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#### Abstract

To explain the links between population distribution and economic integration, we construct a spatial economics model with endogenous fertility. A higher population concentration increases real wages and child-raising costs, thus lowering the fertility rate. However, people migrate to more populated regions to obtain higher real wages. We show that mobility across regions results in more people flowing into highly populated regions, but lowers fertility rates there. The population growth path resembles a logistic curve in the early phase, but population decreases in the last phase. Additionally, economic integration leads to population concentration and decreases population size in the whole economy.

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#### 1. Introduction

It is clear that regional population change is determined by the number of births, deaths, and population migration. In fact, given an initial population size, we can describe completely its change over time as sequences of fertility, mortality, inflow, and outflow rates are determined. Population geography, as in Demko et al. (1970), traditionally has explained and predicted regional population change simply by measuring these rates. Generally, such a prediction can be credible if fertility, mortality, inflow, and outflow rates are stable across time and can be measured with high accuracy. However, economists might be dissatisfied with simply measuring the rates as accurately as possible.

Economists usually suppose that fertility, mortality, and migration depend on economic conditions (e.g., income, commodity prices, and levels of economic development,). For example, many theoretical macroeconomic studies focus on the relationship between economic growth and fertility and most such studies find that a negative relationship exists.<sup>1</sup> New Economic Geography (NEG) shows that real income tends to be high in regions with large markets, and hence, the population tends to concentrate in these regions because of this potential for higher real income.<sup>2</sup> In short, economists may believe that the market has the power to effect population change and that it is, therefore, not sufficient to conduct an analysis that ignores the market. The purpose of this paper is to construct a simple benchmark model that can describe regional population change in a market economy.

Population change itself is a traditional issue in economics. As early as around the turn of the 19th century, Malthus (1798) pointed out that population growth is curbed by the power of land to provide human subsistence.<sup>3</sup> Since then, as mentioned, economists have conducted many studies on population change. However, in many cases, they focused on only country-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Galor and Weil (1996) argue that wages for women are increasing as economic growth progresses, which raises the opportunity cost for child-rearing and decreases the fertility rate. Becker et al. (1990) propose that people invest more in human capital and have fewer children with advancing economic growth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>For details on NEG, see Fujita et al. (1999).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Malthus was the first to point out that the process of population growth takes the form of a logistic curve. Even though our model does not consider land, the model shows that the population growth path of the whole economy takes the form of a logistic curve, which is induced by the market.

level population change (i.e., they ignored migration) or migration (i.e., they ignored fertility and mortality). In other words, thus far, natural population change induced by fertility and mortality has been analyzed independently of social population change induced by migration. Except for a few studies, these issues have not been addressed simultaneously. In this paper, to fill this gap, we propose a model that considers not only natural population change but also social population change.<sup>4</sup>

We can easily imagine that in the era of Malthus, the movement of people and goods between regions was difficult. This would justify the exclusion of migration in favor of only one closed region. However, this approach is clearly not appropriate in considering a modern economy. Nowadays, people as well as goods can move among regions much more easily; this is called economic integration. Nevertheless, the majority of economic studies that address population growth have neglected this aspect. Similarly, approaches that address economic integration (e.g., NEG) have largely ignored population growth, perhaps because of the difficulty of addressing it. The absence of migration and population growth from the literature has rendered research on the impact of economic integration on population change inaccurate. Therefore, we set out to explore the relationship between economic integration and population change.

To construct a model to describe regional population change, we must address three important facts. First, population change and economic conditions differ radically across regions. In Figure 1(a), we plot total fertility rates of Japan's 47 prefectures in 2010 according to per capita income.<sup>5</sup> Regional differences are apparent in prefectures' total fertility rates and income per capita. Regions with higher per capita income tend to have lower total fertility rates.<sup>6</sup> On the other hand, net migration tends to be higher in regions with higher

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Similar concerns are addressed by Sato and Yamamoto (2005) and Sato (2007). However, their model assumes that the fertility rate decreases by the externalities of urbanization. This is a shortcoming of their model because the aim is to describe population change as adjusted by the market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>We use Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2014) and Statistics Bureau (2013a, 2013b) as date sources of Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Someone may concern that some outliers determine the relationship between income per capita and total fertility rate. However we confirmed that this relationship holds even if we exclude these outliers. We can say similar things for Figure 1(b) and Figure 3.



(a) Total Fertility Rate (b) Net migration

Figure 1: Total Fertility Rate and Net Migration in Japan in 2010

per capita income (see Figure 1(b)). Thus, higher per capita income may have two opposite effects on regional population changes: lower fertility and higher net migration.

The second important fact is that the existence of differences in regional population change may change the population distribution across regions over time. Figure 2 describes the Gini concentration ratio for Japan for 1947–2010, which shows an upward trend in this period (we can see the same trend in other countries).<sup>7</sup> This trend means that unequal population distribution across regions becomes larger over time and that people have congregated in particular regions (e.g., Tokyo).

Finally, even though the total fertility rate differs among regions, its change has a certain tendency at the country level: it has been declining over time. Figure 2 shows the total fertility rate of Japan in 1947–2010. It clearly indicates a negative trend of the total fertility

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The Gini concentration ratio is derived using the Lorenz curve, which plots the proportion of the total population (on the vertical axis) that is cumulatively held in the total inhabitable area of regions (horizontal axis). Note that the area share is measured by ordering regions according to population density. Here, we use Japan's 47 prefectures as regions, but Okinawa is excluded before 1972. Before 1975, inhabitable area data are not available, so we use 1975 data for inhabitable area before 1975.



Figure 2: Gini Concentration Ratio and Total Fertility Rate in Japan from 1947 to 2010

rate in this period.<sup>8</sup> In particular, we should note that this decline in the total fertility rate seems to be associated with population concentration. In fact, Galor (2011) points out that economic development increases the level of urbanization and Schultz (1985) shows that progress of urbanization reduces the fertility rate.

Thus, the model that we construct in this paper should be able to explain these facts. To this end, it must consist of multiple regions (at least two) and take into account migration, fertility, and trade. For this purpose, we construct a basic NEG model with endogenous fertility, but mortality is excluded from our model for simplicity.

Today, NEG provides the standard model to explain why the distribution of population and economic activities among regions is radically uneven. In the NEG model, real income tends to be high in highly populated regions and people migrate to these regions to gain higher real income. Figure 3 describes the relationship between population density and per capita income in Japan in 2010. This shows that highly populated regions tend to offer higher incomes. Moreover, as illustrated in Figure 1(b), net migration tends to be higher in regions with higher real income. These facts justify use of the NEG model to describe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The total fertility rate declined sharply in 1966. This is because 1966 was a *bingwu* year according to the Chinese calendar; many East Asian people believe that children born in such years will have a bad personality.



Figure 3: Population Density and Income per Capita (in Thousands of Yen) in Japan in 2010

regional population change.

To endogenize fertility, we employ a framework introduced by Becker (1965) that considers a time allocation problem between working and child-rearing in which parents obtain utility from the number of children.<sup>9</sup> When substitutability between consumption goods and children is strong, a rise in the real wage reduces the fertility rate by increasing the opportunity cost of rearing children relative to the price of consumption goods. Note that the NEG model employs monopolistic competition of the Dixit and Stiglitz (1977) type. Then, population growth expands the variety of consumption goods, which raises the real wage, and thus, reduces the fertility rate.<sup>10</sup> This mechanism is proposed originally by Maruyama and Yamamoto (2010), but they do not address regions. We expand this model to the NEG framework.

Then, using this model, we analyze the regional population change, focusing on the effects of economic integration (i.e., higher migration and trade freeness among regions).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>The endogenous fertility choice problem is studied by Becker and Lewis (1973), Eckstein and Wolpin (1985), Becker and Barro (1988), Barro and Becker (1989), Becker et al. (1990), Galor and Weil (1996), Shoven (2008), and so on.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>For example, Docquier (2004) and Jones and Tertilt (2008) show a negative relationship between income and the fertility rate in the United States. Borg (1989) finds the same relationship in Korea.

We show that if people cannot migrate between regions, regional differences related to the initial population disappear in the long run. This result is contrary to the aforementioned facts. On the other hand, if migration is permitted, we obtain quite different results. Even though there are only subtle differences between regions, these differences become sufficiently large through migration with a snowball effect as the population concentrates in a region with an initially larger population share. Moreover, the region in which the population is concentrated has a higher real income, which results in a decreased fertility rate and increased net migration compared to less concentrated regions. Thus, in the long run, regions exhibit differences in population change and real income. Typically, higher migration and trade freeness bring about a more concentrated population, which leads to more regional differences. Additionally, as population concentration lowers the fertility rate in large regions, the population in the whole economy is suppressed. These results are consistent with the facts and imply that economic integration has a huge impact on population change in regional economies as well as the whole economy.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. First, in the following Section 2, we construct a basic model without time and generations. Then, we discuss agglomeration force and spatial equilibrium in Section 3. In Section 4, we present an extension of the model that introduces time and generations for demographic analysis. Numerical simulations are conducted in Section 5 with several examples. Finally, Section 6 concludes.

#### 2. The Basic Model

In this section, we construct a basic model without time and generations. Consider an economy with a finite set of regions, R (the number of regions is r). The economy consists of one differentiated goods sector characterized by monopolistic competition following Dixit and Stiglitz (1977).

#### 2.1. Preference and Demand

All individuals gain utility from the consumption of a composite of differentiated goods, X, and their number of children, n. They share the same preference represented by the

following utility function:

$$U = \left[\alpha X^{\rho} + (1 - \alpha)n^{\rho}\right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}, \qquad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$
(1)

where  $\rho$  is the substitution parameter, and  $\sigma \equiv 1/(1-\rho)$  represents the elasticity of substitution between the composite differentiated goods and the number of children.  $\alpha$ represents the intensity of the preference for the consumption of differentiated goods. When  $\rho$  is close to zero (i.e., when the utility function is close to the Cobb–Douglas form),  $\alpha$ becomes the expenditure share of differentiated goods.

The composite index X takes the form of a CES function defined over a continuum of varieties of differentiated goods. Taking  $x(\gamma)$  and  $\Gamma$  as the consumption of each available variety  $\gamma$  and the set of available varieties respectively, X is given by

$$X \equiv \left[ \int_{\Gamma} x(\gamma)^{\rho_X} \mathrm{d}\gamma \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho_X}}, \quad 0 < \rho_X < 1,$$

where  $\rho_X$  is the substitution parameter for variety in differentiated goods and  $\sigma_X (\equiv 1/(1 - \rho_X))$  is the elasticity of substitution between any two varieties. A smaller  $\rho_X$  (i.e., a smaller  $\sigma_X$ ) means that differentiated goods are more highly differentiated or that individuals have a stronger preference for variety.

Individuals have one unit of time. They allocate this time to working and rearing children, while a positive constant time b must be spent to rear a child. Then, given the wage rate  $w_i$ in region i and price  $p_{ji}(\gamma)$  for each variety that is produced in region j and sold in region i, the budget constraint of individuals in region i becomes

$$\sum_{j \in R} \left( \int_{\Gamma_j} p_{ji}(\gamma) x(\gamma) \mathrm{d}\gamma \right) \leq w_i (1 - bn), \quad i \in R,$$

where  $\Gamma_j$  is the set of varieties produced in region j. The measure of  $\Gamma_j$  denoted by  $N_j$  is interpreted as the number of varieties produced in region j.

