IO Converter

A framework for converting supply and use tables into input-output tables

User Manual

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NOTES ON IO CONVERTER

Version 0.0 of the IO Converter implements the industry by industry input-output tables (IOTs) with fixed product sale structure assumption.

The IO Converter follows recommended practices in the System of National Accounts, 2008; Eurostat Manual of Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables (2008 edition), Handbook on Supply and Use Tables and Input Output-Tables with Extensions and Applications (New York 2018); Miller, Ronald E., and Peter D. Blair. Input-Output Analysis: Foundations and Extensions. Cambridge University Press, 2009

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INTRODUCTION

The IO Converter is a computer-based framework that transforms supply and use tables (SUTs) into symmetric (or square?) IOTs. The IO Converter will be able to generate IOTs containing data on the use of domestic production and imports (intermediate consumption, final consumption, capital formation and exports), at basic prices.

This tool, developed as part of the technical assistance program of the Real Sector Division of the IMF's Statistics Department, is intended to serve compilers of IOTs by way of a spreadsheet-based compilation system. IOTs are analytical tables derived from SUTs.

The main problem the Converter will be able to solve is the transformation of uses from purchaser's to basic prices, split of uses by origin (domestic and imports) and recording of secondary (off-diagonal) output in the IO table. The SUTs to IOTs is not required if no secondary outputs are observed.

The *System of National Accounts, 2008 (2008 SNA)* recommends the compilation of IOTs to benefit from their analytical usefulness. SUTs are primarily intended for compilation purposes, including checking the numerical consistency of definitions and concepts of data sources, and outlining basic economic data in the same structure in which they are gathered. Both SUTs and IOTs can be extended to develop satellite accounts and social accounting matrices.

IOTs and IO analyses serve a wide range of analytical purposes including:

- impact analyses (what-if studies) to assess the effects on the economy of changes in elements which are defined as exogeneous in the model.
- environmental IO analyses to account for pollution generation and abatement associated with inter-industry activities
- structural decomposition analysis to disaggregate total amount of change into contributions made by various components.
- Multi country IOTs in which trade relations between countries are explicated, are used measure Trade in Value Added (TiVA)¹.
- Identification of inconsistencies and weaknesses in SUTs.

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¹ <u>Joaquim J.M. Guilhoto, Colin Webb and Norihiko Yamano (2022), Guide to OECD TiVA Indicators, 2021</u> edition

France is one of the few countries, if not the only one, to compile IOTs directly from data sources (INSEE uses the concept of pure or homogeneous industries except for agriculture where wine is a secondary product, and non-market industries where sales of secondary market output are recorded).

SUTs and IOTs are matrix representations of the interrelationships between producers and consumers in terms of transactions in goods and services. A supply table consists of rows of all products in the economy and columns corresponding to domestic production (organized by industry) and imports at basic prices as well as valuation adjustments to reconcile supply at basic prices with supply at purchasers' prices. A use table covers all products valued at purchaser's prices in the row and various types of uses in the columns. A supply table and a use table are combined into a SUT to describe the values of transactions in the national economy categorized by product group and by industry. SUTs show the structure of costs of production, the flows of goods and services produced within the national economy, and the flows of goods and services between the domestic economy and the rest of the world. IOTs are derived from SUTs to show products in both rows and columns or industry in both rows and columns and row totals match column totals. Symmetric IOTs describes how supply matches uses using a product-by-product classification or an industry-by-industry categorization of output and also the details of intermediate consumption and final use transactions.

