value of SITC 84 from country i to j)

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Intercept	-50.113(-12.45)**	-49.729(-12.37)**	-49.729(-12.37)**
$LGDP_i$	2.557(23.96)**	2.632(24.24)**	2.473(20.1)**
$LGDP_j$	0.372(3.49)**	0.301(2.78)**	0.246(1.99)**
$LDIST$	-2.853(-18.75)**	-2.805(-18.39)**	-2.805(-18.39)**
$LPTN84_i$	0.126(6.23)**	0.158(7.17)**	
$LPTN84_j$	0.071(3.54)**	0.055(2.66)**	
$DPTN84$		-1.744(-3.63)**	-1.744(-3.63)**
$LRXR_{ij}$	0.549(14.38)**	0.540(14.14)**	0.540(14.14)**
$LGDP_iPTN84_i$			0.158(7.17)**
$LGDP_jPTN84_j$			0.0551(2.66)**
ADJ. R ²	0.2799	0.2431	0.2807
Number of Obs.	5543	5543	5543

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are t-value. Superscripts '*' and '**' denote significant levels of 10% and 5%, respectively.

Figure 2. Estimated Effect of Relative Economic Size on the Export ($\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j$)

positively affected by its technology level, but negatively affected by that of the import country. Thus, we would expect a positive coefficient for the exporter's technology level (variable $LPTN_{K_i}$), and negative for the importer's technology level ($LPTN_{K_j}$) in Model 1. Similarly, in models of 2 and 3, we would also expect

a positive coefficient for the dummy variable of $DPTN_{ij}$, which takes value one if the export country has more U.S. patent stock than its counterpart, otherwise zero. The empirical results for all the industries, except the apparel and textile industry (SITC 84), support this hypothesis very consistently.

For the apparel and textile industry (SITC 84), as reported in Table 9, its direct technology effect appears to be very different from the other industry's. It is readily seen that the coefficient of the importer's U.S. patent stock ($LPTN84_i$) is positive as that of the exporter's ($LPTN84_j$). We also find a negative estimated coefficient for the technology difference dummy of in Model 2 and 3.

The counter finding for the apparel industry deserves further attention. It seems to imply that the apparel export is more likely to be attracted by the importer's 'technology level' than by the exporter's. Noting that U.S. patent stock is adopted as the proxy for a country's technology level, the empirical results may simply reflect the fact that a country holding more the U.S. patent of the apparel products, tends to have more expenditure share on the products which in turn indicates a relative large market size in the particular industry, a situation against our model assumption of the constant expenditure share. In other words, for an industry like apparel, the demand or import side's innovation reflected in the patent stock seems to be more effective on the trade flows than that of the export side. Alternatively, this result may also reflect the trade pattern indicted by the endowment theory as in H-O model. That is, a technologically advanced country in general having better technology level in every industry, has comparative disadvantage in the labor-intensive apparel industry.⁵

ii) Indirect technology effect

Indirect technology effect represents the effect on export flows through the home-market effect, which is designed in our empirical model to be captured by the positive coefficient of $LGDP_i PTN_i$, β'_i , and negative coefficient of $LGDP_j PTN_j$, β'_j . As can be seen from Table 4, the regression results in Model 3 for the SITC 75 industry support this hypothesis, that is, 0.011 for $LGDP_i PTN75_i$ and 0.0001 (not significant) for $LGDP_j PTN75_j$. The same pattern of regression results can also be found for the SITC 76 (Table 5) industry. For other industries of SITC 776 (Table 6), SITC 78-79 (Table 7), SITC 82 (Table 8), qualitatively the same pattern is also weakly found, that is, a significantly positive coefficient for the $LGDP_i PTN_i$, β'_i , accompanied with positive but non-significant or smaller coefficient for

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$LGDP_j PTN_j, \beta'_j$. Again, the apparel industry (SITC 84) presents a different pattern of the indirect technology effect. For the industry, both of the estimated coefficients are significantly positive and almost equal. An economic explanation is probably that the apparel goods is the ‘demand-side determined’ market. Therefore, the import countries’ preference or high propensity to consume imported varieties tends to dominate the trade flows over the export country’s supply-side cost factors.