Solving the utility maximization problem, individual demand for both the composite index and for children in region i are given by

$$X_{i} = X(w_{i}, P_{i}) \equiv \frac{\mu(w_{i}, P_{i})w_{i}}{P_{i}}, \quad i \in R,$$
  

$$n_{i} = n(w_{i}, P_{i}) \equiv \frac{1 - \mu(w_{i}, P_{i})}{b}, \quad i \in R,$$
(2)

where  $P_i$  is the price index for differentiated goods in region *i*, which is defined by

$$P_{i} \equiv \left[\sum_{j \in R} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{j}} p_{ji}(\gamma)^{1-\sigma_{X}} \mathrm{d}\gamma \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma_{X}}}, \quad i \in R,$$
(3)

and  $\mu(\cdot)$  is the expenditure share of the composite differentiated goods, which is given by

$$\mu(w_i, P_i) \equiv \frac{\beta P_i^{1-\sigma}}{\beta P_i^{1-\sigma} + (1-\beta)(bw_i)^{1-\sigma}} = \frac{\beta}{\beta + (1-\beta)(bw_i/P_i)^{1-\sigma}}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\beta = \alpha^{\sigma} / (\alpha^{\sigma} + (1 - \alpha)^{\sigma})$ . Then, individual demand in region *i* for variety  $\gamma$  produced in region *j* can be written as

$$x_{ji}(\gamma) = x(w_i, p_{ji}(\gamma), P_i) \equiv \frac{\mu(w_i, P_i)w_i}{P_i} \left(\frac{P_i}{p_{ji}(\gamma)}\right)^{\sigma_X}, \quad \gamma \in \Gamma_j, \ j, i \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (4)

Let us denote the real wage in region i as  $\omega_i \ (\equiv w_i/P_i)$ . A rise in the real wage has two opposite effects on the number of children per individual. Clearly, because children are superior goods, the rise in the real wage increases the number of children (income effect). The rise in the real wage, however, also increases the opportunity costs of having them, which reduces the number of children (substitution effect). If the elasticity of substitution between the composite differentiated goods and the number of children is larger than one (i.e.,  $\sigma > 1$ ), this latter effect is sufficiently large to outweigh the former, and thus, a rise in the real wage reduces the number of children. This can be checked easily by

$$\frac{\omega_i}{n(\omega_i,1)}\frac{\partial n(\omega_i,1)}{\partial \omega_i} = -\frac{\omega_i}{1-\mu(\omega_i,1)}\frac{\partial \mu(\omega_i,1)}{\partial \omega_i} = (1-\sigma)\mu(\omega_i,1), \quad i \in \mathbb{R},$$

In the remainder of this paper, we restrict the range of parameters to  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ . One reason for this restriction is, of course, to ensure that a rise in the real wage reduces the fertility rate. Another reason is to ensure that demand for each variety decreases when the price index falls (see (4)). If the amount of composite differentiated goods, X, is fixed at a given level, a fall in the price index always reduces the demand for a single variety because it is substitutable for other varieties. However, since a fall in the price index also increases the demand for X, in general, it is unclear whether the demand for a single variety becomes smaller with a smaller price index. The restriction  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$  makes this point clear. We show in Subsection 2.2 that the equilibrium output of any active firm,  $q^*$ , is constant and that the profits of a single firm become positive or negative as its output becomes larger or smaller than  $q^*$ . Thus, this limitation is important for the stability of the long-run equilibrium characterized by the free-entry condition.

Substituting the demand for composite differentiated goods and for children (2) into utility function (1), we can express the maximized utility as a function of the real wage as follows:

$$V_i = V(\omega_i) \equiv \left[\frac{\omega_i^{1-\sigma}}{\alpha^{\sigma} + (1-\alpha)^{\sigma}(b\omega_i)^{1-\sigma}}\right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Obviously,  $V_i$  increases with respect to  $\omega_i$ . In Section 4, we assume that individuals move to the regions where they can gain higher utility, which is equivalent to assuming that individuals move to the regions where they can gain higher real wages.

#### 2.2. Production

Next, we turn to the production side of the economy. Each variety  $\gamma$  of differentiated goods is produced by a monopolistic firm indexed by  $\gamma$ . All firms in all regions have the same increasing-returns technology, which uses labor only, with a fixed input of f and marginal input of a. Then, the labor input requirement for the production of a quantity  $q_j(\gamma)$  of any variety  $\gamma \in \Gamma_j$  at any given region j is given by  $l_j(\gamma) = f + aq_j(\gamma)$ .

The shipment of differentiated goods between regions must incur transport costs, which are formalized as *iceberg* transport costs: that is, if one unit of any variety  $\gamma \in \Gamma_j$  of differentiated goods is shipped from region j to region i,  $1/\tau_{ji}$  ( $\tau_{ji} \ge 1$ ,  $\tau_{jj} = 1$ ,  $\tau_{ij} = \tau_{ji}$ ) units of it actually arrive.<sup>11</sup> Thus,  $\tau_{ji}$  units of the variety must be sent from the origin for one unit to arrive at the destination.

Given the demand for each variety in (4) and transportation technology, the output of firm  $\gamma \in \Gamma_j$  in region  $j \in R$  is equal to  $q_j(\gamma) = \sum_{i \in R} \tau_{ji} x_{ji}(\gamma) L_i$ , where  $L_i$  is the number of individuals (workers) in region *i*. Then, with given prices in each region, firm  $\gamma$ 's profit is given by

$$\pi_j(\gamma) = \sum_{i \in R} p_{ji}(\gamma) x_{ji}(\gamma) L_i - w_j \left( f + a \sum_{i \in R} \tau_{ji} x_{ji}(\gamma) L_i \right), \quad j \in R$$

 $<sup>^{11}</sup>$ The iceberg form of transport costs is first introduced by Von Thünen (1826) and then formalized by Samuelson (1952).

Each firm  $\gamma$  chooses its prices,  $p_{ji}(\gamma)$ , to maximize profit, which leads to a well-known pricing rule as follows:

$$p_{ji}(\gamma) = p_{ji} \equiv \frac{a}{\rho_X} \tau_{ji} w_j, \quad \gamma \in \Gamma_j, \ i, j \in R.$$
(5)

We suppose that there is free entry and exit of firms. Then, as long as some firms are producing, the profits of any active firm must be driven to zero. Given pricing rule (5), the profit of firm  $\gamma$  in region j becomes

$$\pi_j(\gamma) = w_j \left[ \frac{aq_j(\gamma)}{\sigma_X - 1} - f \right], \quad \gamma \in \Gamma_j, \ i, j \in R.$$

Therefore, the zero-profit condition ensures that the equilibrium output is constant common to every active firm in all regions as  $q^* = (\sigma_X - 1)f/a$ , which implies that the associated equilibrium labor input also becomes constant common to every active firm as  $l^* \equiv f + aq^* = \sigma_X f$ . Note that the labor supply per individual in region j is  $\mu(w_j, P_j)$ . Therefore, in equilibrium, the number of firms located in region j is given by

$$N_j^* \equiv \frac{\mu(w_j, P_j)\lambda_j L}{f\sigma_X}, \quad j \in R,$$
(6)

where L is the total number of workers and  $\lambda_j \ (\equiv L_j/L)$  is the share of workers in region j.

#### 2.3. Market Equilibrium

We describe the market equilibrium. Using pricing rule (5), we rewrite price index (3) in the following form:

$$P_i = \frac{a}{\rho_X} \left[ \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ji} N_j w_j^{1 - \sigma_X} \right]^{\frac{1}{1 - \sigma_X}}, \quad i \in R,$$
(7)

where  $\phi_{ji} \ (\equiv \tau_{ji}^{1-\sigma_X} \in (0, 1])$  is a measure of the freeness of trade from region j to region i, which increases as  $\tau_{ji}$  falls and is equal to 1 when trade is free (i.e.,  $\tau_{ji} = 1$ ). Thus, from (6), we can express region i's price index as a function of  $\phi_i = (\phi_{1i}, \dots, \phi_{ri}), L, \lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r),$  $\boldsymbol{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_r)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r)$  as follows:

$$P_{i} = P\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}, L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\mu}\right) \equiv \frac{a}{\rho_{X}} \left[\frac{L}{f\sigma_{X}} \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ji} \mu_{j} \lambda_{j} w_{j}^{1-\sigma_{X}}\right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma_{X}}}, \quad i \in R,$$
(8)

where  $\mu_j = \mu(w_j, P_j)$ .

Because the fact that firms make no profits is equivalent to the condition that they produce equilibrium output  $q^*$ , any active firm in region *i* must allocate  $q^*$  to consumers in each region, that is,  $\sum_{j \in R} \tau_{ij} x_{ij}(\gamma) L_j = q^*$ , which yields the following wage equation (substituting the demand function for each variety (4) and pricing rule (5)):

$$w_i = w_i^P \equiv \left(\frac{a}{\rho_X}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma_X}{\sigma_X}} \left[\frac{1}{\sigma_X f} \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ij} Y_j P_j^{\sigma_X - 1}\right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}}, \quad i \in R,\tag{9}$$

where  $Y_j \ (\equiv w_j \mu_j L_j)$  is the income of region j. Given the income levels, price indexes, and trade freeness,  $w_i^P$  gives the wage rate that firms can afford to pay in region i. In the short run, the actual wage rate in region i may differ from  $w_i^P$ . When the actual wage rate in region i is lower than  $w_i^P$ , firms in region i can gain rent owing to being protected from competition with other firms. In this case, however, through the entry of firms, the wage rate in region i must be adjusted to  $w_i^P$ , which cancel out the rent in the long run. In this regard, we call  $w_i^P$  the Wage Potential in region i; this is the wage rate that workers potentially can gain in region i. Substituting (8) and  $Y_j = w_j \mu_j \lambda_j L$ , region i's wage potential can be written as a function of  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_r$ ,  $\lambda$ , w and  $\mu$  as follows:

$$w_i^P(\boldsymbol{\phi}_1,\cdots,\boldsymbol{\phi}_r,\boldsymbol{\lambda},\boldsymbol{w},\boldsymbol{\mu}) \equiv \left[\sum_{j\in R} \frac{\phi_{ij}\mu_j\lambda_j w_j}{\sum_{k\in R} \phi_{kj}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}\right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}}, \quad i\in R.$$

Then the market equilibrium is given by

$$\mu(w_i^*, P(\boldsymbol{\phi}_i, L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^*, \boldsymbol{\mu}^*)) = \mu_i^*, \quad i \in R,$$
$$w_i^P(\boldsymbol{\phi}_1, \cdots, \boldsymbol{\phi}_r, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^*, \boldsymbol{\mu}^*) = w_i^*, \quad i \in R.$$

We can then express  $\boldsymbol{w}^*$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^*$  as a function of  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\phi}_r$ , L and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ . Clearly, if  $\boldsymbol{w}^*$  is an equilibrium wage rate vector, for any scalar c > 0,  $c\boldsymbol{w}^*$  is also an equilibrium wage rate vector. Hence, without loss of generality, we can normalize wage rates as  $\sum_{i \in R} w_i = 1$ . We can prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.** Suppose that  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$  holds. Then, for any  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_r$   $(0 < \phi_{ij} < 1, i, j \in \mathbb{R}), L > 0$  and  $\lambda$   $(0 < \lambda_i < 1, \sum_{i \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_i = 1, i \in \mathbb{R})$ , the equilibrium wage rate vector,  $\boldsymbol{w}^*$ , exists and it is always in  $\mathbb{R}^r_{++}$ . In particular, for two-region case, the equilibrium wage ratio,  $w_1^*/w_2^*$ , is determined uniquely.

