

Multi-Product Firms at Home and Away: Cost- Versus Quality-Based Competence

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Margins of Adjustment to Globalization

- Sectors: general equilibrium adjustments
- Output of firms: the “intensive margin”
- Number of firms: the “inter-firm extensive margin”
- Number of products per firm: the “intra-firm extensive margin”
- Profile of outputs across a firm’s products

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But: Are these two views opposed?

- We show not, by focusing on the “intra-firm extensive margin”:
 - Adjustments in the range of goods produced by multi-product firms

Our Contribution

- ① We combine quality and multi-product firms
- ② This allows us to model endogenous choice between *cost-based* and *quality-based* competition
- ③ We test this on Mexican data and confirm a key prediction of the model

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(3) Models of investment by heterogeneous firms:

- Investment in process and product R&D: Bustos (2010), Dhingra (2010), Lileeva and Trefler (*QJE* 2010)
- Investment in quality, including market-specific perceived quality: Arkolakis (2007)

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Implied market demand functions [$x(i) = Lq(i)$]:

- $p(i) = a(i) - \tilde{b} [(1 - e)x(i) + eX], \quad i \in \Omega \subset \tilde{\Omega}$

$a(i)$: $a^0 + \beta \tilde{z}(i)$

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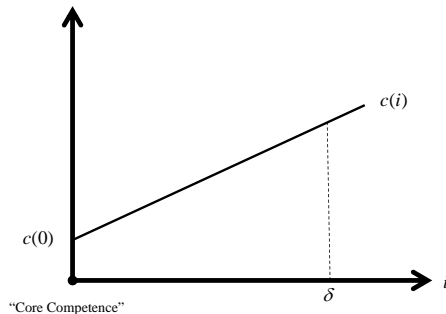
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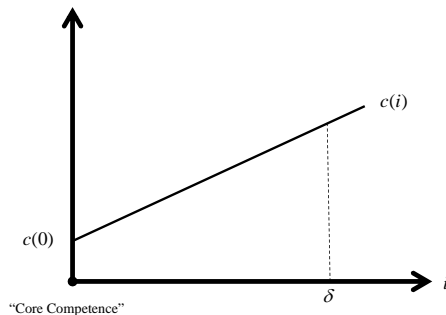
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- “Flexible Manufacturing” technology, as in Eckel-Neary (2010)
- Marginal production costs are independent of output but differ across products: $c(i)$
- Firm has a “core competence” product which it produces at lowest cost: $c(0) = c^0$
- Adding more products incurs adaptation costs: $c'(i) > 0$

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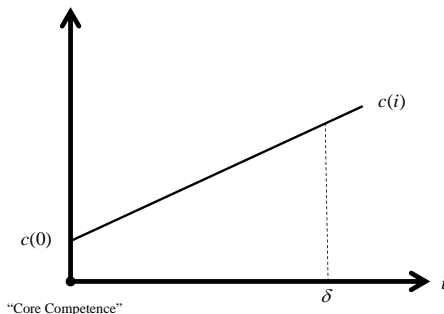
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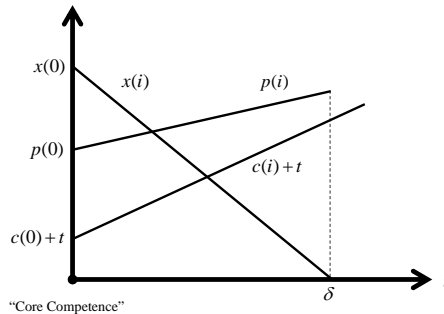
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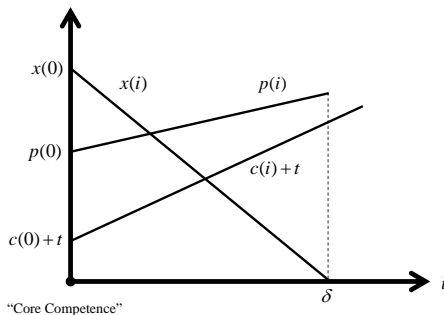