3. Simulations: Technology advantage and home-market effect reversal

To illustrate the implications of the above empirical results for the likely of home-market effect reversal, we conduct a simulation drawing upon the estimated coefficient. To demonstrate that a small country i can export more than import from its trade partner j , we assume country i is only 90% size of country j , that is, $GDP_i = 0.9GDP_j$. For simplicity and to focus on the size and technology difference, we also assume that the real exchange rate remains unchanged and equals to one, $RXR = 1$ and $LRXR = 0$. As a result, we can compute the value of $\log X_{ij} - \log X_{ji}$ with respect to each level of $\tilde{\Phi} = PTN_i / PTN_j$ based on the estimated coefficient of different model for each industry.

i) Simulation results of Model 1 (direct effect of technology advantage)

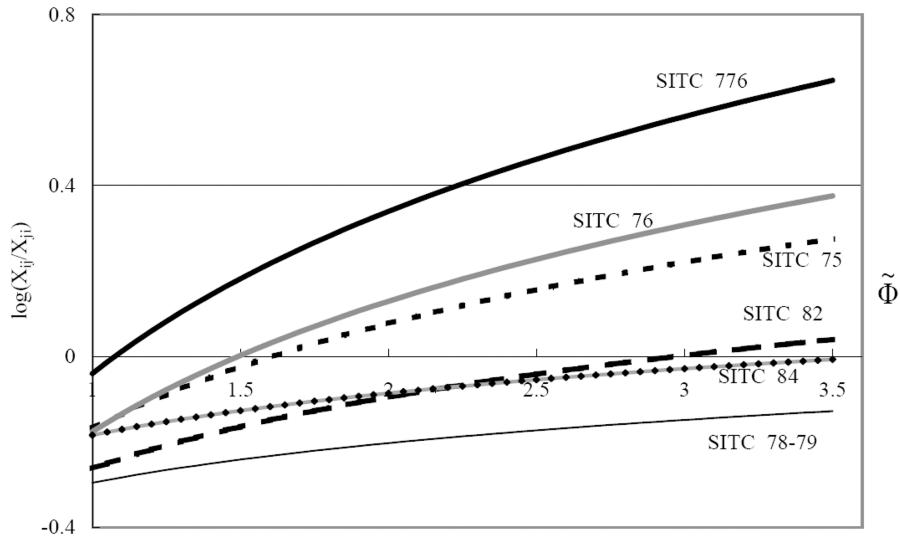
Under the set-up of Model 1, a simple algebra shows that

$$\log\left(\frac{X_{ij}}{X_{ji}}\right) = (\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j)\log 0.9 + (\hat{\delta}_i - \hat{\delta}_j)\log \tilde{\Phi} \quad (19)$$

where as noted before $\hat{\beta}'_i$ and $\hat{\beta}'_j$ are the estimated coefficients of $LGDP_i$ and $LGDP_j$ respectively and $\hat{\delta}_i, \hat{\delta}_j$, are the estimated coefficients of $LPTN_{K_i}$ and $LPTN_{K_j}$ for the corresponding k -industry. The relation between $\log(X_{ij}/X_{ji})$ and $\tilde{\Phi}$ for each industry are depicted in Figure 3, in which the vertical axis represents $\log(X_{ij}/X_{ji})$ and the horizontal axis $\tilde{\Phi}$ starting from $\tilde{\Phi}=1$.