**Proof** See Appendix A.

#### 3. Agglomeration Force and Spatial Equilibrium

#### 3.1. Agglomeration Force: Price Index Effect and Home Market Effect

We now explore the agglomeration force in the economy, which causes a concentration of the population in particular regions. First, suppose that a fraction of firms in region jchanges their location to region i, holding other things constant. Then, the relationship between the change in the number of firms in region j and that in region i is represented by  $dN_j = -dN_i$ . Using this relationship and differentiating price index (7) while keeping all other things constant, we obtain

$$\frac{N_i}{P_i} \frac{\mathrm{d}P_i}{\mathrm{d}N_i} = \frac{N_i}{\sigma_X - 1} \frac{\phi_{ji} w_j^{1 - \sigma_X} - w_i^{1 - \sigma_X}}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ki} N_k w_k^{1 - \sigma_X}} \stackrel{\leq}{\leq} 0 \iff \left(\frac{w_i}{w_j}\right)^{1 - \sigma_X} \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} \phi_{ji}, \quad i, j \in R$$

Thus, when the trade freeness from region j to region i is sufficiently low, the price index of region i declines because of the relocation of firms. In particular, if the wage rates in region j and region i are the same, the price index in region i always falls. This is called the *Price Index Effect*; it implies that, all other things being equal, the price index becomes lower in a region with the larger number of firms because a smaller proportion of this region's consumption of differentiated goods incurs transport costs.

Next, suppose that a fraction of the income in region j is transferred to region i and that all other things are constant. Then, the relationship between the change in the income level of region j and that of region i is represented by  $dY_j = -dY_i$ . Using this relationship, differentiating wage potential (9), and keeping all other things constant, we obtain the following relationship:

$$\frac{Y_i}{w_i^P} \frac{\mathrm{d}w_i^P}{\mathrm{d}Y_i} = \frac{Y_i}{\sigma_X} \frac{P_i^{\sigma_X - 1} - \phi_{ij} P_j^{\sigma_X - 1}}{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{R}} \phi_{ik} Y_k P_k^{\sigma_X - 1}} \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} 0 \iff \left(\frac{P_i}{P_j}\right)^{\sigma_X - 1} \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} \phi_{ij}, \quad i, j \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus, when the trade freeness from region i to region j is sufficiently low, the wage potential in region i rises because of the transfer of income. Specifically, if the price indexes are the same between regions j and i, the wage potential always rises. This is called the *Home Market Effect*; it implies that, all other things being equal, the wage potential becomes higher in a region with the larger home market and the wage rate in this region tends to be high.



Figure 4: Circular Causality in Agglomeration

Figure 4 depicts the circular causality in the spatial agglomeration. Because the region with the larger number of firms has the lower cost of living, consumers migrate to that region. This, in turn, induces an increase in the market size of the region with the larger number of firms. On the other hand, because the region with the larger market has the higher wage potential, workers and firms flow into it. This enlarges the number of firms and the size of the market in that region. Obviously, this circular causality leads to a concentration of population in particular regions.

In the above discussion, we arbitrarily hold some endogenous variables constant. Unfortunately, since these endogenous variables cannot be constant in general equilibrium, the price index effect and the home market effect may not hold.<sup>12</sup> However, for two-region case, we obtain the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.** Suppose r = 2 and  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ . Then, the equilibrium wage ratio,  $w_1^*/w_2^*$ , and the equilibrium real wage ratio,  $\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*$ , monotonically increase with respect to the share of workers of region 1, while the equilibrium price index ratio,  $P_1^*/P_2^*$ , decreases. When both regions have the same share of workers,  $w_1^*/w_2^*$ ,  $\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*$  and  $P_1^*/P_2^*$  are equal to one. In addition, when  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$  ( $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$ ) holds, an increase in the total number of workers, L, reduces (raises)  $w_1^*/w_2^*$  and  $\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*$ , but raises (reduces)  $P_1^*/P_2^*$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Conditions under which the home market effect holds are studied by Davis (1998), Yu (2005) and Behrens et al. (2009).

#### **Proof** See Appendix B.

Proposition 2 states that population concentration is always the cause of the wider real wage gap between regions, while population growth works as a device that reduces the regional gap. Therefore, when the economy is in a phase in which population grows rapidly, a regional gap is not apparent, which leads to a lower population concentration. However, if population growth stops, the regional gap caused by the difference in population share is actualized and population concentration advances rapidly. Especially, in a phase where population decreases, regional gap rapidly expands.

#### 3.2. Spatial Equilibrium

According to the usual NEG model, spatial equilibrium is defined as the state in which no agents have an incentive to change location. In this regard, in the spatial equilibrium, the share of workers in each region,  $\lambda_i^s$ , is defined by

$$\left(\frac{\omega_i^s}{\bar{\omega}^s} - 1\right) \leq 0 \text{ and } \left(\frac{\omega_i^s}{\bar{\omega}^s} - 1\right) \lambda_i^s = 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{R},\tag{10}$$

where  $\bar{\omega} \ (\equiv \sum_{i \in R} \lambda_i \omega_i)$  is the average real wage among regions and the superscript "s" represents the value in the spatial equilibrium. At the market equilibrium, the wage ratio  $w_i^*/w_j^*$  and the real wage ratio  $\omega_i^*/\omega_j^*$  are given by (see Appendix A.2.2.)

$$\frac{w_i^*}{w_j^*} = \left[\frac{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ki} \mu_k^* \lambda_k \left(w_k^*\right)^{1 - \sigma_X}}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{kj} \mu_k^* \lambda_k \left(w_k^*\right)^{1 - \sigma_X}}\right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}} \text{ and } \frac{\omega_i^*}{\omega_j^*} = \left(\frac{w_i^*}{w_j^*}\right)^{\frac{2\sigma_X - 1}{\sigma_X - 1}}, \quad i, j \in R.$$
(11)

Thus, if workers are fully agglomerated in region i (i.e.,  $\lambda_i = 1$  and  $\lambda_j = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ ), then we have

$$\frac{\omega_i^*}{\bar{\omega}^*} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{\omega_j^*}{\bar{\omega}^*} = \left(\frac{\phi_{ij}}{\phi_{ii}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X} \frac{2\sigma_X - 1}{\sigma_X - 1}} \leq 1, \quad i, j \in \mathbb{R}, \ j \neq i,$$

which means that full agglomeration in any region  $i \in R$  is always a spatial equilibrium. It is difficult, unfortunately, to find all spatial equilibrium in general. However, we can obtain the following proposition for a two-region case: **Proposition 3.** Suppose r = 2 and  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ . Then, there exists only three spatial equilibrium: two fully agglomerated configurations and one symmetry configuration, as follows

$$(\lambda_1^s, \lambda_2^s) = \begin{cases} (1, 0) \\ (0, 1) \\ (1/2, 1/2) \end{cases}$$

**Proof** This is obvious from (10), (11) and Proposition 2.

## 4. Extension of the Model for Demographic Analysis

We now introduce time and generations to the model. All individual lives for two periods: childhood and adulthood. We denote the number of adults in region i in period t as  $L_{i,t}$  and the total number of adults in time t as  $L_t$  (=  $\sum_{i \in R} L_{i,t}$ ). In adulthood, individuals choose where they live, supply labor in those regions, and decide their amount of consumption and number of children.

# 4.1. Population Dynamics

At the beginning of period t, each adult in region i has  $n_{i,t}$  children, which means  $n_{i,t}$ also represents the fertility rate in region i at time t. Thus, region i has  $n_{i,t}L_{i,t}$  number of children at time t and the total number of children in the economy at time t becomes

$$\sum_{i \in R} n_{i,t} L_{i,t} = \left( \sum_{i \in R} \lambda_{i,t} n_{i,t} \right) L_t = \bar{n}_t L_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\lambda_{i,t} (\equiv L_{i,t}/L_t)$  is region *i*'s share of adults (workers) at time *t* and  $\bar{n}_t (\equiv \sum_{i \in R} \lambda_{i,t} n_{i,t})$  is the average fertility rate in the economy at time *t*. Since  $\bar{n}_t L_t$  children grow to adulthood in the economy at the beginning of period t + 1, we have the following law of motion of the total number of adults:

$$L_{t+1} = \bar{n}_t L_t = \left(\prod_{s=0}^t \bar{n}_s\right) L_0, \quad t \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(12)

#### 4.2. Dynamics of Inter-Regional Population Movement

Next, we consider the process of inter-regional migration. Workers choose the regions in which they live and subsequently choose their number of children and amount of consumption in that region.

We first define  $\lambda_{i,t+1}^{pre}$  as region *i*'s share of pre-movement workers at time t + 1 which is also region *i*'s share of children at time *t*:

$$\lambda_{i,t+1}^{pre} \equiv \frac{n_{i,t}L_{i,t}}{\sum_{j \in R} n_{j,t}L_{j,t}} = \frac{\lambda_{i,t}n_{i,t}}{\bar{n}_t}, \quad i \in R, \ t \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(13)

Similar to Fujita et al. (1999), we assume workers gradually move to regions where they can gain a higher real wage. We capture this adjustment process by the following replicator dynamics:<sup>13</sup>

$$\lambda_{i,t+1} - \lambda_{i,t+1}^{pre} = \nu \left( \frac{\omega_{i,t}}{\bar{\omega}_t} - 1 \right) \lambda_{i,t}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R}, \ t \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\bar{\omega}_t \ (\equiv \sum_{i \in R} \lambda_{i,t} \omega_{i,t})$  is the average real wage among regions at time t and  $\nu \ (> 0)$  is the adjustment parameter which we call freeness of migration. Using (13), we can rewrite the above system as follows:<sup>14</sup>

$$\lambda_{i,t+1} - \lambda_{i,t} = \left(\frac{n_{i,t}}{\bar{n}_t} - 1 + \nu \left(\frac{\omega_{i,t}}{\bar{\omega}_t} - 1\right)\right) \lambda_{i,t}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R}, \ t \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (14)

Then, we have the following law of motion of the number of workers in region i:

$$L_{i,t+1} = \left(\frac{n_{i,t}}{\bar{n}_t} + \nu \left(\frac{\omega_{i,t}}{\bar{\omega}_t} - 1\right)\right) \bar{n}_t L_{i,t}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R} \quad t \in \mathbb{N},$$

which implies that the total change of workers in region *i* at time *t*,  $TC_{i,t}$  ( $\equiv L_{i,t+1} - L_{i,t}$ ), can be divided into natural change,  $NC_{i,t}$ , and social change,  $SC_{i,t}$ , as  $TC_{i,t} = NC_{i,t} + SC_{i,t}$ , where  $NC_{i,t}$  and  $SC_{i,t}$  are defined by

$$NC_{i,t} = (n_{i,t} - 1)L_{i,t}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R}, \ t \in \mathbb{N},$$
$$SC_{i,t} = \nu \left(\frac{\omega_{i,t}}{\bar{\omega}_t} - 1\right)\bar{n}_t L_{i,t} \quad i \in \mathbb{R}, \ t \in \mathbb{N}.$$

 $<sup>^{13}</sup>$ The replicator dynamics are used often in evolutionary game theory (see Weibull (1995)).

 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$ The dynamics given by (14) are equivalent essentially to the replicator dynamics, but the natural change of the population is introduced into the equation.

#### 4.3. Definition of Steady State

In a steady state, both the total number of workers in the economy and the share of workers in each region are stationary such that  $L_{t+1} = L_t = L^{**}$  and  $\lambda_{i,t+1} = \lambda_{i,t} = \lambda_i^{**}$ . From (12) and (14), this steady state is given by

$$\bar{n}^{**} = 1 \text{ and } \left(\frac{n_i^{**}}{\bar{n}^{**}} - 1 + \nu \left(\frac{\omega_i^{**}}{\bar{\omega}^{**}} - 1\right)\right) \lambda_i^{**} = 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{R},$$
 (15)

where the superscript "\*\*" represents the value in the steady state.