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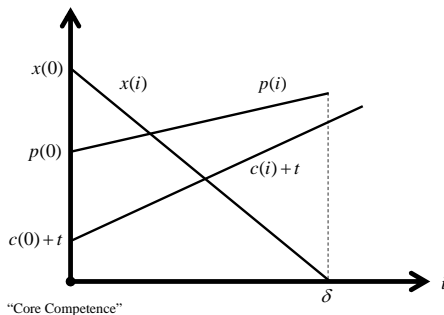


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- $\eta, \bar{\eta}$: the “marginal effectiveness of investment” in the quality of individual varieties and of the firm’s brand respectively.
 - d’Aspremont and Jacquemin (*AER* 1988), Leahy and Neary (*AER* 1997), Antoniadou (2009), Bustos (*AER* 2010), Dhingra (2009).
 - Second-order conditions: $\tilde{b} - \eta(1 - e) > 0$ and $\tilde{b} - \bar{\eta}e > 0$
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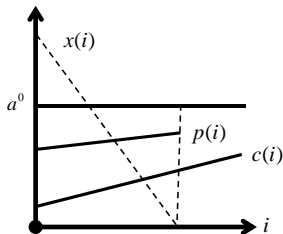
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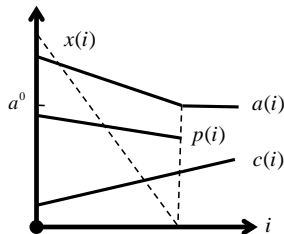
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 - Benchmark case of $\eta = 0$: $\frac{dp(i)}{di} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dc(i)}{di}$
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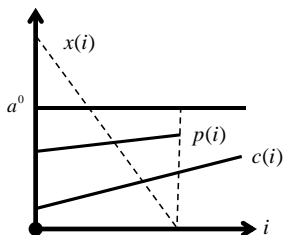


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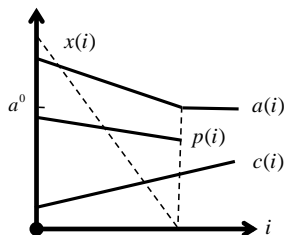


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- Quality-based competence more likely:
 - When investment in quality is more effective: η is larger
 - When market size L is larger
 - When products are more differentiated: e is smaller
- Though in all cases, production costs are primitive

[Details](#)

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- More varieties sold in a larger market: (i) the less products are differentiated, and (ii) the more important is investment in brand quality.

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The Data

Mexican survey giving plant-product-level data:

- *Encuesta Industrial Mensual* (EIM): home and foreign sales
- Monthly survey, aggregated to annual observations 1994-2004
- Coverage: c. 85% of Mexican industrial output (exc. “maquiladoras”)
- From 6,291 (1994) to 4,424 (2004) plants
- ... of which, 1,579 to 2,137 engaged in exporting
- Information on 3,183 unique products, in 205 *clases*
 - Similar to 6-digit Harmonized System [▶ Examples](#)
- (+) Detailed plant-product-year data for home and export sales
- (–) Plants, not firms; total exports not broken down by country
 - Complementary to: Bernard, Redding and Schott (2009), Arkolakis and Muendler (2009), Berthou and Fontagné (2009), Mayer, Melitz and Ottaviano (2009); and Goldberg, Khandelwal, Pavcnik, Topolova (*REStats* 2010)

Number of Plants and Products

Year	Number of plants					Number of products	
	Total	Owned by MPFs ¹	Other	Exporters		Produced	Exported
				Total	Adjusted ²		
1994	6,291	1,259	5,032	1,582	1,579	19,154	2,844
1995	6,011	1,245	4,766	1,844	1,842	18,568	3,406
1996	5,747	1,256	4,491	2,024	2,023	17,662	3,881
1997	5,538	1,256	4,282	2,138	2,137	16,938	4,092
1998	5,380	1,268	4,112	2,095	2,094	16,419	4,193
1999	5,230	1,279	3,951	1,951	1,950	15,885	3,889
2000	5,100	1,280	3,820	1,901	1,899	15,279	3,737
2001	4,927	1,258	3,669	1,770	1,766	14,714	3,509
2002	4,765	1,237	3,528	1,686	1,684	14,182	3,321
2003	4,603	1,193	3,410	1,678	1,675	13,507	3,282
2004	4,424	1,159	3,265	1,602	1,599	12,887	3,118
Total	58,016	13,690	44,326	20,271	20,248	175,195	39,272

(1) MPFs: Multi-plant firms; information on the number of plants owned by a single firm is available for 2003 only.

