

Financial Development and the Effects of Trade Liberalizations

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Trade relies heavily on external finance

- ▶ Longer delivery and payment lags
- ▶ Needs for substantial investment in order to export

Poor access to finance distorts firms' export decisions

- ▶ Quantities of exports (intensive margin)
- ▶ Decisions of firms to export (extensive margin)
- ▶ Important factor driving export dynamics

(see Egger and Kesina, 2013; Greenaway et al. 2007; Kohn et al., 2016; Manova, 2008 & 2013; Manova and Yu, 2016; Minetti and Zhu, 2011; Muuls, 2015; among many others)

Financial development can help explain observed world trade patterns

- ▶ E.g. the presence of zeros in bilateral trade matrix (Manova, 2013)

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Financial frictions may limit effects of lowering trade barriers

(Caggese and Cunat, 2013; Brooks and Dovis, 2016; Jung, 2015)

- ▶ Financial frictions lead to inefficient allocations of resources
- ▶ May affect economy's response to lowering trade barriers

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 - Quantify importance of financial frictions

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- ▶ Large differences between **PE** and **GE**

This Talk

1. Data
2. Model
3. Mechanism
4. Quantitative Results

Data: Colombia

Colombia 1980-2000, Introduction

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However, according to World Bank report on Colombia in 1992:

*“Financial markets in Colombia remain characterized by lack of credit and under-developed capital markets. (...) It raises concern that the export response expected from trade liberalization under EMP is **seriously constrained by the existing financial sector.**”*

Colombia 1980-2000, Tariffs

Substantial reduction in tariffs' level and dispersion

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- ▶ Dispersion of tariffs fell by roughly 66%

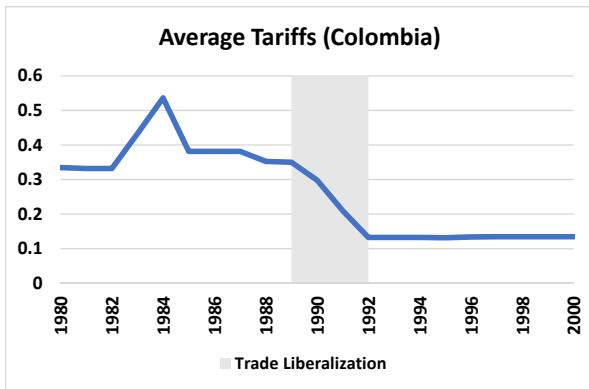
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Colombia 1980-2000, Data Analysis

We focus on period 1992-2000 and ask:

1. How did manufacturing exports respond to these policy changes?
2. Did the response differ across industries with different finance-intensity?

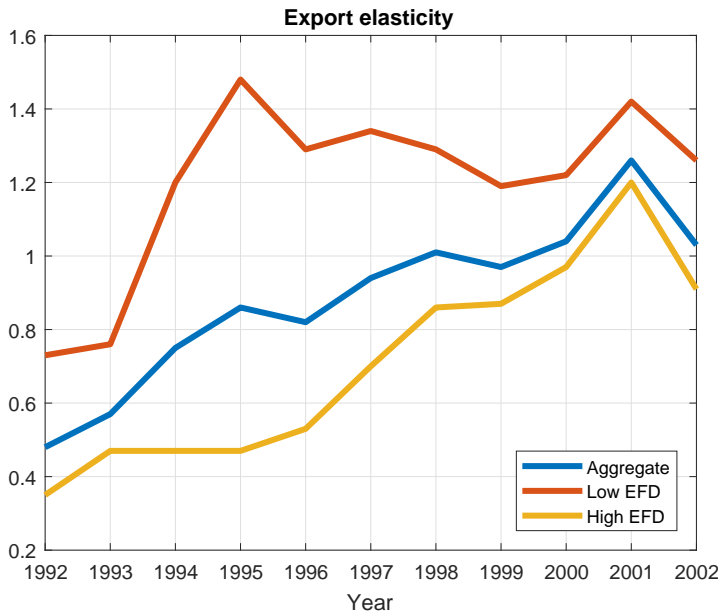
To answer these questions, we combine:

- ▶ Tariff data across 4-digit industries from Colombia's National Planning Department
- ▶ Trade data across 4-digit industries from Comtrade
- ▶ External finance dependence data across 3-digit industries (Rajan-Zingales 98)

