

Supply and Use Tables (SUTs)

- Late 1980s, the UK published 4 separate measures of GDP, showing different levels and growth rates
- The best one was "the average"
- Traditional I-O Tables were 5-yearly
- Followed after the rest of the accounts were fixed

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- Government got policy wrong, partly through presentation of incoherent figures
- 1989 Pickford Report. Survey collection system became part of Central Statistical Office, not Department of Trade and Industry
- SUTs moved to a central role in the national accounts

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- 1990 ONS begin to use SUTs framework to produce one estimate of growth
- reconciled components of output, expenditure and income
- GDP(P) = GDP(E) = GDP(I)

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Down the columns of the use matrix

Operating surplus = Gross output less interm consumption less W&S

so Gross output less interm. consumption =

Operating surplus + W&S

GDP(P) = GDP(I)

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Along the row of the supply use matrix

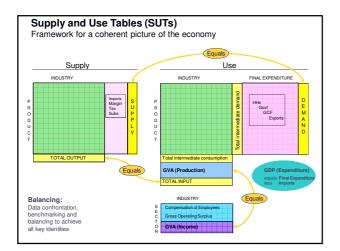
Gross output + Imports +taxes = Intermediate demand plus C + G + GFCF + ch in stocks + Exports

For whole economy, Int demand = Int consumption

 $\label{eq:Gross} \begin{array}{l} \text{Gross output}-\text{Int cons}+\text{taxes}=\text{C}+\text{G}+\text{GFCF}+\text{ch in}\\ \text{stocks}+\text{exports less imports} \end{array}$

GVA + taxes = C + G + I + X - M

Therefore GDP(P) + taxes = GDP(E)



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Examples of major data sources used: **ONS business surveys:**

- Annual Business Inquiry (purchases questions)
- PRODCOM
- International Trade in Services
- Business Spend on Capital Items Survey
- General Household Survey

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- · Central Government data Min of Finance
- · Local Government data Local authorities
- INTRASTAT (UK imports and exports of goods with EU) data from HMRC
- Agriculture data from Defra
- Transport data from Department of Transport

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Examples of major data sources used:

Administrative data:

• Profits and wages and salaries data based on tax and employment records respectively from HMRC.

Other sources:

- Bank of England, Civil Aviation Authority etc..
- Regulatory accounts and company accounts.

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Balancing Process

First estimates, unbalanced tables:

- · Set timetable and revisions policy
- Data collected from range of internal and external sources
- Validation of data generating quality adjustments, e.g. coverage, mis-reporting, conceptual

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First estimates, unbalanced tables:

- Compilation of initial estimates for each industry, each product, components of final demand, and each of the 7 sectors.
- Checking SUTs identities.
- Iterative balancing process begins.

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Balancing Process

Changes, allocation of adjustments:

Data investigations by industry, product and sector based on:

- Comparisons with other sources, economic indicators and key ratios
- Assessment of revisions, time series, growth rates.

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Balancing Process

- Investigations lead to several re-deliveries of estimates
- Reassessment of industry/product balances
- Role of judgmental and subjective balancing adjustments

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Outcomes of balancing through SUTs:

- For each industry: Σ INPUTS = Σ OUTPUTS
- For each product: Σ SUPPLY = Σ DEMAND
- For each industry: GVA = INCOME

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Outcomes of balancing through SUTs:

- Consistency of the estimate in each cell in the SUTs over time (by industry, by product, by sector, and by type of factor income).
- · Recording of balancing adjustments.
- Most importantly, the estimate of GDP level derived from each of the 3 approaches are equal:

PRODUCTION = INCOME = EXPENDITURE