(2) The adjusted data exclude plants not reporting production in the year in question.

Sales Profiles

Evidence on sales profiles:

- Exporting plants are larger
- Larger plants produce more products
- Profile of sales across products is highly non-uniform
- Ranking of varieties is similar in home and foreign markets
- Plants sell more products at home
- Most exported products are also sold at home

All broadly in line with other studies

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- How to measure distance from core competence?

- Sales volume?
- BUT: different units of measurement in the data?
- We use sales value instead: $s(i) = p(i)x(i)$
- $\frac{ds(i)}{di} = p(i)\frac{dx(i)}{di} + x(i)\frac{dp(i)}{di} < 0$

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- Quality-based competence (prices *fall* with distance from core competence) prevails in destination market d when: $\frac{b}{L_d} < 2\eta_d(1 - e_d)$
- In particular, more likely if products are more differentiated (lower e_d).

- How to measure distance from core competence?

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- $\frac{ds(i)}{di} = p(i)\frac{dx(i)}{di} + x(i)\frac{dp(i)}{di} < 0$

- How to measure prices?

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Empirical Strategy (cont.)

- Prices relative to what?
 - We consider the price of each variety relative to the average price of all varieties of the same product.
 - In all regressions, dependent variable is the log of the unit value of product i from plant j at time t
 - ... relative to the average unit value of *all* J_i varieties of product i produced in or exported from Mexico at time t :

$$\ln Price Premium_{ijt} \equiv \ln \frac{Unit Value_{ijt}}{\sum_{j=1}^{J_i} \omega_{ijt} Unit Value_{ijt}}$$

- The weights ω_{ijt} are either $1/J_i$ or shares in domestic sales or exports

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 - Group *clases* by whether they correspond to differentiated or non-differentiated products:
 - “Undifferentiated”: “Traded on organised exchanges” plus “reference priced”
 - We use Rauch’s “liberal” classification: when in doubt, undifferentiated
 - Examples: [▶ here](#)

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Price Profiles for Plants with More than Two Products

- Similar results hold for plants with more than two products
 - Loss of degrees of freedom as we consider plants with more products
 - Nevertheless the results are qualitatively identical [▶ Skip details](#)

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Price Premium on Home Sales Regressed on Product Ranks for Production