Note that, in the spatial equilibrium, the real wage is equalized in all regions that have a positive share, which leads to identical fertility rates in these regions. Therefore, the second condition of (15) is satisfied in the spatial equilibrium. Especially, for the two-region case, we have the following three steady states that are the spatial equilibrium (see Appendix C):

$$(L^{**}, \lambda_1^{**}, \lambda_2^{**}) = \begin{cases} (D, 1, 0) \\ (D, 0, 1) \\ (2D/(1+\phi), 1/2, 1/2) \end{cases}$$
(16)

where  $\phi = \phi_{12} = \phi_{21}$  and D is given by

$$D \equiv \left(\frac{1-\beta}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{\sigma_X-1}{\sigma-1}} \left(\frac{a}{\rho_X}\right)^{\sigma_X-1} \left(\frac{1-b}{b}\right)^{\frac{\sigma_X-\sigma}{\sigma-1}} \frac{f\sigma_X}{b^{\sigma_X}}.$$

However, the steady state does not have to be the spatial equilibrium. If some region has a higher real wage, there will be a population inflow, but the fertility rate will be lower in that region. Therefore, it is possible for the second condition of (15) to be satisfied in a steady state that is not the spatial equilibrium. In fact, we can obtain the following proposition for the two-region case:

**Proposition 4.** Suppose r = 2,  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$  and 0 < b < 1. Then, a steady state exists such that  $1/2 < \lambda_1^{**} < 1$  or  $0 < \lambda_1^{**} < 1/2$ , if either of the following (a) or (b) is satisfied:

(a): 
$$0 < \phi < 1$$
,  $\nu_b < \nu < \nu_s$   
(b):  $\nu_b < \nu < \frac{1-b}{b}$ ,  $0 < \phi < \phi_s$ 



Figure 5: Relationship between  $\nu_s$  and  $\phi_s$ 

where  $\nu_s$  and  $\nu_b$  are given by

$$\nu_{s} \equiv \frac{1-b}{b+(1-b)\phi^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_{X}}\frac{2\sigma_{X}-1}{\sigma_{X}-1}}} \frac{1-\phi^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_{X}}\frac{2\sigma_{X}-1}{\sigma_{X}-1}}}{1-\phi^{\frac{1}{\sigma_{X}}\frac{2\sigma_{X}-1}{\sigma_{X}-1}}}$$
$$\nu_{b} \equiv (\sigma-1)(1-b)$$

and  $\phi_s$  is defined implicitly by

$$(1-b) - b\nu - (1-b)(1+\nu)\phi_s^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_X}\frac{2\sigma_X-1}{\sigma_X-1}} + \nu \left[b\phi_s^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}\frac{2\sigma_X-1}{\sigma_X-1}} + (1-b)\phi_s^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_X}\frac{2\sigma_X-1}{\sigma_X-1}}\right] = 0.$$

**Proof** See Appendix D.

(a) and (b) are the conditions that make both fully agglomerated steady states ( $\lambda_1^{**} = 0$  and  $\lambda_1^{**} = 1$ ) and the symmetric steady state ( $\lambda_1^{**} = 1/2$ ) unstable. Thus, if either of (a) or (b) hold, partial agglomeration appears as a steady state. Since Proposition 2 ensures that the larger region has the higher real wage compared to the smaller region, this partial agglomeration is obviously not spatial equilibrium.

 $\phi_s$  is what Fujita et al. (1999) call the sustain point; that is, if trade freeness  $\phi$  is higher than the sustain point  $\phi_s$ , fully agglomerated configurations become sustainable. We can interpret  $\nu_s$  analogically as the sustain point of migration freeness. In addition,  $\nu_b$  is analogous to what Fujita et al. (1999) call the break point; that is, if migration freeness is higher than the break point, stable symmetry configuration is broken. The relationship between  $\nu_s$  and  $\phi_s$  is described in Figure 5.



Figure 6: Demographics with No Migration

 $\sigma = 1.2, \ \sigma_X = 4, \ \alpha = 0.7, \ b = 0.25, \ \phi = 0.25, \ f = 1/3, \ a = 1/3, \ \nu = 0$ 

# 5. Numerical Examples

In this section, we analyze how economic integration affects population demographics. Since our model is highly non-linear, it is difficult to obtain analytical results. Therefore, we employ a numerical simulation method and show some examples.

# 5.1. The Case of Two-Region

Here, we show a two-region case, first with no migration and then with migration. Figure 6 describes the demographics for no migration, in which workers cannot move between regions (i.e.,  $\nu = 0$ ). The economy initially has one unit of labor (workers) and region 1's initial share of workers is set as 0.9. Then, we illustrate the dynamic paths of the share of workers ( $\lambda_{i,t}$ ), fertility rate ( $n_{i,t}$ ), real wage ( $\omega_{i,t}$ ), number of workers ( $L_{i,t}$ ), and natural change ( $NC_{i,t}$ ) and social change ( $SC_{i,t}$ ) in each region.

In the two-region case, the home market effect and the price index effect always make the real wage higher in the highly populated region (see Proposition 2). Thus, the fertility rate in the highly populated region will be lower than in the less populated region since a higher real wage rate means a lower fertility rate. Therefore, the real wage of region 1 is higher than that of region 2, while it leads to a lower fertility rate in region 1 compared to region 2. Consequently, if workers cannot move between regions, the share of workers would equalize gradually over time (see Figure 6(a)). In this regard, we call this *dispersion force*; this is the power that makes the population distribution over the regions tend toward uniformity.<sup>15</sup>

On the other hand, the number of workers monotonically increases in regions 1 and 2, which raises real wages in both regions (see Figures 6(c) and 6(d)). This rise of the real wage results in fertility rates decreasing (see Figure 6(b)). Natural changes in regions 1 and 2 become large in the early phase, but reach their peak at a certain point in time, and thereafter, decrease until zero (see Figure 6(e)). Because we consider the case of no migration, the social change is always zero (see Figure 6(f)).

Next, we consider the case with migration, in which workers can move between regions. Figure 7 describes the dynamic paths of the variables under the same parameters as the case of no migration except for the freeness of migration,  $\nu$ .

Permitting the migration of workers greatly changes the dynamic path from Figure 6. In Figure 7, we set the initial share of workers to be almost the same in both regions, but the share in region 1 is slightly larger.<sup>16</sup> As the home market effect and the price index effect make the real wage of region 1 higher than that of region 2, the social change,  $SC_{i,t}$ , is positive in region 1, but negative in region 2 (see Figure 7(f)). This agglomeration force encourages the share of workers in region 1 to increase over time (see Figure 7(a)). On the other hand, the natural change,  $NC_{i,t}$ , is small in region 1 and large in region 2 (see Figure 7(e)) since a higher real wage reduces the fertility rate (dispersion force). When the difference in the share of workers between regions becomes large, the agglomeration force and the dispersion force are balanced and the economy is in a steady state. Interestingly, in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Note that, in NEG, "dispersion force" is used usually to describe the power that provides a clear incentive to migrate from large to small regions (e.g., congestion).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>We set  $\lambda_{1,0} = 1001/2000$  and  $\lambda_{2,0} = 999/2000$ .



Figure 7: Demographics with Migration

 $\sigma = 1.2, \sigma_X = 4, \alpha = 0.7, b = 0.25, \phi = 0.25, f = 1/3, a = 1/3, \nu = 0.2$ 

this steady state, the social change of region 1 is positive, which means that this economy is not in spatial equilibrium. In particular, in the steady state, the two regions differ in characteristics: one has a positive natural change but a negative social change, while the other has a positive social change but a negative natural change.

The paths of the number of workers in the whole economy in the cases of no migration and migration are described in Figure 7. In the case of no migration (i.e.,  $\nu = 0$ ), the path has the form of a logistic curve (see Figure 8(a)). When there are few workers in the economy, since the real wage is low, the fertility rate is high and the population grows rapidly. As the population grows, the real wage becomes higher and this suppresses the fertility rate. Therefore, population growth gradually decreases and the economy reaches a steady state.

However, in the case of migration (i.e.,  $\nu > 0$ ), the shape of the path differs, as in Figure 8(b). The population reaches its peak before the steady state and then decreases. In the early phase, because the difference in the shares of workers between regions is not sizable,



Figure 8: Number of Workers in the Whole Economy  $\sigma = 1.2, \sigma_X = 4, \alpha = 0.7, b = 0.25, \phi = 0.25, f = 1/3, a = 1/3 \nu = 0.2$ 

the real wages in both regions are nearly the same. Hence, the migration rate of workers is small and the population growth path in the economy is similar to that of the case of no migration. Figure 8(c) illustrates this phase, which corresponds to the shaded area of Figure 8(b). In this phase, the path of population growth is also in the form of a logistic curve.

After the early phase, however, workers migrate to the region with the higher real wage and gradually congregate there, which increases the real wage in the highly populated region (region 1) and decreases the real wage in the less populated region (region 2). This brings about further migration and reduces the fertility rate in region 1. When the difference between the shares of workers becomes large enough, the fertility rate is less than one in region 1. Thus, total population growth becomes negative, even though region 2 has a fertility rate higher than one, and this overall negative growth continues until the negative natural change in region 1 is canceled out by positive natural change in region 2.

### 5.2. How Integration of the Economy Affects Population Size and Spatial Structure

Next, we show how integration of the economy affects population size and spatial structure. We examine how the steady state is affected by changing trade freeness,  $\phi$ , and migration freeness,  $\nu$ .<sup>17</sup>

First, we show the effects of changing trade freeness. Figure 9 describes the steady

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Using the initial distribution of workers and all parameters in the migration case in Subsection 5.1, we calculate the steady state corresponding to each  $\phi$  and  $\nu$ . Note that  $\phi = \phi_{12} = \phi_{21}$ .



Figure 9: Effects of the Change of Trade Freeness  $\sigma = 1.2, \ \sigma_X = 4, \ \alpha = 0.7, \ b = 0.25, \ f = 1/3, \ a = 1/3, \ \nu = 0.2$ 

state corresponding to each  $\phi$ . Increased trade freeness increases the share of workers in region 1 (Figure 9(a)). At levels higher than  $\phi = \phi_s \approx 0.39$ , the economy completely agglomerates. We depict the number of workers in Figure 9(d). Because trade of goods incurs few transportation costs with higher trade freeness, an increase in the trade freeness directly increases the real wage, which reduces the fertility rate. Hence, the steady-state total number of workers decreases due to an increase of trade freeness. Since this reduction of the total number of workers is large, even in region 1, the number of workers decreases although an increase in trade freeness induces the population concentration to region 1. Hereby, the steady-state fertility rate increases in region 1 because the reduction of the total number of workers decreases the real wage (Figures 9(b) and 9(c)). Moreover, the real wage gap decreases as the trade freeness increases, which brings about reduction in the regional differences of natural change and social change (Figure 9(e) and 9(f)). After

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Figure 10: Effects of Change of the Freeness of Migration  $\sigma = 1.2, \sigma_X = 4, \alpha = 0.7, b = 0.25, \phi = 0.25, f = 2/3, a = 1/3$ 

complete agglomeration, trade freeness does not affect the number of workers, natural change and social change in the steady state since, in this case, there is only one region in the economy.

Next, we show the effects of changing the freeness of migration,  $\nu$ . Figure 10(a) describes the share of workers in the steady state. If freeness of migration is small, it is difficult for workers to move even if there is a difference in the real wages between regions. However, the fertility rate is lower in the highly populated regions; this occurs irrespective of the level of migration freeness. Hence, the distribution of workers between regions tends to be uniform in the steady state, as in the case of no migration. Conversely, if freeness of migration is sufficiently large, a positive social change always overcomes a negative natural change in the large region. Thus, the steady state of the spatial structure of the economy is full agglomeration. Given moderate freeness of migration ( $0.15 = \nu_b < \nu < \nu_s \approx 0.23$ ), the economy does not converge to be either symmetric and in full agglomeration, but it converges to be in partial agglomeration.