Obviously, the intercepts are all negative for each industry, reflecting that under identical technology ($\tilde{\Phi}=1$) the smaller country will import more than export to its trade partner which under the set-up is larger by 11% (i.e. $1/0.9-1$). This is the standard home market effect, without considering the technology difference, and as is readily seen from the figure that for the home-market effect, transport industry (SITC 78-79) ranks the largest, furniture industry (SITC 82) the second, then almost equally ranked as the 3rd of apparel and textile industry (SITC 84), telecommunications and sound recording apparatus industry (SITC 76), office

Figure 3. Simulation results of Model 1 ($GDP_i = 0.9 \cdot GDP_j$, $\tilde{\Phi} = PTN_i/PTN_j$)



machines and automatic data processing equipment industry (SITC 75), followed by the smallest of semiconductor industry (SITC 776).⁶ However, along with the improving technology of the smaller country, the home-market effect for the SITC 776 industry becomes firstly reversed (represented by the above zero of $\log(X_{ij}/X_{ji})$) with the smallest degree of technology advantage, indicating the far more important of the technology difference for the semiconductor industry than for other industries. Along with this logic, we can conclude from Figure 3 that the order of technology importance in determining the export is sequentially SITC 776, 76 and then 75. In extreme, the technology advantage for SITC 84 and SITC 78-79 appears not to be an important factor in determining the flow of trade, as is shown in the figure that the home-market effect is never reversed no matter how far is the smaller country's relative technology advantage over its trade partner.

iii) Simulation results of Model 3 (indirect technology effect)

By Model 3, a simple algebra yields

$$\begin{aligned} \log\left(\frac{X_{ij}}{X_{ji}}\right) &= (\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j)\log 0.9 + \hat{\delta}_T[DPTN_{k_{ij}} - DPTN_{k_{ji}}] + (\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j)[\log 0.9 \cdot \log PTN_{k_j}] \\ &\quad + (\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_j)[\log 0.9 + \log GDP_j] \cdot \tilde{\Phi} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

⁶These findings are similar to these of Schumacher and Siliverstovs (2006).

To plot the schedule between $\log(X_{ij}/X_{ji})$ and $\tilde{\Phi}$, we have made use of the sample's average of PTN_k to represent PTN_{K_j} , and also the average of GDP to represent GDP_j . Furthermore, to focus on the role of indirect effect of the technology advantage on the export/import ratio through the home-market effect, we suppress the term of $\hat{\delta}_T[DPTN_{k_{ij}} - DPTN_{k_{ji}}]$ which is to capture the direct technology effect. The results are plotted in Figure 4.

Similar to the results from Model 1, under identical technology level, the ranking of the conventional home-market effect, as indicated by the intercept at $\tilde{\Phi}=1$, remains the same. The slope of each line represents the corresponding indirect technology effect through the home-market effect, that is, term $(\hat{\beta}'_i - \hat{\beta}'_j)[\log 0.9GDP_j]$ in equation (21).

As is shown in the figure, without considering the direct effect, only for the SITC 776, 76 and 75 can the indirect technology effect reverse the conventional home-market effect, making a smaller country run a positive net export against its big trade partner. In addition, the high-tech semiconductor industry (SITC 776) appears to have the highest indirect technology effect, followed by the SITC 76, then 75.

On the contrary, the other three conventional sectors of transport (SITC 78-79), furniture (SITC 82) and the apparel (SITC 84) present little strength of the indirect effect of technology advantage to reverse the conventional home-market effect, as is shown in Figure 4 in which the three corresponding lines lie all the way below zero.

In sum, the home-market effect reversal induced by the technology advantage seems more likely to occur to the relatively technology-intensive industries (semiconductor, consumer's electronic products, computer and automatic data processing) than to other conventional industries (textile, transportation equipment and furniture sectors).

