Leontief Input-Output Analysis:

It's a simple mathematical model of an economy.



Wassily Leontief(1905-1999) Nobel Prize in 1973

Two-Industry Example:

The two industries are a natural gas company, G, and a water company, W. The natural gas and water companies <u>use</u> both natural gas and water, called inputs to the companies. The natural gas and water companies <u>produce</u> both natural gas and water, respectively, called outputs from the companies. Suppose that the production of each dollar's worth of natural gas requires \$.30 worth of natural gas and \$.40 worth of water. Further, suppose that the production of each dollar's worth of water requires \$.40 worth of natural gas and \$.20 worth of water.



The rest of the economy requires amounts of natural gas and water, as well, called final demands. Suppose that the rest of the economy requires \$10 million worth of natural gas and \$8 million worth of water. How much natural gas and water should be produced to meet both the internal and external demands?

Let x_1 be the total output of natural gas(in millions of dollars) and x_2 be the total output of water(in millions of dollars). Also, let d_1 be the final demand for natural gas(in millions of dollars) and d_2 be the final demand for water(in millions of dollars). Then the following system is our mathematical model for this economy.

$$x_1 = .3x_1 + .4x_2 + d_1$$

$$x_2 = .4x_1 + .2x_2 + d_2$$
water for gas water for water

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$$x_1 = .3x_1 + .4x_2 + 10$$

 $x_2 = .4x_1 + .2x_2 + 8$

In matrix form, you get.

Called the output matrix,
$$X$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .3 & .4 \\ .4 & .2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
Called the technology matrix, M
Called the final demand matrix, D

Or, written more compactly as

$$X = MX + D$$
.

output
$$G \quad W$$
input
$$\begin{bmatrix} G & [.3 & .4] \\ W & [.4 & .2] \end{bmatrix} = M$$

When constructing the technology matrix, M, you need to be careful about the placement of the coefficients.

Let's solve it in general,

$$X = MX + D$$

$$\Rightarrow X - MX = D$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - M)X = D$$

$$\Rightarrow X = (I - M)^{-1}D$$

So if $(I-M)^{-1}$ exists, then we have the solution for the simple economic model.

In our example,
$$I - M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} .3 & .4 \\ .4 & .2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & -.4 \\ -.4 & .8 \end{bmatrix}$$
, and $(I - M)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.75 \end{bmatrix}$.

This means that
$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.75 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$$
, so in our specific example, G needs to

produce \$28 million worth of natural gas, and W needs to produce \$24 million worth of water to meet the needs of the entire economy.

Another example:

An economy is based on two industrial sectors, agriculture-called A and energy-called

E. The technology matrix is
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & .2 \\ E & .2 \end{bmatrix} = M$$
.





1) How much input from A and E is required to produce a dollar's worth of output for A?

2) How much input from A and E is required to produce a dollar's worth of output for E?

3) Find I-M

4) Find $(I - M)^{-1}$

5) Find the output for A and E needed to satisfy the final demand $D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, in millions of dollars.

6) Find the output for A and E needed to satisfy the final demand $D = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, in millions of dollars.

7) Find the output for A and E needed to satisfy the final demand $D = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$, in millions of dollars.