Figure 1: A simplified supply and use framework

Supply Table Use Table Trade Taxes Final Net and minus GFC Industrie CI Import Total consumptio acquisitio Export subsidie Industries Total use transpoi supply n of s on expenditure valuables margins products Intermediat Products Output at Purchaser FOR basic Purchaser's prices s prices consumptio prices IC+C+GFCF+CII+V+ GO+M+T-GFC CI С V GO M 0 T-S IC: Х Gross Value

added GO

Figure 2: A simplified industry by industry IOTs

		Producers as consumers			Total use			
		Industries	Final consumption expenditure	GFCF	CII	Net acquisition of valuables	Exports	
	Industries	Intermediate consumption						Gross output
		imports						
_		IC	С	GFCF	CII	V	X	IC+C+GFCF+CII+V+X
Gross value added		Compensation of employees Other taxes on production						
Gross	Gross	Mixed income and gross operating surplus Gross Output						

Assumptions are required to convert SUTs into IOTs. The underlying assumption of the mid-20th century, supporting many reference manuals including the *SNA 68*, that each industry produces a single product and that each product is produced by a single industry no longer prevails in the modern economy and it is relevant to make a distinction between industries and products. Product by product IOTs require product technology (each product is produced in its own specific way) or industry technology (each industry has its own specific way of production) assumption. Industry by industry IOTs require fixed industry sales structure (each industry has its own specific sales structure) or fixed product sales structure (each product has its own specific sales structure) assumption. The selection of each appropriate model depends on the objective of the study. In particular, industry-by-industry IOTs are well suited for analyses such as tax reform, impact analysis for shocks and macrofiscal policy. Product-by-product tables are particularly well suited for analyses that assume homogeneous production units, e.g., productivity, comparison of cost structures, employment effects, energy policy and environmental policy.

The current version of IO Converter implements the industry by industry model with fixed product sales structure assumption. The tool was initially developed to improve the timeliness and geographical coverage of some IOTs-based indicators on the IMF Climate Change Indicators Dashboard https://climatedata.imf.org/pages/re-indicators. Industry by industry model allows better integration with collection of statistics compiled according to market transactions and industrial activities including energy consumption. Fixed product sales structure assumption does not produce negative values in the requirement matrix, which would require ad hoc manual adjustment.

The IO Converter seeks flexibility and user-friendliness. It is shared and installed as any MS Excel file. Minimum manual intervention to map data and classification is required to read the SUTs and produce the IOTs. The average time to complete the mapping and obtain an IOTs is a couple of hours. The formula used for the transformation are available across all sheets to enable users to trace all steps and introduce changes if necessary. A balancing method is not implemented as it is assumed that SUTs are balanced.

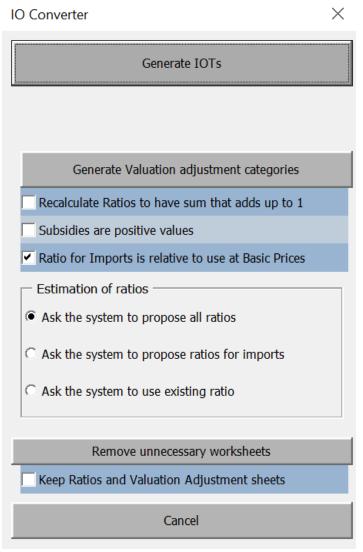
Conversion of SUTs with industries without output might generate inconsistent IOTs. Features to handle this type of SUTs are under development.

DRY RUN

ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM CAN FIND THE CODES USED IN 'PARAMETERS' TAB Unlicensed MS Excel version may request the following check

- Select the 'parameters'
- Run the "find" or "Search" tool (Ctrl+f)
- Find ""IO P1"
- If you cannot find "IO_P1", then replace all instances of "IO_" with a key word that could be found by your computer (example: "HIO_") (**replace in "Parameters"** and "Code Mapping" tabs)
- Go to 'Parameters' Tab and click on the arrow to run the code as shown in the form below.

Meaning of options to run the code



- Valuation adjustment categories

* "Recalculate Ratios to have sum that adds up to 1". In the initialization phase, Ratios for valuation adjustment and imports are calculated as shares of use categories relative to total use. Mark this box to request the system to pro rate the given ratios to further ensure that the sum of ratios adds up to one. This is particular useful if the ratios are inconsistent.