Figures 10 (c) and (d) show the real wage and the number of workers. Unlike the trade freeness, the migration freeness does not affect the real wage directly. However, the real wage is affected by the distribution of workers. Higher freeness of migration implies higher population concentration in region 1, which raises the real wage in region 1 given the population. In addition, a higher real wage induces the lower fertility rate. Therefore, an increase in migration freeness decreases the steady-state total number of workers through lowering the fertility rate in region 1 (Figure 10(b)). In partial agglomeration near the symmetry equilibrium, an increase of freeness of migration increases the regional difference of social change, not only directly, but also indirectly through population concentration which raises the real wage gap. This large gap of the real wage also leads to a large difference of natural change between regions. On the other hand, in partial agglomeration near the full agglomeration, the real wage gap decreases as the freeness of migration increases, which brings about reduced regional differences of natural and social change. Therefore, as freeness of migration increases, the regional differences of natural change and social change increases at first and then they decrease when the spatial structure is sufficiently close to full agglomeration (Figures 10(e) and 10(f)). When the economy reaches the full agglomeration natural change and social change become zero.

From the above discussion, we see that if the economy is more integrated, the number of workers decreases. This is why economic integration not only raises the real wage directly (consider the effects of a rise of  $\phi$ ) but also induces spatial agglomeration which in turn raises the real wage. Hence, the fertility rate decreases given the population, which results in a decline in the total number of workers in the steady state. This result cannot be obtained in models that consider only natural change or only social change.

#### 5.3. The Case of Multi-Regions

Finally, we examine the multi-region case. If there are many regions, we can consider various geometries of the economy. Here, however, we focus on the special case known as

![](_page_27_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 11: Conceptual Diagram of the Race Track Economy (r is an even number)

the racetrack economy which is described in Figure 11.<sup>18</sup> Each region is arranged at equal intervals on the circumference of a circle and transportation is carried out only along the circumference within the shortest distance. Since we employ iceberg-type transportation costs and regions are located along the circumference at even intervals, the trade freeness between regions i and j becomes

$$\phi_{ij} = \begin{cases} \phi^{|i-j|} & \text{if } |i-j| \leq r/2 \\ \phi^{r-|i-j|} & \text{if } |i-j| > r/2 \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi \in (0, 1]$  is constant.

In this economy, we can easily confirm that the uniform distribution of workers, called the *flat earth* in Fujita et al. (1999), is always a spatial equilibrium. However, the flat earth is not always sustainable; that is, the symmetric spatial equilibrium may turn out to be unstable. As Figure 12 shows, we start the simulation from an almost flat but randomly deviated distribution of workers.<sup>19</sup> Even though the deviation is very small, the circular causality of agglomeration shown in Figure 4 can break the flat earth: an almost even distribution of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>The racetrack economy is first introduced in NEG by Krugman (1993).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>First we draw  $L_i$  randomly from the interval [0.95, 1.05]. Then we normalize the total number of workers to one.

![](_page_28_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 12: Multi-Region Case

 $\sigma = 1.2, \sigma_X = 4, \alpha = 0.7, b = 0.25, \phi = 0.95, f = 1/3, a = 1/3, \nu = 0.2, r = 100$ 

workers eventually develops local concentration of workers. Figure 12(a) shows this process, in which 100 regions are arranged along the front axis in numerical order and the share of workers in each region is indicated by the vertical axis. The almost flat earth evolves over time into a very uneven spatial structure in which workers become concentrated in two regions that are positioned opposite to each other on the circumference.

While this result may appear to be the same as that obtained by Fujita et al. (1999), there are some major differences. Figure 12(c) illustrates the social change of each region over time. It shows that workers migrate from small regions to large regions and that the social change of the largest region is extremely positive even after a sufficiently long time. As a result, the region that initially has the largest number of workers tends to be extremely large in the steady state. It has been noted that workers flow from the smaller of two regions in which workers are concentrated. The smaller region has a large share of workers in the steady state because its natural change is highly positive. Figure 12(b) shows the natural change of each region over time. When workers concentrate in one region, the real wage becomes lower in the opposite region since a larger fraction of consumption must incur transportation costs. This leads to a higher fertility rate and increases the natural change in the region that is positioned opposite to the region with the largest number of workers. Therefore, the two regions in which workers are concentrated have markedly different characteristics and sizes. These results can be obtained only by considering the endogenous fertility rate, which is ignored in Fujita et al. (1999).

#### 6. Conclusion

In this paper, we constructed a model to describe regional population changes in a market economy. Using this model, the effects of economic integration on population change were analyzed.

If workers can migrate among regions, then regional differences in the real wage, the natural population change, and the social population change become larger with a snowball effect, even though there are only subtle differences initially. The population concentrates in the region that initially has a larger population share. The region in which the population concentrates has a higher real wage, which results in a lower fertility rate and higher net migration compared to other less concentrated regions. Thus, regions have very different population changes. In particular, the regional difference in the real wage does not disappear even in the long run, which means that the steady state is not spatial equilibrium; that is, workers have an incentive to change their location. This result differs widely from the usual NEG model and is consistent with the facts we presented in the introduction, which enhances the legitimacy of our model. In addition, we derived a prediction for the population growth path of the whole economy; it resembles a logistic curve in the early phase, but the population decreases in the last phase.

In addition, we showed that high freeness to migrate and trade of goods lead to population concentration and decrease of the total population. If inter-regional migration is permitted, workers would move to regions where they could earn higher real wages. This increases the populations of regions with higher real wages. Moreover, the existence of transportation costs leads to higher real wages in highly populated regions compared to less-populated regions since a larger fraction of goods must incur transportation costs in the latter case. This circular causality induces a population concentration in a particular region. Specifically, we showed that the greater is the freeness of migration and trade of goods, the more the population is concentrated. Furthermore, higher trade freeness means a higher real wage because trade of goods incurs few transportation costs, which implies a lower fertility rate given the population. Therefore, an increase of trade freeness decreases the total population in the steady state. On the other hand, higher freeness of migration itself does not mean a higher real wage directly. However, by concentrating the population, the fertility rate in the higher populated region decreases given the population. Hence, in the steady state, the total population decreases.

In our model, we do not consider urban costs. Even though urban costs are important factors for people who choose their locations and number of children, we omitted them for simplicity. In addition, in this paper, we dealt with only two overlapping generations, that is, childhood and adulthood. We paid little attention to the composition of the population. In demographic studies, the composition of the population is typically a matter of primary importance, as its structure changes over time just as its size and distribution do. However, for simplicity, we omitted population structure from our analysis. In spite of this limitation, we believe that our analysis identifies new aspects of the relationship between economic integration and population change. We leave the consideration of urban costs and population structure for future research.

### Appendix A. Proof of Proposition 1

We divide the problem into two steps. In the first step, under condition  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ , we prove that; for all L > 0,  $\lambda$  ( $0 < \lambda_i < 1$ ,  $\sum_{i \in R} \lambda_i = 1$ ,  $i \in R$ ) and  $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^r_{++}$ , there exist  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  uniquely such that

$$\mu(w_i, P_i(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\mu})) = \mu_i > 0, \quad i \in R.$$

This  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  can be express as a function of L,  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}$  as  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathcal{M}(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w})$ . Then, in the second step, we show the existence of the equilibrium wage vector  $\boldsymbol{w}^* \in \mathbb{R}^r_{++}$  which is given by

$$w_i^P(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^*, \mathcal{M}(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^*)) = w_i^*, \quad i \in R.$$

Appendix A.1. The first step

For given L > 0,  $\lambda$   $(0 < \lambda_i < 1, \sum_{i \in R} \lambda_i = 1, i \in R)$  and  $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^r_{++}$ , we define a function  $F_i : [0, 1]^r \to [0, 1]$  as follows:

$$\forall \boldsymbol{\mu} \in I \equiv [0,1]^r : F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \begin{cases} \mu \left( w_i, P_i(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right) & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\mu} \neq \boldsymbol{0} \\ 0 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{0} \end{cases}, \quad i \in R,$$

where  $\mu(w_i, P_i)$  and  $P_i(L, \lambda, w, \mu)$  are defined by

$$\mu(w_i, P_i) \equiv \frac{\beta P_i^{1-\sigma}}{\beta P_i^{1-\sigma} + (1-\beta)(bw_i)^{1-\sigma}}, \quad i \in R,$$
$$P_i(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \equiv \frac{a}{\rho_X} \left[ \frac{L}{f\sigma_X} \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ji} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j^{1-\sigma_X} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma_X}}, \quad i \in R$$

If  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$  holds, we have

$$\lim_{\boldsymbol{\mu}\to 0} P_i(L,\boldsymbol{\lambda},\boldsymbol{w},\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{P_i\to\infty} \mu(w_i,P_i) = 0, \quad i\in R,$$

which means that  $F(\cdot) = (F_1(\cdot), \cdots, F_r(\cdot))$  is a continuous function from I to I.

Let us define a function  $G(\cdot) = (G_1(\cdot), \cdots, G_r(\cdot))$  as follows:

$$\forall \boldsymbol{\mu} \in I : G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \equiv F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) - \mu_i, \quad i \in R,$$

We then show that there exists  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \operatorname{int} I$  uniquely such that  $G(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$ . Note that because when we write  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \equiv (\mu_1, \cdots, \mu_{i-1}, \mu_{i+1}, \cdots, \mu_r)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_i; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i})$  for all  $i \in R$ ,

$$\forall \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in [0,1]^{r-1} : \ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \neq \mathbf{0} \Longrightarrow G_i(0; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) > 0, \quad i \in R,$$
  
$$\forall \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in [0,1]^{r-1} : \ G_i(1; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) < 0, \quad i \in R,$$
 (A.1)

are satisfied, the no boundary points of I ever become roots of G except  $\mu = 0$ .

To show the existence and uniqueness of the root of G, we construct closed and bounded intervals on  $\mathbb{R}^r$ ,  $J^1, J^2, \cdots$  that satisfy  $I \supset J^1 \supset J^2 \supset \cdots$  and  $J \equiv \lim_{n\to\infty} J^n = \{c\}$  where G(c) = 0, and show that I - J never contains the root of G except  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{0}$ .

For all  $\mu \in I$ , the partial differentiation of  $F_i$  with respect to  $\mu_j > 0$  becomes

$$F_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \equiv \frac{\partial F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{\partial \mu_j} = \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma_X - 1} \frac{F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu})(1 - F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}))}{\mu_j} \frac{\phi_{ji}\mu_j\lambda_j w_j^{1 - \sigma_X}}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ki}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1 - \sigma_X}}, \quad i, j \in R.$$
(A.2)

Hence, for all  $i \in R$  we have

$$\lim_{\mu_i \to 0} \frac{\partial G_i(\mu_i; \mathbf{0})}{\partial \mu_i} = \lim_{\mu_i \to 0} \left( \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma_X - 1} \frac{F_i(\mu_i; \mathbf{0}) \left( 1 - F_i(\mu_i; \mathbf{0}) \right)}{\mu_i} - 1 \right)$$
$$= \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma_X - 1} \left( \lim_{\mu_i \to 0} \frac{F_i(\mu_i; \mathbf{0})}{\mu_i} \right) - 1$$
$$= \infty,$$
(A.3)

where the last equality holds under  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ . Together with  $G_i(0; \mathbf{0}) = 0$ , (A.3) implies that real numbers  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_r$  exist, which are sufficiently close to zero and satisfy the following

$$G_i(\mu_i; \mathbf{0}) > 0, \quad \mu_i \in (0, \varepsilon_i], \ i \in R.$$

On the other hand, from (A.1),  $G_i(1; \mathbf{0}) < 0$  holds for all  $i \in R$ . Thus, we have  $\underline{\mu}_i^1 \in (\varepsilon_i, 1)$ which satisfies  $G_i(\underline{\mu}_i^1; \mathbf{0}) = 0$ . Because of (A.2),  $\partial G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) / \partial \mu_i < 0$  at any point  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  that satisfies  $G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$ . Hence, such  $\underline{\mu}_i^1$  is unique. This implies:

$$G_{i}(\mu_{i}^{''};\mathbf{0}) < 0 < G_{i}(\mu_{i}^{'};\mathbf{0}), \quad \mu_{i}^{'} \in (0, \underline{\mu}_{i}^{1}), \ \mu_{i}^{''} \in (\underline{\mu}_{i}^{1}, 1], \ i \in R.$$