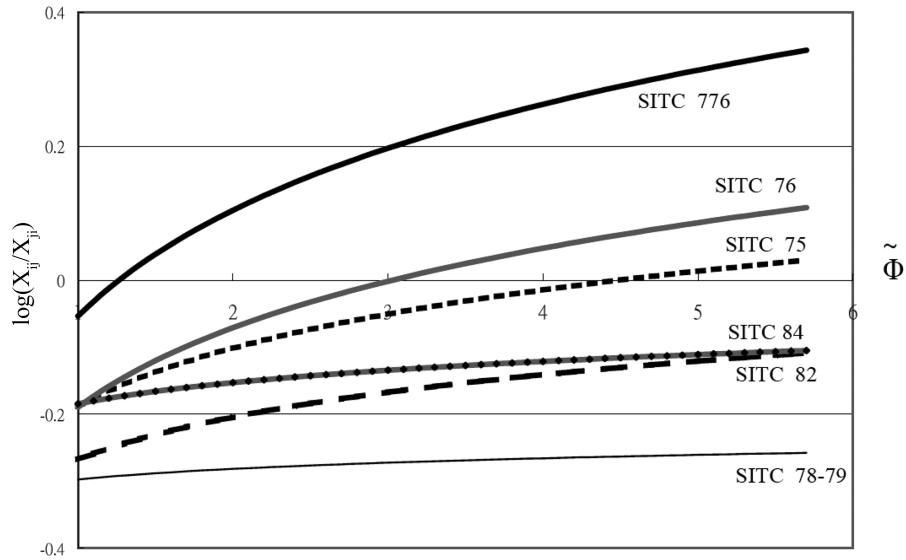
IV. Concluding remarks

As a complement to the literature on conventional home-market effect, we consider the technology difference in a standard Helpman-Krugman model. While the conventional home-market effect is proved to be detrimental to the smaller economy, in the theoretical section, we show that the effect will become smaller provided that the small country has equipped with better technology than its counterpart. Furthermore, if the technology advantage is large enough, then the smaller economy can even hold a more than proportional share of the market.

Figure 4. Simulation results of Model 3

$$\text{GDP}_i = 0.9 * \text{GDP}_j, \tilde{\Phi} = \text{PTN}_i / \text{PTN}_j$$

$\text{GDP}_j = \text{average of GDP}_j, \text{PTN}_j = \text{average of PTN}_j$



In the empirical analysis, the effect of technology advantage on the home-market effect is tested upon six different industries of 2002, ranging from the most technology-intensive semiconductor industry (SITC 776), office machine and automatic data-processing equipment industry (SITC 75), telecommunications and sound recording apparatus industry (SITC 76) to the conventional labor-intensive furniture industry (SITC 82) and apparel and clothing industry (SITC 84).

As is theoretically predicted, all the six industries empirical results reconfirm the conventional home-market effect, that is the export country's market size, represented by its GDP, affects more the exports than the import country's size does. Newly to the existing literature, we have also found empirical support for the theoretical findings of the direct and indirect technology effect on the home-market effect. That is, the direct technology effect through lower average cost to improve more exports is significantly supported for all the six industries. And, the indirect technology effect through the home market effect in terms of firm number change is also significantly confirmed for all the industries, except for the apparel and furniture industries.

In addition, the simulation result based on the estimated coefficients illustrates

that the technology advantage for a small economy not only offset its size disadvantage, but also may lead to export more than to import from its trade partner. It is also found that the degree of technology effect on offsetting the home-market effect differs from industry to industry. In general, we have found that the home-market effect reversal due to the technology advantage is more likely to occur to the relatively technology-intensive industries than to other conventional labor-intensive manufacturing industries. While the home-market effect is unfavorable to a small country's manufacturing industries, the results of this paper suggests that the detrimental effect can be offset by enhancing the technological advantage, especially in the sector with more technology-intensive. In this regards, for a small open economy encountered with a large economy competition, R&D subsidies or any technology-improving polices especially for high-tech industries are always justifiable.

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Appendix

A. Derivations of the equilibrium number of firms under free trade (n^T and n^{T^*})

Instead of solving for n and n^* directly from equations (8) and (10), we adopt the following strategy. In the first step, $1/\phi_1$ and $1/\phi_2$ are regarded as new variables and

are solved from equations (8) and (10) to yield $1/\phi_1 = \phi'(\cdot)$ and $1/\phi_2 = \phi'(\cdot)$. Secondly, the results are substituted into equation (9) to solve for n and n^* .