- Estimation of ratios

- "Ask the system to use existing ratios". Mark this box if specific ratios have been manually proposed to prevent the system from recalculating the ratio. It is recommended to manually adjust the ratios after the system has created a worksheet for ratios
- **Keep valuation adjustment:** Mark this box to prevent the deletion of tabs related to valuation adjustment. This is particular useful if specific ratios or valuation adjustment have been manually entered.

Meaning of actions to run the code:

- Generate IOTs: Push this button to generate square SUTs at basic prices and IOTs for domestic and imports
- **Generate valuation adjustment categories**: Push this button to generate ratios and valuation adjustment allocated to use categories.

MAJOR STEPS TO CONVERT SUTS INTO IOTS

Inputs		Initialization		Intermedi ate output 1	Intermediat e output 2		Intermediate output3	Final output
SUTs		OUT :						
Mapping (transactions)	⇒	SUTs in a matrix shape		SUTs at	SUTs (
Ratios (valuation adjustment &		Use of Valuation adjustment	\Rightarrow	basic price	and imports) at basic prices		Square SUTs (domestic and imports) at basic in IOT classification	Symmetric IOTs (domestic and
imports)	7	Use of imports						
Mapping (product & industry)	\Rightarrow	Transition matrix				_ /		imports)
Assumption: industry by industry table with fixed product sales structure								

The steps includes:

- Calculation of taxes and margins by expenditure categories
- Compilation of SUTs at basic prices (domestic SUT and SUTs for domestic and imported supply)
- Prepare square SUTs at basic prices (use concordance from mapping)
- Prepare symmetric IOTs at basic prices

The steps in chart are further described in the following sections and matrix calculations are outlined in the Appendix.

INPUT DATA

Input data include balanced SUTs and concordance table between the SUT classification and the IOT classification. Instructions to use the converter:

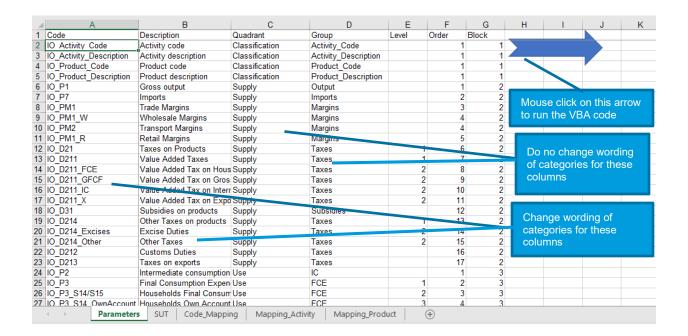
- Clear contents of the 'SUT' tab
- Copy a SUTs for a given year and paste in the 'SUT' tab (ensure that values are available [i.e., nonnumerical characters such as -/*' where a value is expected will generate error values])
- Position your SUTs anywhere on the worksheet
- Ensure that your SUTs is balanced (total use=total supply by product, sum of margins=0, etc.)
- Ensure that use categories (intermediate consumption, final consumption expenditure (FCE), fixed capital formation (FCF), exports) are available
- Details for transaction are accepted (e.g., FCE broken down by institutional sector, etc.)
- Do not change tab name.