Therefore, because under  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$  it holds that

$$\forall \boldsymbol{\mu}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'' \in I : \ \boldsymbol{\mu}' \leqq \boldsymbol{\mu}'' \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\mu}' \neq \boldsymbol{\mu}'' \Longrightarrow F(\boldsymbol{\mu}') << F(\boldsymbol{\mu}''),$$
(A.4)

we have the following for all  $i \in R$ :

$$(\mu_i; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) \neq (\underline{\mu}_i^1; \mathbf{0}), (0; \mathbf{0}) \implies G_i(\mu_i; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) > 0, \quad \mu_i \in [0, \underline{\mu}_i^1], \ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in [0, 1]^{r-1}.$$
 (A.5)

In addition, we can show that  $\bar{\mu}_i^1 \in (0, 1)$  exists uniquely, which satisfies  $G_i(\bar{\mu}_i^1; \mathbf{1}) = 0$ and

$$G_i(\mu_i''; \mathbf{1}) < 0 < G_i(\mu_i'; \mathbf{1}), \quad \mu_i' \in [0, \bar{\mu}_i^1), \ \mu_i'' \in (\bar{\mu}_i^1, 1], \ i \in R.$$

Then using (A.4), we have the following relationship for all  $i \in R$ :

$$(\mu_i; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) \neq (\bar{\mu}_i^1; \mathbf{1}) \implies G_i(\mu_i; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) < 0, \quad \mu_i \in [\bar{\mu}_i^1, 1], \ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in [0, 1]^{r-1}.$$
 (A.6)

Note that  $\underline{\mu}_i^1 < \overline{\mu}_i^1$  holds for all  $i \in \mathbb{R}$ . In fact, if  $\underline{\mu}_i^1 \ge \overline{\mu}_i^1$  holds, then we have

$$0 < G_i(\bar{\mu}_i^1; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) < 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in (0, 1)^{r-1}, \ i \in R,$$

where the first inequality is due to (A.5) while the second inequality is derived from (A.6). However, this relationship is a contradiction. Thus, we can define  $J^1$  as  $J^1 \equiv \prod_{i=1}^r [\underline{\mu}_i^1, \overline{\mu}_i^1]$ , and (A.5) and (A.6) imply that the root of G does not exist in  $I - J^1$  except  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore, we only need to search for the root of G in  $J^1$ . Next, we define  $J^2$  in a similar way. Let us denote the vectors  $(\underline{\mu}_1^1, \cdots, \underline{\mu}_{i-1}^1, \underline{\mu}_{i+1}^1, \cdots, \underline{\mu}_r^1)$ and  $(\bar{\mu}_1^1, \cdots, \bar{\mu}_{i-1}^1, \bar{\mu}_{i+1}^1, \cdots, \bar{\mu}_r^1)$  by  $\underline{\mu}_{-i}^1$  and  $\bar{\mu}_{-i}^1$ , respectively. Then we have

$$\begin{split} &G_i(\bar{\mu}_i^1; \underline{\mu}_{-i}^1) < 0 < G_i(\underline{\mu}_i^1; \underline{\mu}_{-i}^1), \quad i \in R, \\ &G_i(\bar{\mu}_i^1; \overline{\mu}_{-i}^1) < 0 < G_i(\underline{\mu}_i^1; \overline{\mu}_{-i}^1), \quad i \in R. \end{split}$$

Thus, the intermediate value theorem ensures the existence of  $\underline{\mu}_i^2, \bar{\mu}_i^2 \in (\underline{\mu}_i^1, \bar{\mu}_i^1)$  which satisfy

$$G_i(\underline{\mu}_i^2; \underline{\mu}_{-i}^1) = G_i(\overline{\mu}_i^2; \overline{\mu}_{-i}^1) = 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Because  $\partial G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu})/\partial \mu_i < 0$  holds for any point  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  that satisfies  $G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$ , such  $\underline{\mu}_i^2$  and  $\bar{\mu}_i^2$  are determined uniquely. Therefore, the following relationships can be obtained:

$$G_{i}(\mu_{i}^{''}; \underline{\mu}_{-i}^{1}) < 0 < G_{i}(\mu_{i}^{'}; \underline{\mu}_{-i}^{1}), \quad \mu_{i}^{'} \in [\underline{\mu}_{i}^{1}, \underline{\mu}_{i}^{2}), \quad \mu_{i}^{''} \in (\underline{\mu}_{i}^{2}, \bar{\mu}_{i}^{1}], \quad i \in R,$$
  
$$G_{i}(\mu_{i}^{''}; \overline{\mu}_{-i}^{1}) < 0 < G_{i}(\mu_{i}^{'}; \overline{\mu}_{-i}^{1}), \quad \mu_{i}^{'} \in [\underline{\mu}_{i}^{1}, \ \bar{\mu}_{i}^{2}), \quad \mu_{i}^{''} \in (\bar{\mu}_{i}^{2}, \ \bar{\mu}_{i}^{1}], \quad i \in R.$$

These imply that

$$(\mu_{i}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) \neq (\underline{\mu}_{i}^{2}; \underline{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{-i}^{1}) \Longrightarrow G_{i}(\mu_{i}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) > 0, \quad \mu_{i} \in [\underline{\mu}_{i}^{1}, \underline{\mu}_{i}^{2}], \ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in J_{-i}^{1}, \ i \in R,$$
  
$$(\mu_{i}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) \neq (\bar{\mu}_{i}^{2}; \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{-i}^{1}) \Longrightarrow G_{i}(\mu_{i}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) < 0, \quad \mu_{i} \in [\bar{\mu}_{i}^{2}, \bar{\mu}_{i}^{1}], \ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i} \in J_{-i}^{1}, \ i \in R,$$

where  $J_{-i}^1 \equiv \prod_{j \neq i} [\underline{\mu}_j^1, \bar{\mu}_j^1]$ .  $\underline{\mu}_i^2 \ge \bar{\mu}_i^2$  leads to  $0 < G_i(\bar{\mu}_i^2; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}) < 0$  for all  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_i \in \operatorname{int} J_{-i}^1$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $\underline{\mu}_i^2 < \bar{\mu}_i^2$  must hold. So, we can define  $J^2 \equiv \prod_{i=1}^r [\underline{\mu}_i^2, \bar{\mu}_i^2]$ , and  $J^1 - J^2$  never contains the root of G.

We continue this process as depicted by Figure A1; then, we obtain the sequence of closed and bounded interval,  $(J^m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$ , such that  $J^m = \prod_{i=1}^r [\underline{\mu}_i^m, \bar{\mu}_i^m]$  and  $J^1 \supset J^2 \supset \cdots$ . Therefore,  $(J^m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$  converges to a non-empty, closed and bounded interval  $J = \prod_{i=1}^r [\underline{c}_i, \bar{c}_i]$  and the root of G never exists outside of J.

Because  $G_i(\underline{\mu}_i^{m+1}; \underline{\mu}_{-i}^m) = G_i(\overline{\mu}_i^{m+1}; \overline{\mu}_{-i}^m) = 0$  for  $m = 1, 2, \cdots$ , we have

$$G_i(\underline{c}_i;\underline{c}_{-i}) = \lim_{m \to \infty} G_i(\underline{\mu}_i^{m+1};\underline{\mu}_{-i}^m) = 0 = \lim_{m \to \infty} G_i(\bar{\mu}_i^{m+1};\bar{\mu}_{-i}^m) = G_i(\bar{c}_i;\bar{c}_{-i}), \quad i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus,  $\underline{c} = (\underline{c}_1, \cdots, \underline{c}_r)$  and  $\overline{c} = (\overline{c}_1, \cdots, \overline{c}_r)$  are the roots of G.

Now, we show that  $\underline{c} = \overline{c}$ . Suppose that  $\underline{c} \neq \overline{c}$ . Let us define that  $\mu(\theta) = \theta \overline{c} + (1 - \theta) \underline{c}$ and  $H_i(\theta) = G_i(\mu(\theta))$  for all  $i \in R$ . From (A.2), we have for all  $\mu \in \text{int}I$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{\partial \mu_l \partial \mu_k} = -\left[1 - \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma_X - 1} (1 - 2F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}))\right] \frac{F_{il}(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{\mu_k} \frac{\phi_{ki} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1 - \sigma_X}}{\sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ji} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j^{1 - \sigma_X}} < 0, \quad i, k, l \in R.$$

![](_page_34_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure A1: Vector Field G and Construction of the Steady State

where  $F_{il}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \partial F_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}) / \partial \mu_l$ . Thus, it holds that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 H_i(\theta)}{\mathrm{d}\theta^2} = \sum_{k \in R} \sum_{l \in R} \frac{\partial^2 G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}(\theta))}{\partial \mu_l \partial \mu_k} (\bar{c}_k - \underline{c}_k) (\bar{c}_l - \underline{c}_l) < 0, \quad i \in R,$$

which implies that  $H_i(\theta)$  is a concave function. Because  $H_i(1) = H_i(0) = 0$ , we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}H_i(0)}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = \sum_{j \in R} \frac{\partial G_i(\underline{c})}{\partial \mu_j} (\bar{c}_j - \underline{c}_j) > 0, \quad i \in R,$$
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}H_i(1)}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = \sum_{j \in R} \frac{\partial G_i(\bar{c})}{\partial \mu_j} (\bar{c}_j - \underline{c}_j) < 0, \quad i \in R.$$

Hence for  $\theta < 0$  and  $i \in R$  we have

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \in I \implies G_i(\boldsymbol{\mu}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) < 0.$$

However, this contradicts (A.5).

Appendix A.2. The second step

For any L > 0,  $\lambda$  ( $0 < \lambda_i < 1$ ,  $\sum_{i \in R} \lambda_i = 1$ ,  $i \in R$ ) and  $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^r_{++}$ , the wage potential in region  $i, w_i^P$ , becomes

$$w_i^P(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}, \mathcal{M}(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w})) = \left[\sum_{j \in R} \frac{\phi_{ij} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{kj} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1 - \sigma_X}}\right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}}, \quad i \in R,$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathcal{M}(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}) = (\mathcal{M}_1(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}), \cdots, \mathcal{M}_r(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}))$ . The equilibrium wage vector  $\boldsymbol{w}^* = (w_1^*, \cdots, w_r^*)$  is given by

$$w_i^P(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^*, \mathcal{M}(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^*)) = w_i^*, \quad i \in R.$$

Let us define function  $Z(\cdot) = (Z_1(\cdot), \cdots, Z_r(\cdot))$  as

$$Z_{i}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \mu_{i}\lambda_{i} \left[ w_{i}^{-\sigma_{X}} \sum_{j \in R} \frac{\phi_{ij}\mu_{j}\lambda_{j}w_{j}}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{kj}\mu_{k}\lambda_{k}w_{k}^{1-\sigma_{X}}} - 1 \right], \quad i \in R$$

Then,  $\boldsymbol{w}^*$  is given by  $Z(\boldsymbol{w}^*) = 0$ . We show that under the condition  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ ,  $\boldsymbol{w}^*$  exists in int*S*, where *S* is the unit simplex on  $\mathbb{R}^r$ . In particular, when r = 2,  $w_1^*/w_2^*$  is determined uniquely.

#### Appendix A.2.1. Existence

It is straightforward to see that for any  $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{r}_{++}$  the function Z satisfies the following properties:<sup>20</sup>

(B): 
$$Z(\boldsymbol{w}) \geq -\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$
,  
(C):  $Z$  is continuous at  $\boldsymbol{w}$ ,  
(H):  $Z(c\boldsymbol{w}) = Z(\boldsymbol{w}), \quad c \in \mathbb{R}, \ i \in R$ ,  
(W):  $\sum_{i \in R} w_i Z_i(\boldsymbol{w}) = 0$ .

