

Readme file for data and codes accompanying:

**“The Network Origins of Aggregate Fluctuations”**

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## **1. Data Files**

### **1.1. Description**

The MATLAB codes described below source data from the following three files:

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CC_allyears_new.mat  
CC_2d_allyears_new.mat  
NBER_Manuf_TFP_source_data.mat
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The first two data files contain Commodity-by-Commodity Direct Requirements Tables from 1972 to 2002 (at 5 year intervals). Data file `CC_allyears_new.mat` contains the Detailed-level tables used in Tables 1 and 2 and Figures 6–9. Data file `CC_2d_allyears_new.mat` contains the Summary-level tables used in Table 2. The data is in the form of square matrices where the typical  $(i,j)$  entry gives the input share of (row) commodity  $i$  used in the production of commodity  $j$ . Taking column sums gives the total share of intermediate inputs in each commodity.

The last data file contains industry-level annual data from the NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database.

### **1.2 Data Source and Basic Manipulation**

All input-output data is sourced from the Bureau of Economic Analysis’ Benchmark Input-Output Data available at:

[http://www.bea.gov/industry/io\\_benchmark.htm](http://www.bea.gov/industry/io_benchmark.htm)

Note that the B.E.A. does not provide Commodity-by-Commodity Direct Requirements tables. We have derived them from the Commodity-by-Commodity Total Requirements Tables (available from the B.E.A. at the Summary and Detailed levels) by applying the formula:

$$CC = (TOT-I) \times (TOT)^{-1}$$

Finally, note that we drop all lines and columns for which direct input requirements sum to zero.

The NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database is sourced from the NBER website at:

<http://www.nber.org/data/nbprod2005.html>

From this source, we obtain the annual 5-factor total factor productivity growth (between 1958 and 2005) for each of the 459 SIC manufacturing industries. See Barterlsman and Gray (1996) for more details on how this is computed.

## 2. Codes

`weighted_indegrees_final.m`: reads the Detailed Commodity-by-Commodity matrices and computes – for each year – the weighted indegrees statistics and graphs. Uses the `w_ind.m` function and the data file `CC_allyears_new.mat`.

`weighted_outdegrees_final.m` : reads the Detailed Commodity-by-Commodity matrices and computes – for each year – the weighted outdegrees statistics and graphs. Uses the `w_out.m` function and the data file `CC_allyears_new.mat`.

`weighted_outdegrees_2ndorder_final.m`: reads the Detailed Commodity-by-Commodity matrices and computes – for each year – the second order weighted outdegrees statistics and graphs. Uses the `w_out_2ord.m` function and the data file `CC_allyears_new.mat`.

`w_ind.m`: computes indegree statistics given a weighted indegree sequence.

`w_out.m`: computes outdegree statistics given a weighted outdegree sequence. Uses `ksr.m` function.

`w_out_2ord.m`: computes second order outdegree statistics given a weighted second order outdegree sequence. Uses `ksr.m` function

`ksr.m` : performs kernel smoothing regression; copyright by Y. Cao, 2009. See `ksr_Y_Cao_license.txt` for full license text.

`norm_v2_vector_summaryIO.m` : computes norm of v2 vector from summary-level Commodity-by-Commodity matrices. Uses the data file `CC_2d_allyears_new.mat`.

`norm_v2_vector_detailedIO.m` : computes norm of v2 vector from detailed-level Commodity-by-Commodity matrices. Uses the data file `CC_allyears_new.mat`.

`std_TFP_NBER_Manuf.m` : computes average standard deviation of TFP growth at the 4-digit SIC industry level, with and without controlling for linear time trends. Uses the data file `NBER_Manuf_TFP_source_data.mat`.

Note: The functions `weighted_outdegrees_final.m` and `weighted_outdegrees_2ndorder_final.m` also contain code calling the MLE routines of Clauset, Shalizi and Newman (2009). To implement this code you will first need to download Clauset, Shalizi and Newman's MATLAB routines from:

<http://tuvalu.santafe.edu/~aaronc/powerlaws/>

to your working directory and then uncomment the relevant code in the two weighted outdegrees functions.

### **3. References**

Barterlsman, E.J. and W. Gray (1996), “The NBER Manufacturing Productivity Database.” NBER Technical Working Paper 205.

Clauset, A., C. R. Shalizi, and M. E. J. Newman (2009), “Power-law distributions in empirical data.” *SIAM Review*, 51, 661–703.