В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	К	L	М
SUTs Supply table					A1-2	C1	U1	U1-2			
Одрри чавле	Trade Marg	Transport M	ar Taxes (VA	Taxes on imp					2-3	Impor	Total Supply purchaser's
Agriculture1	20		5 10	0	238	391	58	6		71	
Agriculture2	10	í	20 11		562	9	57	79		45	79
Manufacturing	40		30 60		200	1500	269	331		189	26!
Service1	-70		18	2	208	137	202	123		49	
Service2		47	55		198	73	200	113		45	
Service3			120	5	233	116	38	185		52	
Total	0		219	51	1639	2226	824	837		451	62
											62
Use Table at purchaser's	prices				A1-2	C1	U1	U1-2			
					Agricultu	Manufactur			Househo	Expor	Total use purchaser's
Agriculture1		,	_		46	426	96		98		
Agriculture2			Do no cha	inge tab	104	10	88	195	306		
Manufacturing			name		374	535	369	456	635	290	26
Service1					80	283	40		170		
Service2					91	136	47	15		88	
Service3					128	291	11		201	101	
Value Added (COE, GOS,	GMI)				816	545	173	100			16
Value Added, Net					796	535	153	50			
COE					150	230	25	10			
Othe. Taxes on production	1				10	5	20	9			
Oh. Sub. On production					-5		-2				
CFC					20	10	20	50			
GOS					661	310	130	81			
Operating surplus, Net					641	300	110	31			
Total Inputs					1639	2226	824	837	1607	748	
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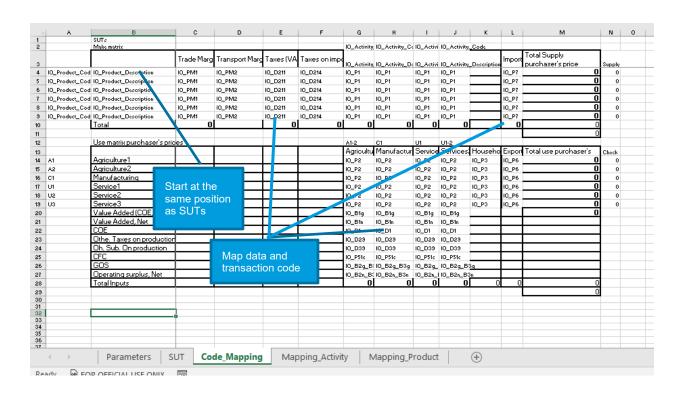
PREPARE MAPPING BETWEEN TRANSACTIONS & CLASSIFCATION AND SUT

Use information to map the SUT, transactions and classification as follows:

- Update 'Parameters' tab if need be:
 - o change or add codes and description to reflect your data
 - o do not change categories/contents of 'Quadrant' and 'Group'
 - use 'Order' to indicate how you want to outline you IOTs (e.g. for use category from 'Quadrant', intermediate consumption, followed by FCE, GFCF, changes in inventories, net acquisition in valuables, exports)
 - Do not change tab name.



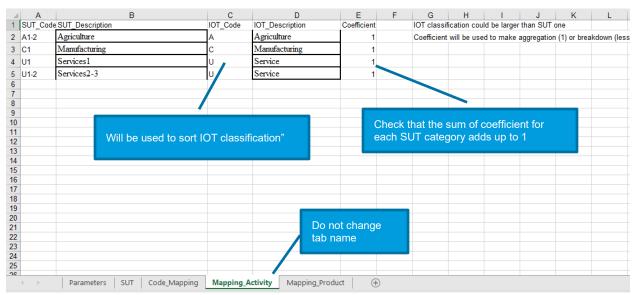
- Copy your SUT worksheet and paste in 'Code_Mapping' tab
 - Do not change location of data and classification (data and classification should be in the same range)
 - Use codes from 'Parameters' tab to map data and classification
 - Duplicates are not yet accepted: Do not map "Total" and components (e.g. total supply, total use, etc.)
 - Balancing items are excepted (e.g. gross and net value added (GVA, NVA), gross and net operating surplus (GOS, NOS))
 - Only a single column for "Imports" is accepted (combine Imports of goods and services in single column)



IOT CLASSIFICATIONS

SUT activities and products are mapped to IOT activities and product as follows

- In 'Mapping_Activity' tab
 - o Provide SUT code and description in column 'Old Code' and 'Old Description'
 - Provide IOT code and description in column 'New Code' and 'New Description'
 - Provide coefficient to use for mapping: for simple aggregation, coefficient is one. For breakdown, coefficient is smaller than 1
 - New code will be used to sort description in IOTs (i.e., change your code to allow meaning arrangement)
 - Ensure that similar categories are used for both new activities and products to enable symmetric IOTs



- In 'Mapping_Product' tab
 - Provide SUT code and description in column 'Old Code' and 'Old Description'
 - Provide IOT code and description in column 'New Code' and 'New Description'
 - Provide coefficient to use for mapping: for simple aggregation, coefficient is one. For breakdown, coefficient is smaller than 1
 - New code will be used to sort description in IOTs (i.e., change your code to allow meaning arrangement)
 - Ensure that similar categories are used for both new activities and products to enable symmetric IOTs

FIRST RUN

Go to 'Parameters' Tab and click on the arrow to run the code.