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Top 2nd:		0.003 (0.014)	0.006 (0.019)	-0.016 (0.027)
Top 3rd:			0.010 (0.019)	-0.024 (0.027)
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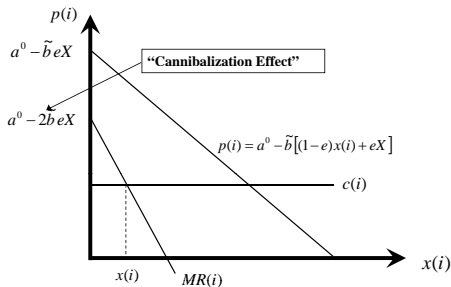
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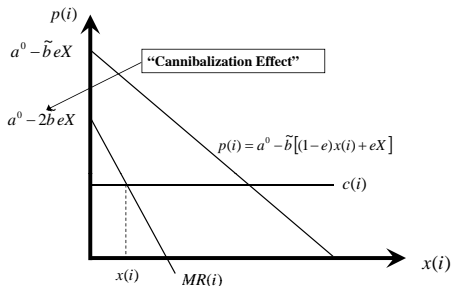
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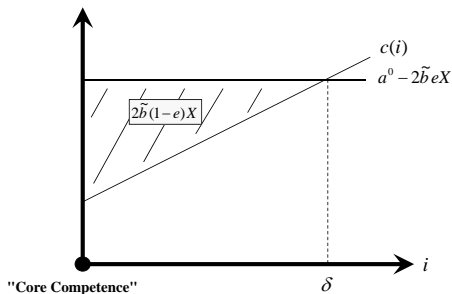
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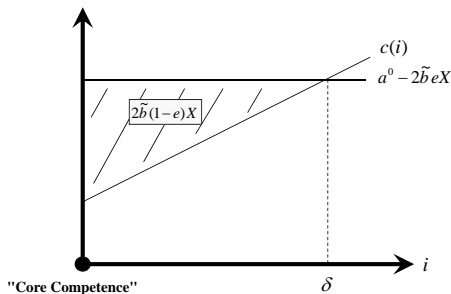
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- Produce a positive amount of a variety as long as its marginal cost ...
- ... \leq the marginal revenue of the first unit consumed: $a^0 - 2\tilde{b}eX$
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- Neither production costs nor full marginal costs predict the profile of prices across varieties:
 - $\eta(1-e) < \frac{1}{2}\tilde{b}$: Cost-based competence dominates; both prices and full marginal costs rise with i .
 - $\frac{1}{2}\tilde{b} < \eta(1-e) < \frac{2}{3}\tilde{b}$: Quality-based competence dominates, but mildly; prices fall with i but full marginal costs rise with i .
 - $\frac{2}{3}\tilde{b} < \eta(1-e) < \tilde{b}$: Quality-based competence strongly dominates; both prices and full marginal costs fall with i .

Note that in (ii), both measures of cost rise with i , despite which prices fall with i .

Examples of Product Classification into Classes

- 313014: “Distilled Alcoholic Beverages” :

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- Gin
- Vodka
- Whisky
- Other distilled alcoholic beverages
- Coffee liqueurs
- “Habanero” liqueurs
- “Rompope”
- Prepared cocktails
- Hydroalcoholic extract
- Other alcoholic beverages prepared from agave,
 - or brandy,
 - or rum,
 - or table wine

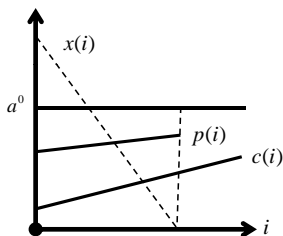
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- 313011: “Produccion De Tequila Y Mezcal”:

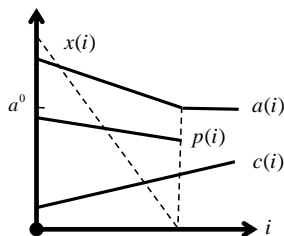
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- Tequila
- Mezcal
- Sangrita
- Otras Bebidas Preparadas (Especificar) [Other Prepared Beverages (to be Specified)]
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Recap: Price and Sales Profiles with Cost- and Quality-Based Competence



$$\frac{b}{L} > 2\eta(1 - e)$$



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- Quality-based competence more likely:
 - When investment in quality is more effective: η is larger
 - When market size L is larger
 - When products are more differentiated: e is smaller
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Examples of Differentiated vs. Non-Differentiated Classes

- Differentiated:

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- 311901: Produccion de chocolate y golosinas a partir de cocoa o chocolate
 - Production of chocolate and candy from cocoa or chocolate
- 323003: Produccion de maletas, bolsas de mano y similares
 - Production of suitcases, handbags and similar
- 322005: Confeccion de camisas
 - Ready-to-wear shirts

- Non-Differentiated:

- 311201: Pasteurizacion de leche
 - Pasteurization of milk
- 311404: Produccion de harina de trigo
 - Production of wheat flour
- 341021: Produccion de papel
 - Production of paper

Observations on Varieties Sold Both At Home and Away Only

A. Price Profiles for Plants with Two or More Products

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r^2	0.412	0.421	0.376	0.350	0.361	0.292
N	20,646	13,382	7,264	20,646	13,382	7,264