We compute trade elasticity for each year

- ▶ Across all industries
- ▶ Across low EFD industries
- ▶ Across high EFD industries

Data: Colombia 1980-2000, Export Elasticity



Model

Setup

- ▶ **Small open economy**

- ▶ **Agents**

- Workers
- Entrepreneurs
 - ▶ Tradable
 - ▶ Non-Tradable
- Sectoral good producers
 - ▶ produce composite tradable and non-tradable goods
- Final good producers
 - ▶ Produce final goods using sectoral composite goods
- Rest of the world

- ▶ **Final goods used for consumption and investment**

Entrepreneurs and Workers

Preferences

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \frac{c^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma}$$

Occupational/Sectoral choice

- ▶ Individuals choose whether to be **workers** or **entrepreneurs**
 - Workers: Supply labor inelastically to firms
 - Entrepreneurs: Operate a firm either in tradable or in non-tradable sector

Financial markets

- ▶ Trade one-period risk-free bond, interest rate r_t
- ▶ International financial integration $\implies r_t$ taken as given by the domestic economy

Entrepreneurs: Tradable Sector

Technology

- ▶ **Individual productivity z_t**

$$\ln z_t = (1 - \rho) \mu + \rho z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

- ▶ **Produce differentiated varieties**

- Production function: $y = z \left(k_t^\alpha n_t^{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha_m} m_t^{\alpha_m}$
- Sell goods to domestic final good producers and the rest of the world

- ▶ **Accumulate capital k_t internally**

$$k_{t+1} = (1 - \delta) k_t + x_t$$

- ▶ **Hire labor at wage w_t**

Entrepreneurs: Tradable Sector (cont.)

► International trade:

- Face CES demand from the rest of the world: $y_{f,t} = ((1 + \tau_f) p_{f,t})^{-\sigma} Y_{f,t}$
- To export, need to pay **fixed export cost** $F > 0$ in units of labor
- Exports are also subject to **variable trade cost** $\tau > 1$

► Working capital constraints

- Need to pay a fraction η of the total labor in advance

► Borrowing constraints

- Can borrow up to fraction θ of total capital value at repayment
- Therefore: $d_{t+1} \leq \theta k_{t+1}$

Entrepreneurs: Non-Tradable Sector

Technology

- ▶ Same productivity as in the tradable sector:

$$\ln z_t = (1 - \rho) \mu + \rho z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim N\left(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2\right)$$

- ▶ Produce differentiated variety only for the domestic market:

$$y_{NT} = z_t k^{\alpha_{NT}} n^{1-\alpha_{NT}}, \quad \alpha_{NT} < \alpha$$

- ▶ Accumulate capital internally and hire labor at wage w_t
- ▶ Face working capital and financing constraints
 - Need to pay a fraction η of labor in advance
 - $d_{t+1} < \theta k_{t+1}$

Timeline

Entrepreneurs:

States: k_t, n_t, d_t, z_t

Production takes place

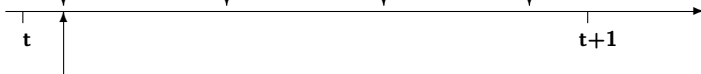
Choose c_t and a_{t+1}

Agents choose occupation,
sector, and export status for $t+1$

Observe z_{t+1}

Choose $k_{t+1}, d_{t+1}, n_{t+1}$, and m_{t+1}

Pay for (some of) labor & materials



Workers:

States: k_t, d_t, z_t

Choose c_t and a_{t+1}

Sectoral Goods Producers

Sectoral goods producers

- ▶ Purchase varieties in their sector to produce composite sectoral good

Producers of composite tradable good

- ▶ Aggregate domestic and foreign tradable varieties

$$\begin{aligned} \max P_T Y_T - \int_{i \in S_T} p_{h,T}(i) y_{h,T}(i) di - (1 + \tau_m) \xi p_m y_m \\ \text{s.t. } Y_T = \left[\int_{i \in S_T} (y_{h,T}(i))^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + y_m^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Y_T used as input in production of final good and domestic tradable varieties

Producers of composite non-tradable good

- ▶ Aggregate non-tradable varieties

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Final Good Producers and Rest of the World

Final good producers

- ▶ Aggregate sectoral goods to produce final good:

$$\begin{aligned} \max Y - P_T Y_{T,F} - P_{NT} Y_{NT,F} \\ \text{s.t. } Y = Y_T^\nu Y_{NT}^{1-\nu} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ P_T and P_{NT} expressed in units of domestic final good

Rest of the world

- ▶ Supply foreign aggregate variety: Perfectly elastic at price p_m
- ▶ Demand domestic varieties: Exogenous CES demand

Recursive Formulation

Recursive Formulation: Entrepreneurs (Dynamic Problem)

Let $v_s(k, d, z)$ be the value of being an entrepreneur in sector $s \in \{T, NT\}$

$$\begin{aligned} v_s(k, n, d, z) &= \max_{c, a'} \frac{c^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} + \beta \mathbb{E} [g(a', z')] \\ &\text{subject to} \\ c + a' + d &= (1 - \delta) k + \pi_s(k, n, z) \\ a' &\geq 0 \\ s &\in \{T, NT\} \end{aligned}$$

Let $v_w(k, d, z)$ be the value of being a worker

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Here, $g(a', z')$ is the value function of an agent choosing his occupation for the next period.

Recursive Formulation: Entrepreneurs (Static Problem)

Static profits in tradable sector:

$$\pi_T(k, n, z) = \max p_h y_h + e\xi p_f y_f - (1 - \eta) wn - e(1 - \eta) wF$$

subject to

$$\tau y_f + y_h = z \left(k^\alpha n^{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha_m} m^{\alpha_m}$$

$$y_h = \left(\frac{p_h}{P_T} \right)^{-\sigma} Y_T$$

$$y_f = ((1 + \tau_f) p_f)^{-\sigma} Y_f$$

Recursive Formulation: Entrepreneurs (Static Problem)

Static profits in non-tradable sector:

$$\pi_{NT}(k, n, z) = \max p_{NT} y_{NT} - (1 - \eta) w n_{NT}$$

subject to

$$y_{NT} = z k^{\alpha} n^{1-\alpha}$$

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Recursive Formulation: Occupational Choice

Occupational choice Before the occupation choice agents observe their next period productivity z'

$$g(a', z') = \max\{g_w(a', z'), g_{NT}(a', z'), g_T(a', z')\},$$

where,

- ▶ $g_w(a', z')$ is the value of being a worker
- ▶ $g_{NT}(a', z')$ is the value of being an entrepreneur in non-tradable sector
- ▶ $g_T(a', z')$ is the value of being an entrepreneur in tradable sector

Recursive Formulation: Saving Allocation Decision

$g_s(a, z)$ is the value of being an entrepreneur in sector $s \in \{T, NT\}$ at the time of saving allocation decision

$$\begin{aligned} g_s(a', z') &= \max_{k', d', e', n'} v_s(k', d', z') \\ &\text{subject to} \\ a' &= k' + \eta_s w n' + e' \eta_s w F_s - \frac{d'}{1+r} \\ d' &\leq \theta_s k' \\ s &\in \{T, NT\} \end{aligned}$$

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Competitive Equilibrium

A **recursive stationary competitive equilibrium** of this economy consists of prices $\{w, \xi, P_T, P_{NT}\}$, policy functions $\{d', k', e, c, n, y_h, y_f, p_h, p_f, y_{NT}, p_{NT}, Y_T, Y_{NT}, y_m\}$, value functions v, g_w, g_T, g_{NT} , and g , as well as a measure $\phi(S) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that:

1. Policy and value functions solve entrepreneurs', workers', and producers' problems problem;
2. Markets for each variety clear;
3. Markets for tradable and non-tradable composite good clear; and in particular

$$Y_T = Y_T^F + \int_S [m_h(s) + m_f(s)] \phi(s) ds$$

4. Labor market clears:

$$\int_S [n_h(s) + n_f(s) + n_{NT}(s) + e(s) F] \phi(s) ds = \int_S 1_{\{w=1\}} \phi(s) ds$$

5. Final good market clears:

$$\int_S [c(s) + x(s)] \phi(s) ds = Y$$

6. Measure ϕ is stationary.

Mechanism

Financial Frictions and Trade Liberalization

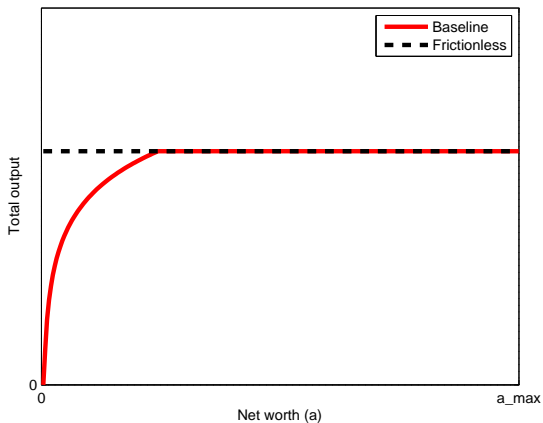
Following a trade liberalization ($\tau_f \downarrow$), exports become more profitable:

1. Encourages existing exporters to increase their foreign sales
2. Encourages some of the domestic producers to begin exporting
3. Encourages some of the non-tradable producers to switch sectors

Financial Frictions limit these adjustments by:

1. Distorting production decisions
2. Distorting export-entry decisions
3. Distorting occupational/sectoral choices

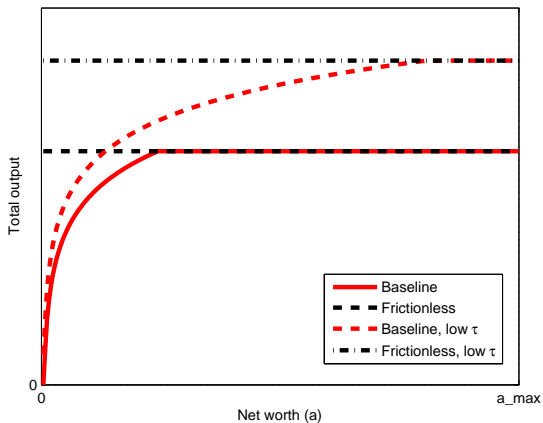
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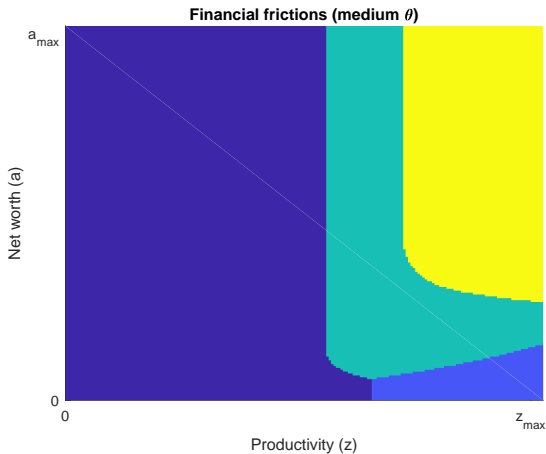
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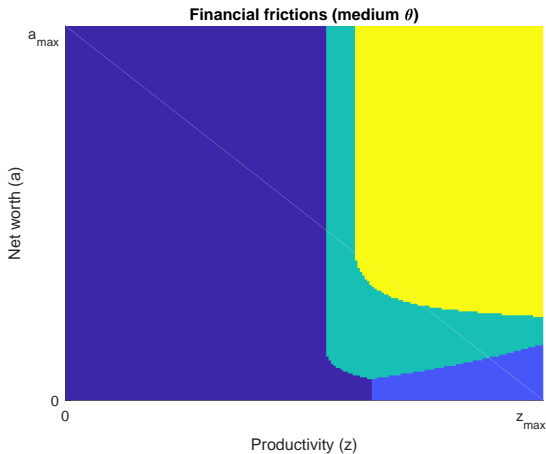
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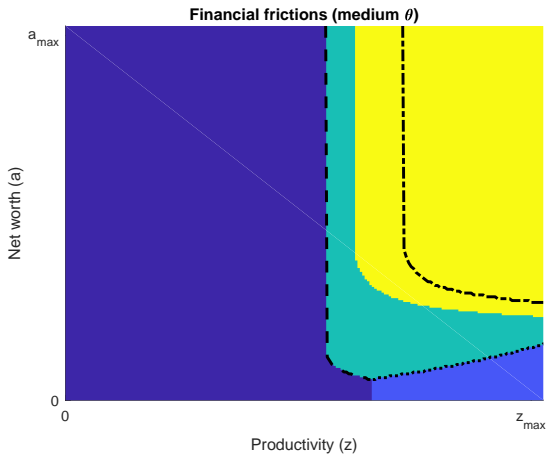
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2. Lowering tariffs leads to higher export profits

- Constrained exporters can accumulate net worth faster than before
- This allows them to relax their borrowing constraints and increase their exports

⇒ Larger dynamic gains from trade liberalizations in less fin. developed economies

Reallocation channel

The aggregate exports are given by:

$$X = \int_{a=0}^{\infty} \int_{\underline{z}(a)}^{\infty} p_x(a, z) x(a, z) \phi(a, z) dz da$$

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Quantitative Analysis

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Question: Is the level of financial development **quantitatively important** for the aggregate effects of a trade liberalization?

How we answer this question?

- ▶ Consider a trade liberalization in Colombia
 - A drastic drop in tariffs between 1988-1992
- ▶ Use then Annual Manufacturing Survey to evaluate the effects of trade liberalization
 - Survey of all manufacturing firms with 10+ workers
 - Choose parameters to match moments from Colombian plant-level data for 1982-1988
- ▶ Examine the effect of lowering tariffs
 - Compare the final steady states for different levels of θ
 - Compare transitional dynamics for different levels of θ

Calibration

Table: Pre-Assigned Parameters

Parameter	Value	Description	Parameter	Value	Description
γ	2	Risk aversion	α	0.6	Share of capital in T sector
β	0.8	Discount factor	α_{NT}	0.2	Share of capital in NT sector
σ	4	Elasticity of substitution	α_m	0.4	Share of intermediate inputs
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Calibration

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F	9.5	Share of exporters	0.11	0.11
τ	4.5	Weighted Avg. Export Intensity	0.54	0.54
σ_ε	0.245	exporter (domestic) sales premium	5.68	5.58
θ	0.21	Credit / GDP	0.15	0.15

Experiments

- ▶ **Compute the effect of a decrease in τ_f from 0.32 to 0.12**
 - Partial equilibrium
 - General equilibrium
- ▶ **Agents learn about the change in τ_f one period in advance**
- ▶ **Contrast economies with different levels of θ**
 - Calibrated θ ($\theta = 0.21$)
 - High θ ($\theta = 0.6$)

Otherwise economies are identical

Baseline economy

Aggregate Effects of Trade Liberalization

Steady State effects:

RER

Wage

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GDP

Consumption

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RER	0.0%
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P_{NT}	0.0%
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Consumption	14.1%
Investment (K)	35.8%
Exports	191%
Credit/GDP	26.1%
Share of Firms	0.9%
Share of T. Firms	9.2%
Share of NT. Firms	-3.7%
Share of Exporters (in T)	144%

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Steady State effects:

	Baseline (PE)	Baseline (GE)
RER	0.0%	-10.9%
Wage	0.0%	4.0%
P_{NT}	0.0%	2.6%
GDP	20.9%	3.1%
Consumption	14.1%	3.4%
Investment (K)	35.8%	1.9%
Exports	191%	35.9%
Credit/GDP	26.1%	-3.4%
Share of Firms	0.9%	-5.1%
Share of T. Firms	9.2%	-16.8%
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Baseline Economy: Financial Frictions and Misallocation

Firms and Exporters

Share of Firms	13.8%
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<i>of which:</i> Share of Exporters	10.8%

Share Constrained

Scale	70.0%
Sector Entry	9.0%
Export Entry	4.49%
Firm Entry	20.0%

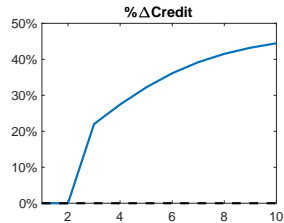
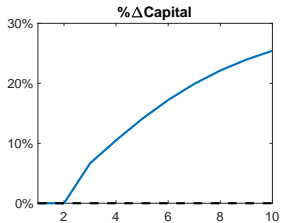
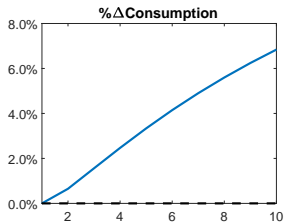
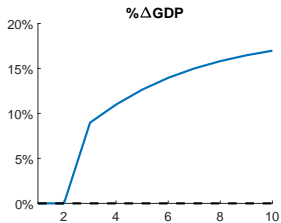
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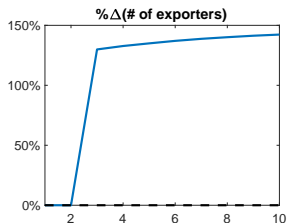
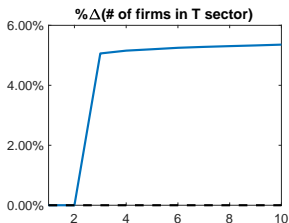
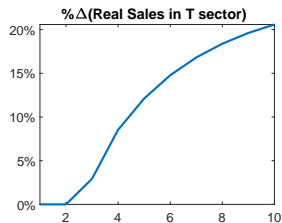
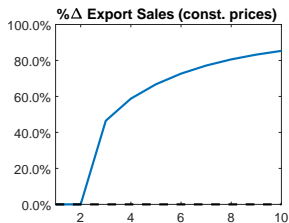
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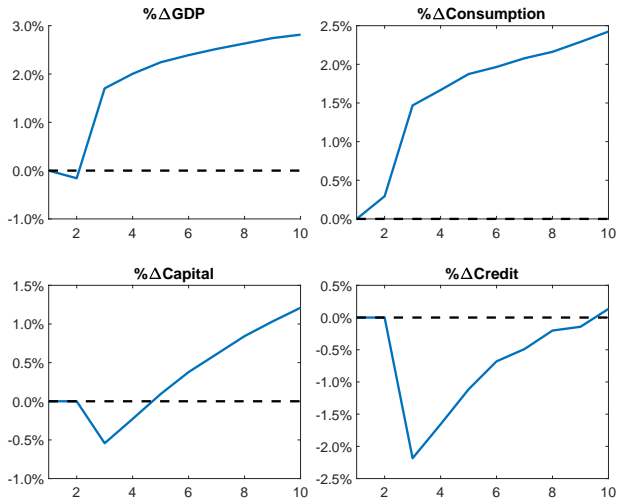
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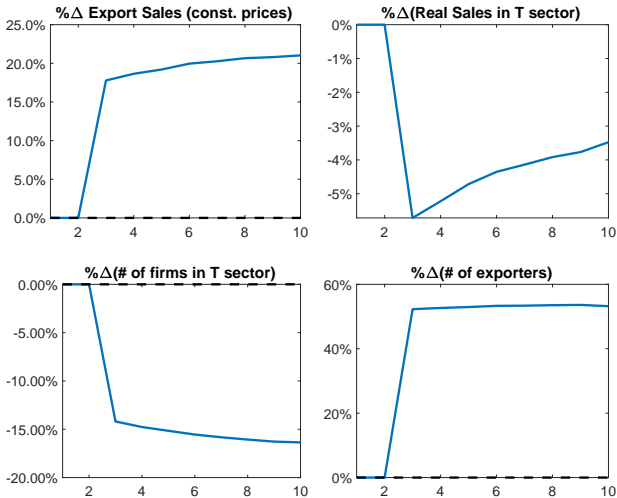
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The Effect of Financial Development

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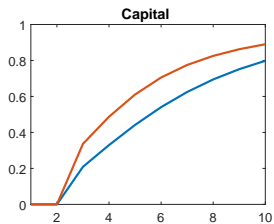
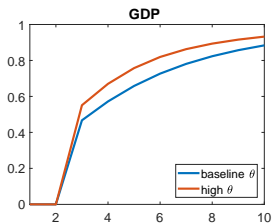
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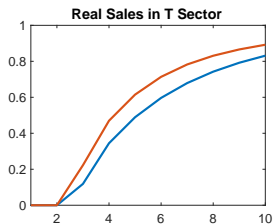
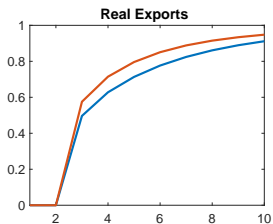
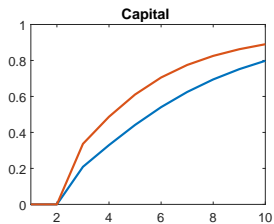
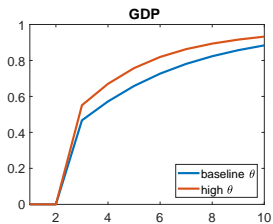
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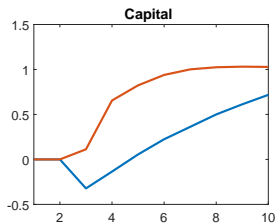
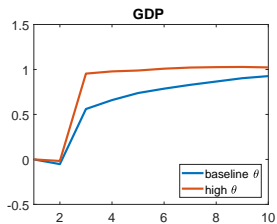
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Exports	35.4%	
Credit/GDP	-3.1%	
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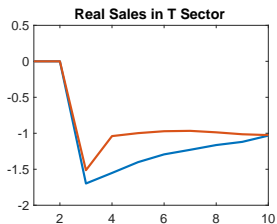
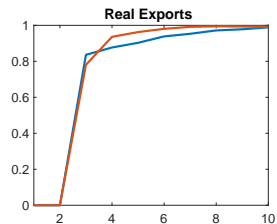
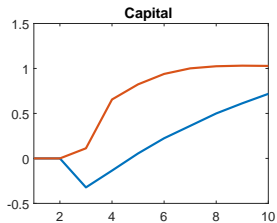
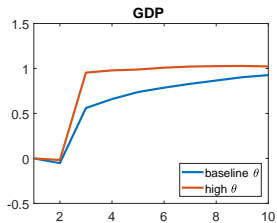
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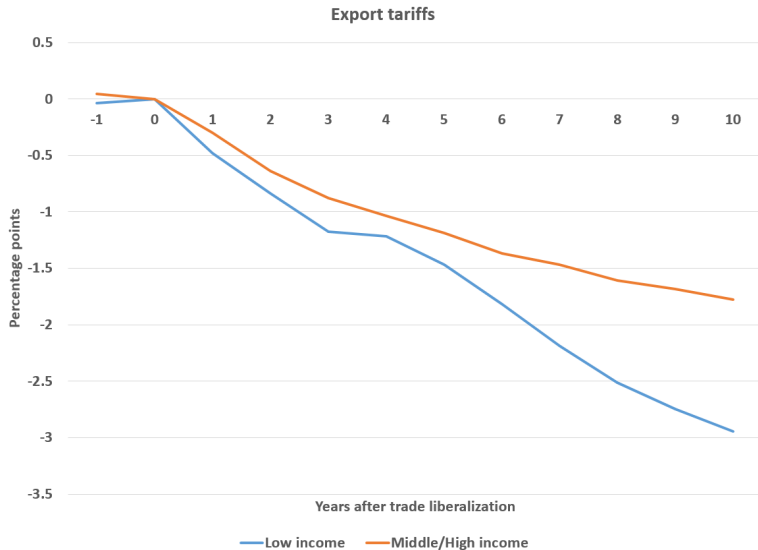
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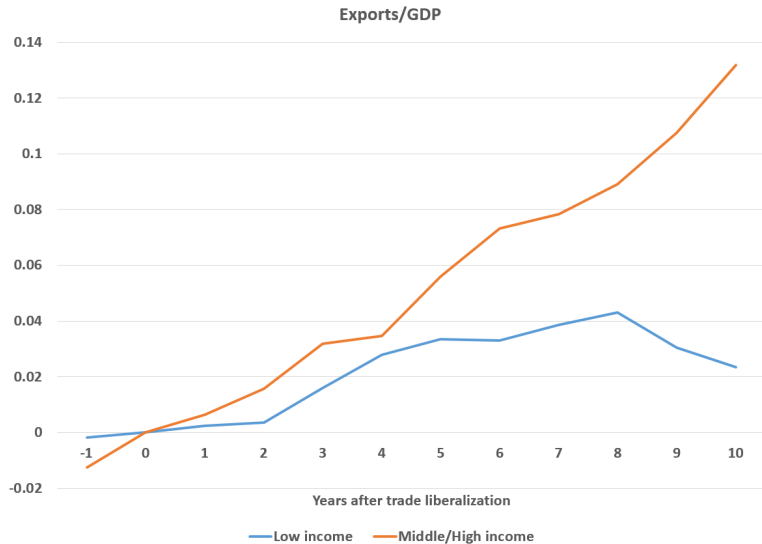
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 - Middle/High income: $\geq \$5000$ (constant 2011 dollars)

Export Tariffs



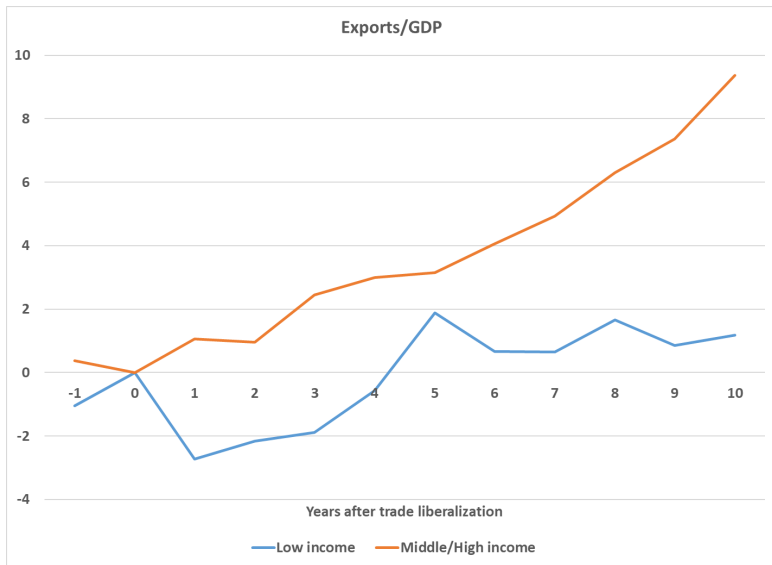
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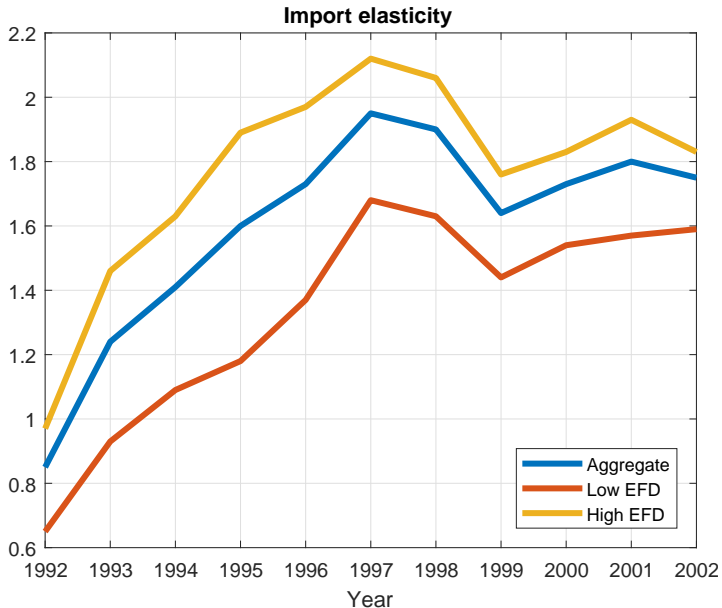
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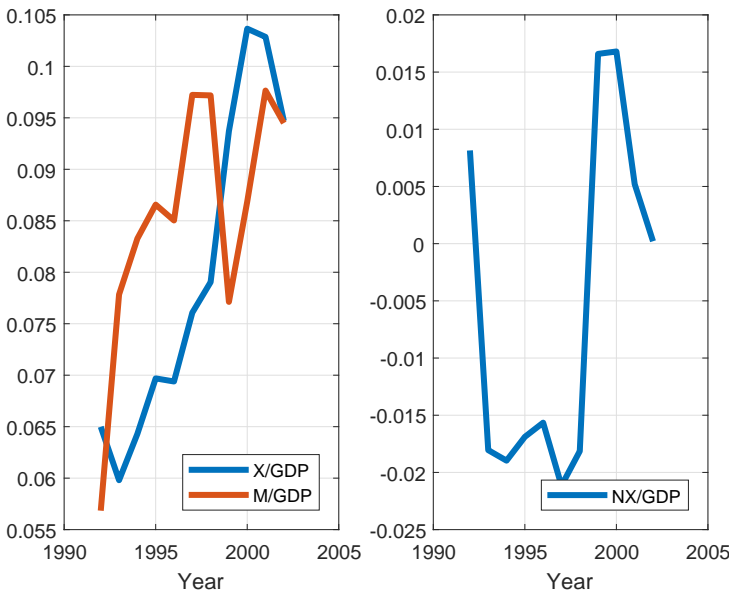
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Data: Colombia 1980-2000, Import Elasticity



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