Click on **Generate valuation adjustment categories** if you want to adjust the allocation of imports and valuation adjustment to use categories. Then mark the box "Ask the system to use existing ratios" and click on "Generate IOTs"

Click on **Generate IOTs** if want to see the first IOTs. You can input self-computed ratios or allocation of valuation adjustment and imports to use categories later on

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Additional checks on classification and consistency (SUTs, intermediary steps, IOTs)

Replicate SUT format including total

Implement the remaining three assumptions

- industry by industry approach using industry sales structure
- product by product IOTs using product technology assumption
- product by product IOTs using industry technology assumption

Add a TiVA module

APPENDIX

TRANSITION MATRICES

This section illustrates how transition matrices have been constructed to transform rectangular SUTs into square SUTs.

Let R_i and C_j be row i and column j of T with $1 \le i \le n$ and $1 \le j \le w$, and \tilde{R}_h be a linear combination of R_i , and \tilde{C}_f be a linear combination of C_j , with $1 \le h, f \le l$, then $\tilde{R}_h = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{hj} R_j$ and $\tilde{C}_f = \sum_{i=1}^w \beta_{if} C_f$. If the combination is conducted consecutively, either R_i or C_j represents the new row or column after the first combination.

The conversion will lead to a second matrix

$$\tilde{T} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{11} & \cdots & \tilde{A}_{1l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{A}_{l1} & \cdots & \tilde{A}_{ll} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{D}_{11} & \cdots & \tilde{D}_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{D}_{l1} & \cdots & \tilde{D}_{lk} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F}_{11} & \cdots & \tilde{F}_{1l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{F}_{m1} & \cdots & \tilde{F}_{ml} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E}_{11} & \cdots & \tilde{E}_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{E}_{m1} & \cdots & \tilde{E}_{mk} \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

 \tilde{T} is obtained by a linear combination of first n rows and first n columns of T i.e.

Such a conversion is needed for instance to bridge the industry classification of an input and output tables (IOT) and the industry classification of emission intensity. In that situation, the IOT matrix T is dim(T) = (n + m, n + k) and it can be divided into four blocks:

- Block A is a rectangular matrix of intermediate consumption with dim(A) = (n, w) to be transformed into \tilde{A} with $dim(\tilde{A}) = (l, l)$
- Block F is a rectangular matrix of production factors, dim(F) = (m, n) to be transformed into \tilde{F} with $dim(\tilde{F}) = (m, l)$
- Block D is a rectangular matrix of expenditure categories, dim(D) = (n, k) to be transformed into \widetilde{F} with $dim(\widetilde{D}) = (l, k)$
- Block E is rectangular matrix that might be O or contain additional information, with dim(E) = (m, k) to be transformed into \tilde{E} with $dim(\tilde{E}) = (m, k)$

The problem is to construct two transition matrices Ω (TM_Product) and Ψ (TM_Activity) such that $\tilde{T} = \Omega \cdot T \cdot \Psi$

Transition matrix

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \cdots & \alpha_{1w} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{l1} & \cdots & \alpha_{lw} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0_{11} & \cdots & 0_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{l1} & \cdots & 0_{lw} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0_{11} & \cdots & 0_{1w} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{m1} & \cdots & 0_{mw} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{11} & \cdots & \delta_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \delta_{k1} & \cdots & \delta_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{11} & \cdots & \beta_{1l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta_{n1} & \cdots & \beta_{nl} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0_{11} & \cdots & 0_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{n1} & \cdots & 0_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0_{11} & \cdots & 0_{1l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{k1} & \cdots & 0_{kl} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{11} & \cdots & \delta_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \delta_{k1} & \cdots & \delta_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where $0_{ij} = 0$ for any i and j, and $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 \ if \ i = j \\ 0 \ elswhere \end{cases}$.