We shall show that for any  $\boldsymbol{w}^o = (w_1^o, \cdots, w_r^o) \in \partial \mathbb{R}^r_+$  the function Z satisfies

$$(C'): \boldsymbol{w}^{o} \neq \boldsymbol{0} \implies \lim_{\boldsymbol{w} \to \boldsymbol{w}^{o}} \sum_{i} Z_{i}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \infty.$$

Then, under (B), (C), (H), (W), and (C'), the existence of an equilibrium  $\boldsymbol{w}^*$  in int*S* is proved by Arrow and Hahn (1971).<sup>21</sup>

Let us take any sequence  $(\boldsymbol{w}^m)_{m=0}^{\infty}$  on int*S* that converges to  $\boldsymbol{w}^o \in \partial \mathbb{R}^r_+ \ (\neq \mathbf{0})$  and define the sequence  $(\mu_i^m)_{m=0}^{\infty}$  as  $\mu_i^m = \mathcal{M}_i(L, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{w}^m)$ . We then have

$$(\exists \epsilon_i > 0) (\forall m \in \mathbb{N}) : \ \mu_i^m \geqq \epsilon_i, \quad i \in R.$$
 (A.7)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Note that  $\mathcal{M}$  is continuous and homogeneous of degree zero for w on  $\mathbb{R}^{r}_{++}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>See Arrow and Hahn (1971, Section 8 of Chapter 2).

In fact, if the above relationship is not true, we have a subsequence  $(\mu_i^{m(l)})_{l=0}^{\infty}$  of  $(\mu_i^m)_{m=0}^{\infty}$ such that  $\lim_{l\to\infty} \mu_i^{m(l)} = 0$ . Because of  $\mu_i^{m(l)} = \mathcal{M}_i(L, \lambda, \boldsymbol{w}^{m(l)})$ , the following relationship must hold:

$$\forall l \in \mathbb{N}: \lim_{l \to \infty} \left[ \beta \mu_i^{m(l)} + (1 - \beta) \left( b \left( \mu_i^{m(l)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \sigma}} \omega_i^{m(l)} \right)^{1 - \sigma} \right] = \beta, \quad i \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\omega_i^{m(l)}$  is given by

$$\forall l \in \mathbb{N}: \ \omega_i^{m(l)} = \frac{\rho_X}{a} \left[ \frac{L}{f\sigma_X} \left( \mu_i^{m(l)} \lambda_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \phi_{ji} \mu_j^{m(l)} \lambda_j \left( w_j^{m(l)} / w_i^{m(l)} \right)^{1 - \sigma_X} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X - 1}}, \quad i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

However, if  $(\mu_i^{m(l)})_{l=0}^{\infty}$  converges to zero,  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$  implies

$$\begin{split} \lim_{l \to \infty} (\mu_i^{m(l)})^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \omega_i^{m(l)} &= \lim_{l \to \infty} \frac{\rho_X}{a} \Biggl[ \frac{L}{f\sigma_X} (\mu_i^{m(l)})^{\frac{\sigma_X - \sigma}{1-\sigma}} \left( \lambda_i + \frac{\sum_{j \neq i} \phi_{ji} \mu_j^{m(l)} \lambda_j \left( w_j^{m(l)} \right)^{1-\sigma_X}}{\mu_i^{m(l)} \left( w_i^{m(l)} \right)^{1-\sigma_X}} \right) \Biggr]^{\frac{\sigma_X - \sigma}{\sigma_X - 1}} \\ &\geq \lim_{l \to \infty} \frac{\rho_X}{a} \Biggl[ \frac{L}{f\sigma_X} (\mu_i^{m(l)})^{\frac{\sigma_X - \sigma}{1-\sigma}} \lambda_i \Biggr]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X - 1}} \\ &= \infty. \end{split}$$

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Therefore, if  $\lim_{l\to\infty} \mu_i^{m(l)} = 0$ , then we have

$$0 < \beta = \lim_{l \to \infty} \left[ \beta \mu_i^{m(l)} + (1 - \beta) \left( b(\mu_i^{m(l)})^{\frac{1}{1 - \sigma}} \omega_i^{m(l)} \right)^{1 - \sigma} \right] = 0,$$

which is a contradiction.

Let us define  $R_o$  as a subset of R such that  $w_i^o = 0$  for any  $i \in R_o$ . Because of (A.7),  $\lim_{m\to\infty} Z_i(\boldsymbol{w}^m) < -\epsilon_i \lambda_i$  is satisfied for any  $i \in R - R_o$ . Thus, (W) leads to

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left( \sum_{i \in R_o} w_i^m Z_i(\boldsymbol{w}^m) \right) = -\lim_{m \to \infty} \left( \sum_{i \in R - R_o} w_i^m Z_i(\boldsymbol{w}^m) \right) > \sum_{i \in R - R_o} \epsilon_i \lambda_i w_i^o > 0,$$

which implies that there exist  $i \in R_o$  such that  $\lim_{m\to\infty} Z_i(\boldsymbol{w}^m) = \infty$ . Thus we have (C').

Appendix A.2.2. Uniqueness

Let us define  $a_{ij}$  as

$$a_{ij} \equiv \phi_{ij}\mu_i\lambda_i w_i^{1-\sigma_X}\mu_j\lambda_j w_j^{1-\sigma_X} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{w_j}{w_i}\right)^{\sigma_X} \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{R}} \phi_{ki}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{R}} \phi_{kj}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}} \right], \quad i, j \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Obviously  $a_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i \in R$ . In addition, since  $w_i = w_i^P$  holds at the equilibrium for all  $i \in R$ , it holds that for all  $i \in R$ :

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j \in R} a_{ij} &= \mu_i \lambda_i w_i^{1-\sigma_X} \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ij} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j^{1-\sigma_X} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{w_j}{w_i}\right)^{\sigma_X} \frac{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ki} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{kj} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}} \right] \\ &= \mu_i \lambda_i w_i^{1-\sigma_X} \left[ \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ij} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j^{1-\sigma_X} - \frac{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ki} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}{w_i^{\sigma_X}} \sum_{j \in R} \frac{\phi_{ij} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{kj} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}} \right] \\ &= \mu_i \lambda_i w_i^{1-\sigma_X} \left[ \sum_{j \in R} \phi_{ij} \mu_j \lambda_j w_j^{1-\sigma_X} - \frac{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ik} \mu_k \lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}{w_i^{\sigma_X}} w_i^{\sigma_X} \right] = 0. \end{split}$$

Thus we have

$$0 = \sum_{i \in R} \sum_{j \in R} a_{ij} = \sum_{i \in R} \left[ \sum_{j > i} \left( a_{ij} + a_{ji} \right) \right],$$

where

$$\operatorname{sgn}(a_{ij}+a_{ji}) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\left[\left(\frac{w_i}{w_j}\right)^{\sigma_X} - \frac{\sum_{k\in R}\phi_{ki}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}{\sum_{k\in R}\phi_{kj}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}\right]\left[\left(\frac{w_j}{w_i}\right)^{\sigma_X} - \frac{\sum_{k\in R}\phi_{kj}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}{\sum_{k\in R}\phi_{ki}\mu_k\lambda_k w_k^{1-\sigma_X}}\right]\right)$$
$$\leq 0.$$

This means that the following equation is satisfied at the equilibrium:

$$\frac{w_i^*}{w_j^*} = \left[\frac{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{ki} \mu_k^* \lambda_k (w_k^*)^{1 - \sigma_X}}{\sum_{k \in R} \phi_{kj} \mu_k^* \lambda_k (w_k^*)^{1 - \sigma_X}}\right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}}, \quad i, j \in R.$$
(A.8)

Suppose that r = 2. We define a function  $\mathcal{G}$  as

$$\mathcal{G}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2, W) = \left[\frac{\mu_1 \lambda_1 W^{1-\sigma_X} + \phi \mu_2 \lambda_2}{\phi \mu_1 \lambda_1 W^{1-\sigma_X} + \mu_2 \lambda_2}\right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma_X}},$$

where  $W = w_1/w_2$  and  $\phi = \phi_{12} = \phi_{21}$ . Substituting  $\mu_i = \mathcal{M}_i(L, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, W, 1)$  into  $\mathcal{G}$ , let us define  $\mathcal{H}$  as  $\mathcal{H}(L, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, W) = \mathcal{G}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mathcal{M}_1(L, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, W, 1), \mathcal{M}_2(L, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, W, 1), W)$ . Then, taking the differential of  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to W, we have

$$\frac{W}{\mathcal{H}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{H}}{\partial W} = \frac{W}{\mathcal{G}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial W} + \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mathcal{G}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial\mu_1}\right)\left(\frac{W}{\mu_1}\frac{\partial\mathcal{M}_1}{\partial W}\right) + \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mathcal{G}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial\mu_2}\right)\left(\frac{W}{\mu_2}\frac{\partial\mathcal{M}_2}{\partial W}\right) \\
= \left[1 - \sigma_X + \frac{W}{\mu_1}\frac{\partial\mathcal{M}_1}{\partial W} - \frac{W}{\mu_2}\frac{\partial\mathcal{M}_2}{\partial W}\right]\frac{\mu_1}{\mathcal{G}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial\mu_1} \\
= \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_1F_{11} - \mu_2F_{12})(\mu_2 - \mu_1F_{21} - \mu_2F_{22})}{\mu_1\mu_2\left[(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21}\right]}\frac{W}{\mathcal{G}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial W},$$
(A.9)

where we use

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mu_1}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_1} &= -\frac{\mu_2}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_2} = \frac{1}{1 - \sigma_X} \frac{W}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial W} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \phi)(1 + \phi)}{\sigma_X} \frac{\mu_1 \lambda_1 W^{1 - \sigma_X}}{\mu_1 \lambda_1 W^{1 - \sigma_X} + \phi \mu_2 \lambda_2} \frac{\mu_2 \lambda_2}{\phi \mu_1 \lambda_1 W^{1 - \sigma_X} + \mu_2 \lambda_2}, \end{split}$$

and

$$\frac{W}{\mu_1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial W} = (\sigma_X - 1) \frac{F_{12}}{\mu_1} \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1 F_{21} - \mu_2 F_{22}}{(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12} F_{21}}, 
\frac{W}{\mu_2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial W} = (1 - \sigma_X) \frac{F_{21}}{\mu_2} \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_1 F_{11} - \mu_2 F_{12}}{(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12} F_{21}},$$
(A.10)

where  $F_{ij} = \partial F_i / \partial \mu_j$ . Because (A.2) and  $1 < \sigma < \sigma_X$ , the following relationship holds:

$$\mu_i - \mu_1 F_{i1} - \mu_2 F_{i2} = \mu_i \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma_X - 1} (1 - \mu_i) \right) > 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Because we have

$$\begin{split} \mu_1 \mu_2 \left[ (1-F_{11})(1-F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21} \right] &= (\mu_1 - \mu_1 F_{11} - \mu_2 F_{12})(\mu_2 - \mu_1 F_{21} - \mu_2 F_{22}) \\ &+ \mu_1 F_{21}(\mu_1 - \mu_1 F_{11} - \mu_2 F_{12}) \\ &+ \mu_2 F_{12}(\mu_2 - \mu_1 F_{21} - \mu_2 F_{22}), \end{split}$$

(A.9) implies  $\partial \mathcal{H} / \partial W < 0$ , which means  $W^*$  must be unique.

# Appendix B. Proof of Proposition 2

Appendix B.1. Effect of change of  $\lambda$ 

When we write  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \lambda$ , then  $W^*$  is defined implicitly as a function of L and  $\lambda$  by

$$W^*(L,\lambda) \equiv \mathcal{H}\left(L,\lambda,1-\lambda,W^*(L,\lambda)\right). \tag{B.1}$$

Thus we have

$$\frac{\partial W^*}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{1 - (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial W)} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \lambda_1} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \lambda_2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial \lambda_1} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial \lambda_2} \right) \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_1} + \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial \lambda_1} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial \lambda_2} \right) \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_2} \right] \\ = \frac{W^*}{1 - (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial W)} \frac{\mu_2 \lambda_1 (\mu_1 - \mu_1 F_{11} - \mu_2 F_{12}) + \mu_1 \lambda_2 (\mu_2 - \mu_1 F_{21} - \mu_2 F_{22})}{\mu_1 \mu_2 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \left[ (1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12} F_{21} \right]} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_1} > 0,$$
(B.2)

where we use

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{i}}{\partial \lambda_{i}} = \frac{\mu_{i}}{\lambda_{i}} \frac{F_{ii}(1 - F_{jj}) + F_{12}F_{21}}{(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21}}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \ i \neq j, 
\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{i}}{\partial \lambda_{j}} = \frac{\mu_{j}}{\lambda_{j}} \frac{F_{ij}}{(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21}}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \ i \neq j.$$
(B.3)

(B.2) means that  $W^* (= w_1^*/w_2^*)$ , monotonically increases with respect to population share of region 1. Because (A.8) leads to

$$\frac{\omega_1^*}{\omega_2^*}(L,\lambda) = \left(\frac{w_1^*}{w_2^*}(L,\lambda)\right)^{\frac{2\sigma_X-1}{\sigma_X-1}} = \left(\frac{P_1^*}{P_2^*}(L,\lambda)\right)^{\frac{1-2\sigma_X}{\sigma_X}},\tag{B.4}$$

an increase in population share of region 1 also raises the equilibrium real wage ratio,  $\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*$ , but reduces the ratio of the equilibrium price index,  $P_1^*/P_2^*$ . In addition, from (A.8) and (B.4),  $w_1^*/w_2^*$ ,  $\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*$  and  $P_1^*/P_2^*$  are equal to one when both regions have the same population, that is  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1/2$ .

Appendix B.2. Effect of change of L

From (B.1), we have

$$\frac{L}{W^*} \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial L} = \frac{1}{1 - (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial W)} \frac{L}{W^*} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial L} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial L} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial W)} \left( \frac{L}{\mu_1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial L} - \frac{L}{\mu_2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial L} \right) \frac{\mu_1}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial W)} \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma_X - 1} \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21}} \frac{\mu_1}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu_1},$$
(B.5)

where we use

$$\frac{L}{\mu_{1}}\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{1}}{\partial L} = \frac{F_{12}(\mu_{1}F_{21} + \mu_{2}F_{22}) + (1 - F_{22})(\mu_{1}F_{11} + \mu_{2}F_{12})}{\mu_{1}\left[(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21}\right]},$$

$$\frac{L}{\mu_{2}}\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{2}}{\partial L} = \frac{F_{21}(\mu_{1}F_{11} + \mu_{2}F_{12}) + (1 - F_{11})(\mu_{1}F_{21} + \mu_{2}F_{22})}{\mu_{2}\left[(1 - F_{11})(1 - F_{22}) - F_{12}F_{21}\right]}.$$
(B.6)

Because  $\mu(\omega_i^*, 1) \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} \mu(\omega_j^*, 1)$  as  $\omega_i^* \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} \omega_j^*$ , (B.4) and (B.5) imply that Proposition 2 is true.

## Appendix C. Derivation of (16)

At  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \{(1/2, 1/2), (1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ , the second condition of (15) is satisfied. If  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (1/2, 1/2)$ , then  $w_1^* = w_2^*$ ,  $\mu_1^* = \mu_2^*$  and  $n_1^* = n_2^*$ . Thus,  $\bar{n}^{**} = 1$  is equivalent to  $(1 - \beta)b^{1-\sigma}$ 

$$\frac{(1-\beta)b}{\beta\left(\frac{a}{\rho_X}\right)^{1-\sigma} \left[\frac{1+\phi}{2}\frac{L^{**}}{f\sigma_X}(1-b)\right]^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_X-1}} + (1-\beta)b^{1-\sigma}} = b,$$

which implies  $L^{**} = 2D/(1 + \phi)$ . On the other hand, if  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ , then  $\bar{n}^{**} = 1$  is equivalent to

$$\frac{(1-\beta)b^{1-\sigma}}{\beta\left(\frac{a}{\rho_X}\right)^{1-\sigma}\left[\frac{L^{**}}{f\sigma_X}(1-b)\right]^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_X-1}} + (1-\beta)b^{1-\sigma}} = b$$

which implies  $L^{**} = D$ .

# Appendix D. Proof of Proposition 4

Since by (12), we have  $L_{t+1} \geq L_t$  as  $\bar{n}^*(L_t, \lambda_t) \geq 1$ . Note that  $\lim_{L\to 0} \bar{n}^*(L, \lambda) = 1/b$  and  $\lim_{L\to\infty} \bar{n}^*(L, \lambda) = 0$ . In addition, because of  $\mu_i^*(L, \lambda) \equiv \mathcal{M}_i(L, \lambda, 1 - \lambda, W^*(L, \lambda), 1)$  the differential of  $\bar{n}^*(L, \lambda)$  with respect to L becomes

$$\frac{\partial \bar{n}^*(L,\lambda)}{\partial L} = -\frac{1}{b} \left[ \left( \lambda \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial L} + (1-\lambda) \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial L} \right) + \left( \lambda \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial W} + (1-\lambda) \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial W} \right) \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial L} \right] < 0,$$

where we use (A.2), (A.10), (B.5), (B.6) and

$$\frac{\partial \mu_1^*}{\partial L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial L} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial W} \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial L}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Thus, if 0 < b < 1 holds, there exist L uniquely such that  $\bar{n}^*(L, \lambda) = 1$ . Then, we can express such L as a function of  $\lambda$  as  $L = \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ .

Taking the differential of  $\mathcal{L}$  with respect to  $\lambda$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}(\lambda)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} = -\frac{\mu_1^* - \mu_2^* + \lambda \left(\partial \mu_1^* / \partial \lambda\right) + (1 - \lambda) \left(\partial \mu_2^* / \partial \lambda\right)}{\lambda \left(\partial \mu_1^* / \partial L\right) + (1 - \lambda) \left(\partial \mu_2^* / \partial L\right)}.$$

Using

$$\frac{\partial \mu_i^*}{\partial \lambda} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_i}{\partial \lambda_1} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_i}{\partial \lambda_2}\right) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_i}{\partial W} \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial \lambda}, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

we have

$$\Theta \equiv \mu_1^* - \mu_2^* + \lambda \frac{\partial \mu_1^*}{\partial \lambda} + (1 - \lambda) \frac{\partial \mu_2^*}{\partial \lambda} = \mu_1^* - \mu_2^* + \left(\lambda_1 \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial W} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial W}\right) \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial \lambda} + \left(\lambda_1 \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial \lambda_1} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial \lambda_1}\right) - \left(\lambda_1 \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial \lambda_2} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial \lambda_2}\right).$$

From (A.2), (A.10), (B.2) and (B.3), we obtain  $\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \Theta > 0$  and  $\lim_{\lambda \to 1/2} \Theta = 0$ , which means that  $\mathcal{L}$  has the following local properties:  $\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \mathcal{L}'(\lambda) < 0$  and  $\lim_{\lambda \to 1/2} \mathcal{L}'(\lambda) = 0$ .

Since by (14), if  $\lambda_t > 0$  holds, we have  $\lambda_{t+1} \geq \lambda_t$  as  $\Lambda(L_t, \lambda_t) \geq 0$ , where  $\Lambda$  is given by

$$\Lambda(L,\lambda) \equiv \frac{(1-\lambda)(\mu_2^* - \mu_1^*)}{\lambda(1-\mu_1^*) + (1-\lambda)(1-\mu_2^*)} + \nu \left(\frac{\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*}{\lambda(\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*) + 1-\lambda} - 1\right)$$

Substituting  $L = \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  in  $\Lambda(L, \lambda)$  and taking the differential of  $\Lambda(\mathcal{L}(\lambda), \lambda)$  with respect to  $\lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda\left(\mathcal{L}(\lambda),\lambda\right)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} &= -\left[\frac{\mu_2^* - \mu_1^*}{b} + \nu \frac{\omega_1^*/\omega_2^* - 1}{\lambda\left(\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*\right) + 1 - \lambda}\right] \\ &+ \frac{1 - \lambda}{b} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial \mu_2^*}{\partial \lambda} - \frac{\partial \mu_1^*}{\partial \lambda}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial \mu_2^*}{\partial L} - \frac{\partial \mu_1^*}{\partial L}\right) \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}(\lambda)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} \right] \\ &+ \nu \frac{1 - \lambda}{\left[\lambda\left(\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*\right) + 1 - \lambda\right]^2} \left[ \frac{\partial\left(\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*\right)}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\partial\left(\omega_1^*/\omega_2^*\right)}{\partial L} \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}(\lambda)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} - \left(\frac{\omega_1^*}{\omega_2^*} - 1\right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then, converging  $\lambda$  to 1/2, the following relationship is obtained:

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 1/2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda\left(\mathcal{L}(\lambda),\lambda\right)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} \stackrel{\geq}{=} 0 \iff \nu \stackrel{\geq}{=} \nu_b \equiv (\sigma-1)(1-b). \tag{D.1}$$

Similarly, converging  $\lambda$  to one, we have:

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda\left(\mathcal{L}(\lambda),\lambda\right)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} \gtrless 0 \iff \mathcal{S}\left(\Phi(\phi),\nu\right) \gtrless 0,$$

where  $\Phi \equiv \phi^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_X} \frac{2\sigma_X - 1}{\sigma_X - 1}}$  and  $\mathcal{S}(\Phi, \nu)$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{S}(\Phi,\nu) \equiv (1-b) - b\nu - (1-b)(1+\nu)\Phi + \nu \left[ b\Phi^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} + (1-b)\Phi^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} \right].$$

We can readily see that, for any  $\phi \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\mathcal{S}\left(\Phi(\phi),\nu\right) \stackrel{\geq}{=} 0 \iff \nu \stackrel{\leq}{=} \nu_s \equiv \frac{1-b}{b+(1-b)\Phi} \frac{1-\Phi}{1-\Phi^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}}}$$

is satisfied, which means that the following relationship is true for any  $\phi \in (0, 1)$  and  $\nu \ge 0$ :

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda\left(\mathcal{L}(\lambda),\lambda\right)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} 0 \iff \nu \stackrel{\leq}{\leq} \nu_s. \tag{D.2}$$

On the other hand, for any  $\nu < (1-b)/b$ , we can describe the shape of  $\mathcal{S}(\Phi, \nu)$  as Figure A2. Thus, for any  $\phi \in (0, 1)$  and  $\nu \geq 0$ , we have

$$(\sigma - 1)(1 - b) < \nu < (1 - b)/b \implies \left(\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda\left(\mathcal{L}(\lambda), \lambda\right)}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} \stackrel{\geq}{=} 0 \iff \phi \stackrel{\leq}{=} \phi_s\right), \qquad (\mathrm{D.3})$$

where  $\phi_s \in (0, 1)$  is given by  $\mathcal{S}(\Phi(\phi_s), \nu) = 0$ . We conclude that Proposition 4 is true by (D.1), (D.2) and (D.3).

Finally, we show the relationship between  $\nu_s$  and  $\phi_s$ . Because of  $\partial S/\partial \nu < 0$ , we have  $\phi'_s(\nu) < 0$  which means that  $\nu'_s(\phi) < 0$ . Thus, by  $\lim_{\phi \to 0} \nu_s = (1-b)/b$  and  $\lim_{\phi \to 1} \nu_s = (\sigma - 1)(1-b)$ , the relationship between  $\nu_s$  and  $\phi_s$  can be described as Figure 5.

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Figure A2: The Shape of  $\mathcal{S}$ 

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