B. For Reference: Including all observations in each category

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Price Profiles for Plants with Five or More Products

A. Including only observations on goods both exported and sold at home

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Market:	Home			Export		
Varieties:	All	Diff.	Non-Diff.	All	Diff.	Non-Diff.
Top Product:	0.112 *** (0.022)	0.162 *** (0.027)	−0.036 (0.039)	0.092 *** (0.021)	0.173 *** (0.040)	−0.070 *** (0.014)
Top 2nd:	0.099 *** (0.022)	0.148 *** (0.027)	−0.048 (0.039)	0.119 *** (0.022)	0.108 ** (0.027)	−0.016 (0.027)
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Top 4th:	0.022 (0.022)	0.040 (0.027)	−0.039 (0.039)	0.038* (0.021)	0.005 (0.040)	−0.012 (0.027)
r^2	0.321	0.337	0.265	0.329	0.400	0.380
N	7,636	5,679	1,957	7,636	5,679	1,957
p value:	0.00***	0.00***	0.96	0.01***	0.00***	0.02***

(The p value tests that all the coefficients are equal; all regressions have plant fixed effects.)

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B. For Reference: Including all observations in each category

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Varieties:	All	Diff.	Non-Diff.	All	Diff.	Non-Diff.
Top Product:	0.080 *** (0.007)	0.095 *** (0.009)	0.047 *** (0.009)	0.087 *** (0.019)	0.149 *** (0.024)	-0.075** (0.027)
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r^2	0.414	0.425	0.313	0.329	0.349	0.187
N	75,808	52,251	23,557	9,270	6,720	2,550

Observations on Exporting Plants Only

Price Premium on Home Sales Regressed on Product Ranks for Production
Plants exporting in time t only [▶ Back](#)

Varieties:	Differentiated				Non-Differentiated			
# Prods.:	2+	3+	4+	5+	2+	3+	4+	5+
Top Prod.:	0.039*** (0.009)	0.054*** (0.010)	0.086*** (0.012)	0.095*** (0.014)	0.039*** (0.008)	0.034** (0.010)	0.032** (0.014)	0.052** (0.018)
Top 2nd:		0.052*** (0.010)	0.075*** (0.012)	0.100*** (0.014)		0.026** (0.011)	0.040** (0.014)	0.058** (0.018)
Top 3rd:			0.079*** (0.012)	0.105*** (0.014)			0.035** (0.014)	0.020 (0.018)
Top 4th:				0.089*** (0.014)				0.035* (0.018)
r^2	0.423	0.400	0.391	0.392	0.348	0.322	0.300	0.280
N	39,718	34,538	29,502	24,893	21,697	17,136	13,189	9,621

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Observations on Single-Plant Firms Only

A. Plants with two or more products

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Market:	Home			Export		
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Top Product:	0.049 *** (0.005)	0.057 *** (0.007)	0.035 *** (0.006)	0.050 *** (0.011)	0.086 *** (0.014)	−0.013 (0.014)
r^2	0.439	0.444	0.389	0.384	0.401	0.306
N	95,881	64,720	31,161	14,690	9,896	4,794

B. Plants with five or more products

Top Product:	0.093 *** (0.008)	0.102 *** (0.011)	0.071 *** (0.012)	0.121 *** (0.025)	0.146 *** (0.031)	0.035 (0.036)
Top 2nd:	0.083 *** (0.008)	0.091 *** (0.010)	0.062 *** (0.012)	0.160 *** (0.025)	0.205 *** (0.031)	0.028 (0.036)
Top 3rd:	0.081 *** (0.008)	0.087 *** (0.010)	0.065 *** (0.012)	0.126 *** (0.025)	0.176 *** (0.032)	−0.021 (0.037)
Top 4th:	0.066 *** (0.008)	0.067 *** (0.010)	0.062 *** (0.012)	0.055 ** (0.025)	0.053 * (0.031)	0.042 (0.037)
r^2	0.403	0.413	0.318	0.343	0.359	0.203
N	57,579	41,576	16,003	5,600	4,229	1,371