Indication to prepare Ω : the block $(\alpha_{ij})_{1 \le i \le l \text{ and } 1 \le j \le n}$ is obtained by extracting α_{ij} from $\tilde{R}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} R_j$ and allocating them to column of row i.

Indication to prepare Ψ : the block $(\beta_{ij})_{1 \le i \le n \text{ and } 1 \le j \le l}$ is obtained by extracting β_{ij} from $\tilde{C}_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} C_i$ and allocating them to rows of column j.

Solution

It can easily be shown that

$$\widetilde{A}_{ij} = \sum_{h=1}^{n} \beta_{hi} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \alpha_{if} A_{fh}$$

$$\widetilde{D}_{ij} = \sum_{f=1}^{n} \alpha_{if} D_{fj}$$

$$\widetilde{F}_{ij} = \sum_{h=1}^{n} \beta_{hi} F_{ih}$$

$$\tilde{E}_{ij} = E_{ij}$$

FIXED PRODUCT SALE STRUCTURE ASSUMPTION

This section illustrates how transition matrices have been constructed to transform rectangular SUTs into square SUTs

Figure 3: Matrix components of an integrated IO framework

	Domestic products	imported products	Industries	Final uses	Total
Domestic products			$U_d = \begin{bmatrix} U_{d_{11}} & \cdots & U_{d_{1n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U_{d_{ln}} & \cdots & U_{d_{ln}} \end{bmatrix}$	$Y_d = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{d_{11}} & \cdots & Y_{d_{1n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Y_{d_{ln}} & \cdots & Y_{d_{ln}} \end{bmatrix}$	$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$
imported products			$U_m = \begin{bmatrix} U_{m_{11}} & \cdots & U_{m_{1n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U_{m_{ln}} & \cdots & U_{m_{ln}} \end{bmatrix}$	$Y_m = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{m_{11}} & \cdots & Y_{m_{1n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Y_{m_{ln}} & \cdots & Y_{m_{ln}} \end{bmatrix}$	$m = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ \vdots \\ m_n \end{bmatrix}$
Industries	$V = \begin{bmatrix} V_{11} & \cdots & V_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ V_{ln} & \cdots & V_{ln} \end{bmatrix}$				$g = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{bmatrix}$
Gross Value Added			$W = [W_1 \cdots W_n]$		$w = W \cdot 1$
Total	$x^T = [x_1 \cdots x_n]$	$m^T = [m_1 \cdots m_n]$	$g^T = [g_1 \cdots g_n]$	Y	

Where
$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transformation matrix is $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{V} \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{-1})$

$$\text{where } (\tilde{x}^{-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}^{-1}{}_{11} & \cdots & \tilde{x}^{-1}{}_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{x}^{-1}{}_{n1} & \cdots & \tilde{x}^{-1}{}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \tilde{x}^{-1}{}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1/x_i \text{ 1 if } i = j \text{ and } x_i \neq 0 \\ 0 \text{ elswhere} \end{cases}.$$

It is worth noting that (\tilde{x}^{-1}) is slightly different from $(x)^{-1}$ as defined in the literature because the former allows to take into account the case of an industry output of zero value.

The domestic intermediate consumption matrix is $B_{Dom} = D \cdot U_d$

The imported and domestic intermediate consumption matrix is $\mathbf{\textit{B}}_{Tot} = \mathbf{\textit{D}} \cdot (\mathbf{\textit{U}}_d + \mathbf{\textit{U}}_m)$

The imported intermediate consumption matrix is $B_M = B_{Tot} - B_{Dom}$

The domestic final use matrix is $F_{Dom} = D \cdot Y_d$

The imported and domestic final use matrix is $F_{Tot} = D \cdot (Y_d + Y_m)$

The imported final use matrix is $Y_M = Y_{Tot} - Y_{Dom}$