Step 1: Solving for $1/\phi_1 = \phi'(\cdot)$ and $1/\phi_2 = \phi'(\cdot)$

Equations (8) and (10) can be rewritten in matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y & \tau Y^* \\ \tau Y & Y^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\phi_1} \\ \frac{1}{\phi_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)} & \frac{a}{b} & \frac{1}{p^{-\varepsilon}s} \\ \frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)} & \frac{a^*}{b^*} & \frac{1}{p^{*\varepsilon}s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Denoting the determinant of the matrix as $\Delta \equiv YY^*(1 - \tau^2)$, and using Cramer's rule we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\phi_1} &= \phi'_1(a, b, w, a^*, b^*, w^*, \tau, \gamma, \theta, s, L) \\ &= \frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)} \frac{1}{sY(1-\tau^2)} \left[\frac{a}{b} p^\varepsilon - \tau \cdot \frac{a^*}{b^*} \cdot p^{*\varepsilon} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\phi_2} &= \phi'_2(a, b, w, a^*, b^*, w^*, \tau, \gamma, \theta, s, L) \\ &= \frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)} \frac{1}{sY(1-\tau^2)} \left[\frac{a^*}{b^*} p^{*\varepsilon} - \tau \cdot \frac{a}{b} \cdot p^\varepsilon \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Step 2: Solving for n and n^*

By substituting (A.2) and (A.3) into equation (12), we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} p^{1-\varepsilon} & \tau p^{*1-\varepsilon} \\ \tau p^{1-\varepsilon} & p^{*1-\varepsilon} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ n^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\phi'_1} \\ \frac{1}{\phi'_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

By Cramer's rule, n and n^* can be solved as:

$$n = \frac{1}{p^{1-\varepsilon}(1-\tau^2)} \Psi_1, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$n^* = \frac{1}{p^{*1-\varepsilon}(1-\tau^2)} \Psi_2, \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where

$$\Psi_1 = \frac{(1-\theta)sY(1-\tau^2)}{\theta\left(\frac{a}{b}p^\varepsilon - \tau\frac{a^*}{b}p^{*\varepsilon}\right)} - \frac{(1-\theta)\tau sY^*(1-\tau^2)}{\theta\left(\frac{a^*}{b}p^\varepsilon - \tau\frac{a}{b}p^{*\varepsilon}\right)}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$\Psi_2 = \frac{(1-\theta)sY^*(1-\tau^2)}{\theta\left(\frac{a^*}{b}p^{*\varepsilon} - \tau\frac{a}{b}p^\varepsilon\right)} - \frac{(1-\theta)\tau sY(1-\tau^2)}{\theta\left(\frac{a}{b}p^\varepsilon - \tau\frac{a^*}{b}p^{*\varepsilon}\right)}. \quad (\text{A.8})$$

By using $w^*/w = 1$, the results can be simplified further as shown below:

$$n = \frac{(1-\theta)s}{a} \left[\frac{Y}{1-\tau\Phi} - \frac{\tau Y^*}{\Phi-\tau} \right],$$

$$n^* = \frac{(1-\theta)s}{a^*} \Phi \left[\frac{Y^*}{\Phi-\tau} - \frac{\tau Y}{1-\tau\Phi} \right],$$

where

$$\Phi \equiv \frac{a^*}{a} \left(\frac{b^*}{b} \right)^{\varepsilon-1},$$

represents the difference in technology between the countries.

B. The 127 countries included in the sample

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium-Lux., Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central Africa Rep., Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Congo Dem. Rep., Costa Rica, Cote D'Ivoire, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea Rep., Kuwait, Laos P.Dem.R, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua N.Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri

Lanka, St. Kitts Nev, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrn Arab Rep., Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad Tbg, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, UK, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia.