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## **ABSTRACT**

Numerical simulation analysis of bargaining solutions is little developed in existing literature. Here we use a multi country, single period numerical general equilibrium model which captures China and her major trading partners and examine the outcomes of trade policy bargaining solutions (bargaining over tariffs and financial transfers) over time as China grows more rapidly than her trade partners. We compute gains relative to non-cooperative Nash equilibria for a range of model parameterizations. This yields a measure of both absolute and relative gain to China from bargaining. We calibrate our model to base case data for 2008 and use a model formulation where there are heterogeneous goods across countries. The gains from trade bargaining accrue more heavily to other countries when we use 2008 data rather than later year data.

We then consider the impacts out into the future of different country growth rates which sharply increases China's relative size. Our objective is to assess how China's gains from bargaining change over time; whether they grow at a faster rate than GDP growth and for which parameterizations. Our simulation results indicate that China's welfare gain from trade bargaining will increase over time if countries keep their present GDP growth rates for several decades, but there are major difference when using different bargaining solution concepts. These differences have not been noted in existing literature but have an intuitive explanation. Our results also indicate that if China jointly bargains along with India, Brazil and other developing countries with the OECD, China's gain will further increase. Bargaining gains are also sensitive to country size. When we use PPP to adjust China's relative GDP size; China's trade bargaining welfare gain increases by about 37%.

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# **1. Introduction**

China's trade has grown rapidly in recent decades and has generated large trade surpluses, which have financed an accumulation of foreign reserves. Exports have become one of its main engines of economic growth which in turn have generated adjustment resistance in importing countries. Increasingly over time this will take China to more and more trade policy bargaining to try to use access for foreign suppliers to the growing Chinese market as the bargaining chip to keep protection abroad as low as possible given China's export lead growth strategy. Given this situation, an interesting question to ask is how China's welfare gains from trade bargaining might change over time if countries keep their present GDP growth rates and China's relative size in the global economy progressively grows further. Our focus is the impact of growth on bargaining power over several decades. Our aim is not only to capture China's welfare gains from bargaining over time, and to investigate China's future shifting bargaining power, but also assess how calculated gains from bargaining behave over time. Do they increase more or less rapidly than relative GDP growth? Do they increase at an accelerating rate?

Existing literature on bargaining is theoretical and analytical rather than numerical (Nash, 1950; Johnson, 1965; Kalai and Smorodinsky, 1975; Rubinstein, 1982; Roth *et al*, 1991; Trejos and Wright, 1995; Johnson *et al*, 2002; Cahuc *et al*, 2006; Kennan, 2010). The focus is on bargaining solution concepts and bargaining theory, and only a few papers have used numerical techniques to compute bargaining solutions (Trifon and Landau, 1974; Calmfors *et al*, 1988; Coles and Muthoo, 1998; Carpenter, 2002). With the exception of Abrego *et al* (2001) this numerical literature on bargaining does not use general equilibrium structures to numerically solve for bargaining outcomes. They are instead mostly based on partial equilibrium models and few of them have been used for simulation analyses related to concrete policy issues. Our focus and methods, however, differ sharply from Abrego *et al* (2001) in examining the links between bargaining power and growth rather than the links between environmental policies and trade bargaining that they explore.

Our global general equilibrium model captures five countries, each of which is endowed with two factors and produces two goods which are heterogeneous across countries. Countries are linked through trade and they bargain on their own import tariffs which, for simplicity, we assume are at uniform rates across goods imported from a country, but can vary across country sources. Since, for now, China's trade partners are more heavily developed countries, we assume China bargains bilaterally with the whole of the OECD. Using this model structure, we then explore bargaining solution outcomes and simulate welfare gains for each bargaining partner under various scenarios which reflect changes in country size as growth proceeds.

We adopt 2008 as our base year and build a benchmark data set which we use to calibrate model parameters. We then analyze China's welfare gains over time at ten yearly intervals from 2010 to 2100 as China's endowments grow at different rates from those of other countries. These gains are computed as a sequence of single period comparisons of numerical bargaining solutions using different solution concepts (Nash (NBS), Kalai-Smorodinsky (KS)) relative to non-cooperative Nash outcomes to yield measures of country gains from bargaining in both absolute size of utility gain and each country's relative gain. We evaluate China's welfare gain over time using both Nash bargaining and KS bargaining with the OECD, thus yielding the change in China's welfare gain over time from bargaining. We also evaluate China's welfare gain when bargaining jointly with the OECD with India and Brazil. We finally compute China's bargaining welfare gains over time using a purchasing power parity (PPP) adjustment for China's relative size in the 2008 base year data. We additionally conduct sensitivity analysis of China's bargaining welfare gains to elasticity parameters.

Our simulation results show that China's welfare gains from bargaining with the OECD increase over time if all countries keep their present GDP growth rates. Using the NB solution concept, China's share of global bargaining gains grows to 41% in 2010; 67.7% in 2050 and 88.7% in 2100. This shows growth in bargaining gains at roughly the rate of increase in relative GDP. China's annual average growth rate in its trade bargaining welfare gain using Nash bargaining is about 11%, just a little higher than its GDP growth rate and the OECD's is about 6%, higher than its GDP growth rate and the OECD's is about 6%, higher than its GDP growth rate. But using the KS-solution concept, things are different. China's share of global gains is only 10.6% in 2010, but grows much more rapidly to 70.9% in 2050 and to 99.1% in 2100; initially proportionally smaller but growing much faster, with the opposite result for the OECD. This implies important numerical differences when using Nash and KS bargaining solution concepts for numerical policy based work. With asymmetric shifts in the utility possibility frontier due to growth, Nash

bargaining using tangencies between an implicit Cobb Douglas function and the frontier, and the KS use of a utopia point proportional to intersections with axes which behaves differently.

Additionally, when China joins with India and Brazil to jointly bargain with the OECD or when we use a PPP adjustment for the GDP measure in 2008 for China's base case economic size, China's welfare gain from bargaining increases by 40% and 37% compared to the Nash China-OECD bargaining case. Thus, if we take account of China's relative size via purchasing power parity, China's welfare gain would be even larger. It also emerges as a good strategy for China to join with other developing countries to jointly bargain with the OECD exerting its bargaining power.

For computational reasons we use strong assumptions to conduct our analysis, and these affect results. One key issue is that we use a balanced trade structure in our general equilibrium model which neglects China's trade surplus position and likely over estimates China's bargaining power since imports are smaller in reality due to the surplus. However, this may not be as severe a problem as it may seem because although we adjust trade data for each country's trade to be balanced; for China we only change ROW's exports and imports to yield this result. Trade between China, OECD, India and Brazil does not change and are the same as actual data in our analysis. The balanced trade structure thus does not fundamentally change China's trade position with OECD, India and Brazil, and may not impact China's trade bargaining power. We do not, however, capture the potential bargaining component for China from the strategic use of reserves to drive down exchange rates unless market access for exports is preserved.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we discuss China's current trade situation with other countries, and briefly discuss how future growth may change this. Section 3 describes the model structure and the bargaining solution concepts we use. Section 4 sets out our data used in calibration and reports calibrated parameters. Section 5 reports simulation results and computes China's trade bargaining welfare gains for the growth scenarios discussed above. Section 6 offers conclusions, implications and final remarks.

# 2. Background to China's Trade Policy Bargaining

China's trade has grown quickly in the past few decades. In 1980, export and import values were only US\$18.12 billion and US\$20.02 billion, and the trade imbalance was -1.9US\$ billion. By 2010, China's export and import values had increased to US\$1577.93 billion and US\$1394.83 billion respectively, and the trade balance was US\$183.1 billion. China's exports had thus increased 87.1 times and imports 69.7 times over 30 years (CSY, 2010).

Large trade surpluses and export volumes bring trade disputes and China has also been one of the largest recipient of trade disputes. In 2010, China's trade disputes included 64 antidumping cases, which covered US\$7 billion in exports (MCS, 2010). In the presence of these trade disputes, trade policy bargaining naturally occurs. By the mid-2000s China was involved in negotiations with 27 countries and regions regarding free trade agreements (FTAs) or Closer Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPA). These now cover over one-fifth of China's total trade. China has also signed FTAs with the ten-member ASEAN group, Chile, Pakistan and New Zealand and is in FTA negotiations with the six-member GCC, the five-member South African Customs Union, and also Australia. In addition, China is also looking into the feasibility of China–Japan–South Korea, China–Japan and China–South Korea FTAs (Hoadley and Yang, 2008).

In the bargaining process, as we model it, China exchanges access commitments to her own market in return for access commitments abroad. Globally joint gains will be maximized under free trade, but bargaining can also involve financial transfers which move countries along the global utility possibilities frontier. Bargaining outcomes can also be represented analytically using a range of bargaining solution concepts. Here we use Nash (1951) bargaining and an alternative solution concept proposed by Kalai and Smorodinsky (1975). We measure the gain to China from trade policy bargaining as the utility difference between that achieved under bargaining and that represented by a disagreement outcome represented by a non-cooperative Nash equilibrium. These are computed for the model presented below. Our interest is to assess how China's welfare gains from bargaining might change over time if all countries were to keep their current country growth rates over different periods. China's high growth rate relative to other countries is expected to enhance her bargaining power.

China's trade with developing countries grew quickly over the last 10 years. If we take India and Brazil as examples (Figure 1), China's exports to and imports from India increased 26 times and 15 times between 2000 and 2010. Brazil's trade with China has also grown quickly, and in this period the average annual growth rate reached 154.5% (UN, 2010). Developing country growth rates of trade with China are much higher than the average total trade growth rate for China between 2000 and 2010 (annually about 25%). But, although China-South trade has grown quickly, China's main export markets remain the developed countries, and we assume China gains by cooperating with other developing countries to jointly bargain with developed countries through our period of analysis, even though in reality differing country growth rates could reverse the incentives.



Fig. 1 China's Trade with Main Developing Countries 1985-2010

Source: UN Interactive Graphic System of International Economic Data.

# **3. Model Structure and Bargaining Solutions**

We compute both non-cooperative and cooperative bargaining solutions utilizing a 5 country numerical general equilibrium model with each country producing 2 goods and using 2 factors. We use the Armington assumption of product heterogeneity by country in consumption and each country has import tariffs. We numerically compute a sequence of Nash equilibria and alternative bargaining solutions over time, treating each solution as corresponding to a single period outcome. These numerical solutions vary over time due to the higher Chinese growth rate. We compute welfare gains from bargaining as the utility difference between cooperative and non-cooperative solutions for each period in time and do so for each bargaining solution concept. We do this for each country in the model and under different growth and size scenarios.

## 3.1 Model Structure

The model has five countries with each country producing two goods with two factors. The five countries are China, OECD, India, Brazil and the rest of the world (ROW). The two products are tradable goods and non-tradable goods, and the two factor inputs are labor and capital.

On the production side of each economy, we assume CES functions in each country and Figure 2 outlines the production structure we use. On the consumption side, we assume a one level CES utility function for consumers in each country (Figure 2). Under this treatment, individuals choose among domestic and imported tradable goods and domestic non-tradable goods. The Armington assumption applies

for imported goods. Under this, domestic and imported goods are heterogeneous and this removes specialization problems from the model.



Fig. 2 Structure of Production and Consumption Functions

In equilibrium in the model, goods and factor market clearing determine prices for goods and factors. The equilibrium conditions are

$$Q_{i}^{j} = D_{i}^{j} + \sum_{h} M_{i}^{hj} \qquad i = goods \quad j, h = country$$

$$i = 1, 2 \quad j, h = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; \quad j \neq h;$$
(1)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} L_{i}^{j} = \overline{L}^{j}, \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{2} K_{i}^{j} = \overline{K}^{j} \qquad j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$
(2)

where  $Q_i^j$  and  $D_i^j$  are production and domestic consumption of good *i* in country *j*.  $M_i^{hj}$  are imports of good *i* by country *h* from country *j*.  $L_i^j$  and  $K_i^j$  are labor and capital inputs of industry i in country j.  $\overline{L}^j$  and  $\overline{K}^j$  are labor and capital endowments in country j. *i* denotes goods, and *j* and *h* country.

In equilibrium, zero profit conditions must also be satisfied in each industry in each country, so that

$$P_i^j Q_i^j = w_L^j L_i^j + w_K^j K_i^j \tag{3}$$

where  $P_i^j$  denotes the production price of good i in country j,  $w_L^j$  is the wage in country j and  $w_K^j$  is the price of capital in country j.

Total imports of good *i* by country *j* from country h,  $\sum_{h=1}^{5} M_i^{jh}$  are given by the difference between domestic demand and output, and total exports of good *i* to country *j* from country h are  $\sum_{h=1}^{5} X_i^{jh}$  the difference between output and domestic

demand in h. Hence,

$$\sum_{h} M_{i}^{jh} = \max\{(D_{i}^{j} - Q_{i}^{j}), 0\}, \quad j \neq h$$

$$\sum_{h} X_{i}^{jh} = \max\{(Q_{i}^{j} - D_{i}^{j}), 0\}, \quad j \neq h$$
(4)

The model assumes balanced trade as is conventional in general equilibrium trade models; but we comment later on how to modify the model to account for China's large trade imbalance. Thus, in equilibrium, each country's export expenditures equal its import expenditures, i.e.

$$\sum_{i}\sum_{h}P_{i}^{j}X_{i}^{jh} = \sum_{i}\sum_{h}PC_{i}^{jh}M_{i}^{jh}, \qquad j \neq h$$
(5)

where  $PC_i^{jh}$  is the consumer price of good *i* in country *j* importing from country *h*. Equation (5) is not a condition for equilibrium; it is instead a property of equilibrium in our model structure.

#### **3.2 Bargaining Solutions**

We compute both bargaining and non-cooperative solutions to trade policy games in the model by including import tariffs in the model. Countries mutually consistently set strategically determined tariff rates in a Nash equilibrium and free trade with tariffs between countries supporting bargained outcomes with appropriate inter country lump sum transfers. For simplicity, in comparisons of Nash equilibrium we assume country j has a uniform ad valorem import duty  $t_i^j$  across goods i, which implies that:

$$PC_i^{jh} = (1+t_i^j)P_i^h \quad , \qquad j \neq h \tag{6}$$

For the global general equilibrium model set out above, we use a benchmark data set to calibrate parameters, then numerically solve for bargaining solutions and non-cooperative Nash equilibrium and then calculate each country's welfare gain.

The non-cooperative tariff game we analyze is as originally formulated by Nash (1950). After his initial characterization of a bargaining solution (closely related to Cournot's bilateral monopoly formulation) much subsequent work has generated other solution concepts. Some of these are surveyed in Roth (1979), Kalai (1985), Peters (1987, 1992), and Thomson (1985, 1994).

Despite the large numbers of solution concepts that have been introduced in the literature, three play a central role in theory as it is widely used today (Thomson, 1994). One is Nash's original solution concept, which selects the point at which the product of utility gains is maximal. The second is a solution concept due to Kalai and Smorodinsky (1975) named the KS-solution, which selects the point at which utility gains are proportional to their maximal possible values within the feasible utility possibilities set. Finally comes the Egalitarian solution (Thomson, 1983) that equates utility gains relative to non-cooperative outcomes among players. We use Nash bargaining (NBS) and KS solutions as our concepts in solving for bargaining outcomes in our model as China's size grows in the following ways.

#### **3.2.1 Nash Bargaining Solution**

Our formal statement of Nash's cooperative two-person bargaining formulation

is as follows: Two agents have access to any of the alternatives in a set, called the feasible set. Their preferences over these alternatives differ. If they agree on a particular alternative, that is what they get. Otherwise, they end up at a prespecified alternative in the feasible set, called the disagreement point. Both the feasible set and the disagreement point are in utility space. Let them be given by S and d respectively. Nash's objective was to help to predict the compromises that agents would reach. He specified a class of bargaining problems which conformed to his analysis, and he defined a solution to be a rule that associates with each (S, d) in the class a point in S, and interpreted this as the compromise. He formulated a list of properties, or axioms, that he thought solutions should satisfy (Thomson, 1994).

Specifically, the NBS is obtained by maximizing the product of utility gains relative to the disagreement point, that is, N(S, d) is the maximization of

$$Max \prod (X_i - d_i) \qquad X \in S, X \ge d \tag{7}$$

Where  $X_i$  is the NBS utility of individual i, d is the disagreement point, and  $d_i$  is the disagreement utility for individual i. Figure 3 depicts this solution concept for these two cases.

#### **3.2.2 KS-solution Concept**

The KS-solution concept focuses on utility gains relative to the disagreement point as proportional to the agents' most optimistic expectations. For each agent, these expectations are defined as the highest utility they can attain in the feasible set, subject to the constraint that no agent should receive less than his coordinate at the disagreement point. More precisely, for a given bargaining problem (S, d) we can define the utopia point  $u^* = (u_A^*, u_B^*)$  by

$$u_i^* = Max\{u_i \mid u \in S, \ u_j \ge d_j \ for \ i \ne j\} \qquad i = A, B$$
(8)

The KS-solution is then given by

$$u^{KS}(S,d) = d + \lambda(u^* - d)$$
<sup>(9)</sup>

Where  $\overline{\lambda} = \max{\{\lambda \in IR \mid d + \lambda(u-d) \in S\}}$ . In a two-person bargaining case, the

KS-solution can be described by the solution to:

$$Max[(u_{A}^{KS} - d_{A}) + (u_{B}^{KS} - d_{B})]$$
  
s.t.  $\frac{u_{A}^{KS}}{u_{B}^{KS}} = \frac{u_{A}^{*}}{u_{B}^{*}}$  (10)

where A and B are two bargaining partners. Figure 3 depicts the Nash and KS solutions.



#### Fig.3 Two-Person NBS and KS-solution In Utility

3.3 Using A Numerical GE Model to Analyze Bargaining and

# Non-cooperative Nash Equilibria

We first compute non-cooperative equilibria and then using the same parameterization of the model for the year at issue explore cooperative bargaining outcomes for a sequence of model formulations which vary over time in the size of China relative to other countries. To compute non-cooperative Nash equilibria, we iterate over calculations of optimal tariff policy responses by individual regions to tariff settings of other regions; subject to the constraint of full general equilibrium within the period. We then iterate across country tariffs and then countries until convergence to a non-cooperative Nash equilibrium is achieved. We then compute cooperative NBS and cooperative KS solutions associated with these parameterizations as the next step.

In computing cooperative bargaining equilibria, we take the non-cooperative Nash equilibrium utilities as representing the disagreement point, iteratively generate the utility possibilities frontier under cooperation, and apply both the Nash or KS criterion to the product of the differences in region utilities along the frontier and disagreement utilities (Abrego *et al*, 2001).

In computing non-cooperative equilibria, we adopt Nash's (1951) non-cooperative solution concept. In the five-country general equilibrium model, the method for computing non-cooperative Nash equilibrium is to iterate over calculations of optimal tariffs by individual countries, which are

$$Max(u_i)$$
 s.t.  $GE$   $i = country$  (11)

where GE denotes a five country complete general equilibrium. We use (11) to obtain convergence to a Nash equilibrium.

After computing non-cooperative equilibrium tariffs, we can determine the disagreement point and then simulate the utilities possibilities frontier under cooperation, and apply the Nash bargaining criterion

$$Max \prod (u_i - d_i) \qquad s.t \ GE \qquad i = A, B \tag{12}$$

to obtain the cooperative Nash bargaining equilibrium.

A solution to (10) determines the KS bargaining outcome. In the process of solving for a KS bargaining solution, we need to calculate the utopia point utility  $u^* = (u_A^*, u_B^*)$ , which we get by separately maximizing each bargaining partner's utility subject to the constraints of GE.

#### 3.4 Welfare Gain from Bargaining and Bargaining Power

The country welfare gain from bargaining is taken to be the utility difference between the disagreement point and a NBS or KS-solution. We use

$$gain_{i} = u_{i}^{NBS/KS} - d_{i} = u_{i}^{NBS/KS} - u_{i}^{non-cooperative} \qquad i = country$$
(13)

to denote the welfare gain from bargaining where  $u_i^{NBS/KS}$  reflects utility in the presence of Nash or KS bargaining. We also compute the welfare gain by country

$$share_{i} = \frac{gain_{i}}{\sum_{i} gain_{i}} = \frac{u_{i}^{NBS/KS} - d_{i}}{\sum_{i} (u_{i}^{NBS/KS} - d_{i})} \qquad i = country$$
(14)

This latter index represents a country's bargaining welfare gain as their share of the total bargaining welfare gain.

# 4. Data and Calibration of Model Parameters

We use calibration of our general equilibrium model to base year data as in Shoven and Whalley (1992) to generate the parameters for our model. We take 2008 as our base year and build a benchmark general equilibrium data set in which, also following Shoven and Whalley (1992), all the model general equilibrium conditions hold. In this data set, there are five countries China, OECD, India, Brazil and the ROW, two sectors involving tradable goods and non-tradable goods, and two factor inputs (capital and labor). We take services as non-tradable goods<sup>1</sup> and manufactures as tradable goods as in Abrego *et al* (2001). We use data for the world minus China, OECD, India and Brazil to generate data for the ROW.

The data we use for the base case equilibrium in model calibration are shown in Tables 1 and 2. Chinese data come mostly from the Chinese Statistical Yearbook (CSY), OECD data from the OECD statistical database, and India and Brazil data from the World Bank database. ROW data are calculated as a residual from world data which are taken from the US CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) database. All bilateral export and import data come from the UN database and the OECD statistical database.

All data are converted to US\$ at market exchange rates. Production, capital and trade values in the tables are in billion US\$. Export and import values for the OECD are less than the sum of country statistics, because we have removed export and import values between OECD countries. In numerical general equilibrium analysis, it

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-tradable goods in our calculation includes: (1) wholesale and retail trade, repair, hotels; (2) Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business activity; (3) other service activities.

is usual to adjust data so as to set both producer and factor prices equal to 1. We have so adjusted each country's factor input and the ROW's export and import data.

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Var	riables	China	OECD	India	Brazil	ROW				
Production	Tradable	2103.4	13925.9	536.7	546.6	4167.2				
	Non-tradable	2222.8	27574.4	622.5	1028.6	5413.4				
Carrital	Tradable	1501.8	13063.4	195.8	378.4	3168.1				
Capital	Non-tradable	1202.6	25867.3	227.1	715.2	4674.2				
T -h	Tradable	601.6	862.5	340.9	168.2	999.1				
Labor	Non-tradable	1020.2	1707.1	395.4	313.4	739.2				

Table 1: Base Year Data Used in Calibration and Simulation (2008 Data in \$ billions)

Notes: (1) Units for production and capital are billion US\$, and units for labor are millions of labor force. (2) We use world values minus China, OECD, India and Brazil to generate ROW values. (3) We adjust factor demand data so as to set all factor and production prices to equal 1.

Source: Chinese data from Chinese Statistic Yearbook (<u>http://www.stats.gov.cn/tjsj/ndsj/</u>.); OECD data from OECD database (<u>http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx</u>.); India and Brazil data except labor from World Bank database "country profile" (<u>http://www.worldbank.org/</u>.); Brazil labor data from OECD database (<u>http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx</u>.); India labor data from Statistical Data of the Reserve Bank of India (<u>http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/statistics.aspx</u>.); Total world data are from US Central Intelligence Agency "The World Factbook" (<u>https://www.cia.gov/library/publications.</u>).

Cou	ester -			Import		
Country		China	OECD	India	Brazil	ROW
	China	/	1093.5	31.6	18.8	923.3
	OECD	457.2	/	99.6	92.7	1441.6
Export	India	20.3	92.5	/	3.5	49.6
	Brazil	29.9	111.1	1.1	/	82.9
	ROW	625.2	2323	183.4	45.6	/

Table 2: Trade between Countries in 2008 (Units: Billion US\$)

Note: We use total world export and import value minus values for China, OECD, India and Brazil to yield trade for the ROW. We have also adjusted ROW's trade data to make production prices and factor prices equal 1. OECD export and import values here are the sum of OECD countries' export and import values minus the sum of each OECD countries' exports and imports between OECD countries.

Source: All data for the OECD are from OECD statistics, <u>http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?r=92830</u>; Other export and import data are from the UN interactive graphic system of international economic trends (SIGCI Plus), <u>http://www.eclac.org/comercio/ecdata2/index.html</u>.

The production and utility functions in our model are all CES; and the elasticity specification used affects model results. There are no available estimates of elasticities for China either on the demand or production side (Dong and Whalley, 2010). Many of the estimates of domestic and import goods substitution elasticities for other countries are around 2 (Betina *et al*, 2006) and so we set all these elasticities in the model equal to 2 (the same as Whalley and Wang (2010)). We later change these elasticities in sensitivity analysis to check their impacts on simulation results.

Table 3 reports share and scale parameters generated by calibration. When used in model solution these regenerate the benchmark data set as an equilibrium for the model, as in Shoven and Whalley (1992).

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		Ch	ina	OE	CD	In	dia	Bra	azil	RC	)W
Variable/Count	ry	Τ.	N-T.	Τ.	N-T.	Τ.	N-T.	Τ.	N-T.	Т.	N-T.
Share	K	0.612	0.521	0.796	0.796	0.431	0.431	0.600	0.602	0.640	0.715
Parameters in Production	L	0.388	0.479	0.204	0.204	0.569	0.569	0.400	0.398	0.360	0.285
Scale Paramete in Production	rs	1.904	1.997	1.482	1.482	1.963	1.963	1.923	1.921	1.854	1.687
		China		OECD		India		Brazil		ROW	
	China. T	0.155		0.106		0.005		0.007		0.213	
	China. N'	0.514		0		0		0		0	
	OECD. T	0.026		0.270		0.002		0.002		0.035	
Consumption	OECD.N	Т	0	0.664		0		0		0	
Share	India. T	C	.027	0.086		0.306		0.001		0.043	
Parameters	India. NT		0	0		0.537		(	C	0	
	Brazil. T	C	.012	0.0	)59	0.0	002	0.2	221	0.053	
	Brazil. N	Г	0	0		(	0	0.653		0	
	ROW. T	0	.030	0.2	218	0.007		0.006		0.174	
	ROW. N	Г	0	(	0	0		0		0.565	

 Table 3: Parameters Generated by Calibration

Note: T denotes tradable goods; N-T denotes non-tradable goods.

Source: Calculated using the model structure above and calibration method noted above by the authors.

In order to calculate bargaining partners' welfare gains over time from 2010 to 2100, we use each country's GDP growth rate in the future. We take each country's average annual GDP growth rate in the last decade (from 2001 to 2010) as the future annual factor endowment growth rate in the model for the next 90 years from 2010 to 2100<sup>2</sup>. We assume these growth rates are constant over time, and it is the differential growth rates for China and other countries that enhances China's bargaining power over time.

Countries' GDP growth rates between 2001-2010 are displayed in Figure 4. We take the world growth rate as the ROW growth rate. From these data we see that China's and OECD's annual average GDP growth rates in the last decade are 10.47% and 1.66%; while the growth rates of India, Brazil and ROW are 7.85%, 3.62% and 2.50% (Table 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Here we use endowment growth to realize GDP growth in the same rate may not very accurate, the reason is we have not taken account of the productivity growth, and some country's GDP growth may rely more on one factor growth.





Source: OECD data are from OECD statistical database (<u>http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx</u>.); World data from IMF world economic outlook database (<u>http://www.imf.org/external/ns/cs.aspx?id=28</u>.); Other countries' data from World Bank development indicators database (<u>http://data.worldbank.org/indicator</u>.).

Table 4 Country Annual GDP Growth Rates Assumed in Model Simulations Out to 2100

Country	China	OECD	India	Brazil	ROW
Annual Growth Rate (%)	10.47	1.66	7.85	3.62	2.5

Source: calculated by the authors as average annual growth rates of GDP from Fig. 4.

# **5. Simulation Results**

We next report our simulation results. In reality, China's trade bargaining partners are for now mainly developed countries. Even though they may change over time with different country growth rates, we assume, for simplicity, that China will always bargain with the OECD in all the years considered by our model. Both China and its bargaining partner's welfare gains from bargaining changes over time (from 2010 to 2100) and are computed using five different scenarios. These are from single NBS bargaining with OECD; under KS bargaining solution concepts; for sensitivity analysis of gains to elasticities; from China, India and Brazil jointly bargaining with the OECD; and from bargaining after a PPP adjustment to China's and other countries size in the base case data. We report these welfare gains in three different ways: in value, in shares and average annual growth rates of the gain. These values reflect equation (13), and the shares reflect equation (14). The average annual growth rates of the welfare gains from bargaining are calculated separately.

#### 5.1 China's gain over time under bargaining with OECD

We first report welfare gains for China from bargaining singly with the OECD over time between 2010-2100 with estimates reported for each 10 year period. We calculate non-cooperative equilibria and cooperative bargaining solutions for each year, and then calculate bargaining gains. Table 5 presents these results for 10 yearly intervals between 2010 and 2100.

Under Nash bargaining, in 2010 the share of the welfare gain for China is 41% and the OECD gain is 59%. As China grows, its welfare gain share of the total welfare

gain for China and the OECD increases to 67.7% in 2050, with the OECD share 32.3%. In 2100, China gets 88.7% of the total welfare gain and the OECD gets 11.3%. It is thus clear that China's welfare gain from bargaining will increase over time.

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Country	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100
Share										
China	0.410	0.477	0.548	0.613	0.677	0.732	0.783	0.825	0.859	0.887
OECD	0.590	0.523	0.452	0.387	0.323	0.268	0.217	0.175	0.141	0.113
Value										
China	111.6	243.3	518.6	1098.2	2313.8	4816.5	9995.6	20534.8	41890.0	84980.0
OECD	160.4	266.3	428.6	692.4	1106.3	1760.2	2775.5	4368.1	6869.2	10807.1
Average Annual Growth Rate										
China	/	11.8%	11.3%	11.2%	11.1%	10.8%	10.8%	10.5%	10.4%	10.3%
OECD	/	6.6%	6.1%	6.2%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%

Table 5 Welfare Gains from China-OECD Bargaining (NB) between 2010 and 2100

Source: Calculated by the authors.

Fig. 5 Welfare Gains of China and the OECD from NB between 2010-2100



Source: Calculated by the authors.

The welfare gain China receives from NB is 111.6 in 2010, 2313.8 in 2050 (a more than 20 times increase), and 84980 in 2100 which is 761 times compared to 2010. The OECD has a utility gain of 160.4 in 2010, 1106.3 in 2050 which increases 6.9 times, and 10807.1 in 2100 which increases 67.4 times compared with 2010 (Figure 5). If we compare China's welfare gain with that of the OECD, we find that in 2030 China's welfare gain will exceed that of the OECD if all countries keep their present GDP growth rates.



Fig. 6 Growth Rates of Welfare Gains and GDP for China and OECD under NB

Note: EG denote economic growth rate. Source: Calculated by the authors.

#### 5.2 China's gains over time under KS bargaining solution concepts

We have also used the KS solution concept to compute China-OECD bargaining results and their welfare gains. Table 6 reports welfare gain shares, and value and growth rates for both China and the OECD.

	Table 6 Welfare Gains over Time from K/S Bargaining										
Country	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100	
Share											
China	0.106	0.198	0.345	0.530	0.709	0.840	0.919	0.961	0.981	0.991	
OECD	0.894	0.802	0.655	0.470	0.291	0.160	0.081	0.039	0.019	0.009	
Value											
China	28.7	101.1	326.5	949.3	2424.3	5526.8	11738.4	23923.5	47840.3	94921.4	
OECD	243.3	408.5	620.7	841.3	995.8	1049.9	1032.7	979.3	918.9	865.7	
Annual Average Growth Rate											
China	/	25.2%	22.3%	19.1%	15.5%	12.8%	11.2%	10.4%	10.0%	9.8%	
OECD	/	6.8%	5.2%	3.6%	1.8%	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%	

Table 6 Welfare Gains over Time from K/S Bargaining

Source: Calculated by the authors.

China's share in 2010 is only 10.6%, much smaller than under NB. In 2040 it increases to 53% and exceeds that of the OECD. In 2050 China's share is 70.9% and reaches 99.1% in 2100; much larger than NB. On the value side, China's welfare gain is 28.7 in 2010, 2424.3 in 2050 and 94921.4 in 2100; increasing about 84 times and 3307 times compared to results for 2010. OECD's gain increases about 4 times by 2050 and 3.5 times in 2100 compared to 2010. These growth factors are much larger

for China under KS than NB, but much smaller for ROW. From the growth results, China's welfare gain grows rapidly in the early years and gradually grows more slowly in later years. The OECD gain growth rate is also comparatively higher in the early years, but becomes negative after 2070.



Fig. 7 Comparison of Welfare Gains under NBS and KS

Source: Calculated by the authors.

When we compare welfare gains for China and OECD using the KS and NB solution concepts, we find that before 2050, China's welfare gains under NBS are more than under KS, and OECD's welfare gain under NBS is less than under KS. But after 2050, gains for both China and OECD change to the opposite relationship (Figure 7). Welfare gain variation trends do not change under different solution concepts.

We next compare both China and OECD welfare gain shares and growth rates under different bargaining solution concepts. These results are reported in Figure 8. Share results are the same as for values, and before 2050 China shares are more under NBS but after 2050 China's share is more under KS. The growth rates of welfare gains change a lot for both China and OECD. They are both larger before 2050 and become less after 2050. For the OECD, its growth rate becomes negative after 2070.

Fig. 8 A Comparison of Welfare Gain Shares and Growth Rate under NBS and KS, 2010-2100



Source: Calculated by the authors.

These sharp differences in results across these different solution concepts are especially interesting since this different numerical behavior of the concepts has not been noted in previous literature and has a seemingly intuitive explanation; a link in our view which affects the relative attractiveness of the two solution concepts. For the KS case, welfare gains reflect bargaining by comparing maximal utility along the utility possibility frontier. As China grows and especially in later years after 2050, there is an asymmetric shift in the utility possibility frontier and its maximal utility will increase much more than the OECD. Under KS, therefore, China will receive most of the welfare gain. Under NBS, the product of each partner's utility gain is maximized. This allocates the total welfare gain by region without paying attention to the asymmetric utility possibility frontier shift. Thus China's welfare gain after 2050 is much less under NB than under the KS solution concept.

These different bargaining results thus give sharply different values showing a major numerical difference in bargaining solution concepts between NBS and KS-solutions. As we indicate above, these sharp differences in numerical behavior have not been noted in existing research literature.

#### 5.3 The Sensitivity of China's Bargaining Gains to Elasticities

We check the sensitivity of China's and OECD's welfare gain values to elasticities in single China-OECD Nash bargaining in this part. These results can help us assess the robustness of our simulation results.

Year \ Elasticity	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8
			China		
2010	48.9	54.4	111.6	143.4	159.1
2020	94.0	123.7	243.3	307.5	337.2
2030	199.0	267.8	518.6	647.2	703.1
2040	429.5	576.9	1098.2	1351.2	1452.7
2050	937.5	1240.8	2313.8	2801.2	2978.1
2060	2100.5	2627.9	4816.5	5739.2	6034.9
2070	4648.0	5602.1	9995.6	11691.8	12147.5
2080	10280.3	11866.5	20534.8	23555.0	24179.2
2090	22121.7	25277.0	41890.0	46980.0	47600.0
2100	45440.0	54490.0	84980.0	92790.0	92660.0
			OECD		
2010	135.4	47.7	160.4	224.7	256.7
2020	182.5	95.6	266.3	364.2	413.5
2030	247.8	168.8	428.6	580.2	658.7
2040	319.2	297.7	692.4	927.4	1052.6
2050	403.0	505.3	1106.3	1472.3	1673.3
2060	495.3	841.1	1760.2	2332.9	2656.2
2070	604.3	1363.2	2775.5	3674.4	4194.2
2080	729.4	2181.3	4368.1	5785.6	6619.7
2090	877.3	3454.3	6869.2	9111.5	10442.9
2100	1075.1	5418.5	10807.1	14369.8	16481.7

Table 7 Sensitivity of Welfare Gains from Bargaining to Elasticities of Substitution

Note: For simplicity, we just change elasticities in the last simulated non-cooperative equilibrium utility and NBS utility stage to check the sensitivity of each bargaining country's welfare gains. We have not recalibrated the model as elasticities change, and have not changed the elasticities in computing non-cooperative equilibria import tariffs and NB solutions.

Source: Calculated by the authors.

We change all of the elasticities in production and consumption for each country

simultaneously from 1.2 to 2.8. Results are presented in Table 7.

It is clear that as elasticities increase, China's welfare gain value will increase and the positive trend has not changed; in the meanwhile, OECD's welfare gain value also increases as elasticities increase except when elasticities are equal to 1.6. Additionally China's welfare gain share has nearly no change in every year under each elasticity value. This suggests that our simulation results are robust and credible.

# 5.4 Welfare Gains When China, India and Brazil Jointly Bargain with the OECD

China and other developing countries' trade partners are mostly developed countries, and they often have trade disputes with developed countries. Thus, if China can join with other large developing countries to jointly bargain with the OECD, it will increase China's bargaining power and yield more welfare gains.

In this part we assume China joins with India and Brazil to jointly bargain with the OECD and then simulate their welfare gains. It is complicated to deal with four way bilateral bargaining, so we compute two-person bargaining solutions to simplify the calculation. We add China, India and Brazil together as one country, and this one bigger country bargains with the OECD. After we get the Nash equilibrium import tariff rates, we separate these countries again to compute each country's welfare gain from the bargaining.

We show the welfare gain results in this case in Table 8. For the welfare gain share, China's share in 2010 is 40.5%, 64.2% in 2050 and 79.2% in 2100; this exceeds the OECD share in 2020. China receives most of the welfare gain, and then comes the

OECD, but after 2080 India's gain is also more than that of the OECD. Trends in welfare gain changes for each country are the same as for the shares. For the annual average growth rate, China's and India's growth rates are both higher than the OECD's in all of the years.

Table 8 weitare Gains From Joint Bargaining by China, India, and Brazii											
Country	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100	
Share											
China	0.405	0.467	0.529	0.589	0.642	0.687	0.726	0.755	0.777	0.792	
OECD	0.445	0.388	0.330	0.275	0.224	0.179	0.140	0.109	0.084	0.065	
India	0.077	0.084	0.090	0.096	0.102	0.107	0.113	0.119	0.125	0.132	
Brazil	0.074	0.061	0.050	0.041	0.033	0.026	0.021	0.017	0.013	0.011	
Value											
China	150.8	319.9	680.0	1446.0	3081.4	6572.0	14076.7	30106.3	64770.0	139250	
OECD	165.8	265.3	424.0	674.6	1074.7	1713.4	2724.8	4364.0	7012.6	11356.8	
India	28.6	57.2	115.7	236.0	488.4	1025.4	2187.9	4736.4	10431.1	23267.2	
Brazil	27.4	42.0	64.7	100.3	157.5	250.5	404.8	663.4	1107.2	1874.0	
Annual Average Growth Rate											
China	/	11.2%	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.4%	11.4%	11.5%	11.5%	
OECD	/	6.0%	6.0%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%	
India	/	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.7%	11.0%	11.3%	11.6%	12.0%	12.3%	
Brazil	/	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	6.7%	6.9%	

Table 8 Welfare Gains From Joint Bargaining by China, India, and Brazil

Source: Calculated by the authors.





Source: Calculated by the authors.

We compare welfare gain values for China and the OECD under single NB with

values under Joint NB in Figure 9. The results show that China will benefit more from joint bargaining in all years, and China's welfare gain will increase about 40% under jointly bargaining. OECD's welfare gain value shows nearly no change. Although the OECD suffers from China's improved bargaining power it can also gain from the import tariff reductions by India and Brazil.



Fig. 10 A Comparison of Welfare Gain Growth Rates under Joint NB and Single NB

Source: Calculated by the authors.

We compare the welfare gain growth rate for China and the OECD under NB in Figure 10. These results reveal that China's gain growth rates under joint bargaining are higher than under single bargaining except in the year 2020. This means that China has benefitted from joint bargaining in terms of gain growth. OECD's gain growth rate in the early years before 2060 is reduced by joint bargaining, but it also benefits from joint bargaining after 2060. The reason may be that as China and India become larger, the OECD can also benefit from their increased economic scale and demand.

#### 5.5 China's Gain Over Time from Bargaining Under PPP

A widely argued idea is that China's foreign exchange rate has been undervalued and that the RMB's real currency purchasing power is higher than its market rate measure. Therefore if we adjust China's economic scale with PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) to simulate bargaining welfare gains, China's gain may increase more. We choose a PPP conversion factor from the World Bank world development indicator database to adjust China's economic size in base case data. From this database, the conversion indicator of US\$/RMB¥ is 4 in 2008, not 6.83 as for the nominal exchange rate. After adjusting China's economic scale for PPP and adjusting the benchmark data set and recalibrating the model, we compute bargaining solutions and welfare gains again and show the results in Table 9.

Country	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100
Share										
China	0.413	0.486	0.560	0.629	0.693	0.748	0.796	0.836	0.867	0.892
OECD	0.587	0.514	0.440	0.371	0.307	0.252	0.204	0.164	0.133	0.108
Value										
China	151.1	331.8	711.1	1511.4	3190.0	6638.4	13740.1	28069.6	56750	113630
OECD	214.4	350.3	558.2	892.4	1414.0	2235.2	3510.6	5515.9	8679.7	13699.2
Annual Average Growth Rate of Gains over the 10 Year Period										
China	/	12.0%	11.4%	11.3%	11.1%	10.8%	10.7%	10.4%	10.2%	10.0%
OECD	/	6.3%	5.9%	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%

Table 9 Welfare Gains from China-OECD Bargaining (NB) Under PPP

Source: Calculated by the authors.

These results suggest that China's welfare gains from bargaining will exceed those of the OECD in 2030; and China's share will reach 69.3% in 2050 and 89.2% in 2100. China's welfare gain values increase separately by about 21 times and 752 times in 2050 and 2100 compared with 2010. For the welfare gain growth rate, China averages 10.8% and the OECD average is about 5.9%.

Figure 11 compares welfare gains both for China and the OECD under PPP with gains under the market foreign exchange calculation. We find that both country

welfare gain values have increased, and China's gain has increased by about 37%. This implies that China's increased scale has benefitted both itself and the OECD in absolute welfare gain from bargaining.



Fig. 11 Comparison of Welfare Gains under Market Exchange Rates and PPP

Denote: MFE means market foreign exchange; PPP means purchase power parity. Source: Calculated by the authors.



Fig. 12 Comparisons of Welfare Gain Shares and Growth Rates under MFE and PPP

Denote: MFE is market foreign exchange rate, PPP is purchase power parity. Source: Calculations by the authors.

Figure 12 presents comparisons of China's and OECD's gain shares and growth

rates under PPP with results using market exchange rates. An apparent trend is the PPP adjustment to China's economic scale which increases China's gain share and decreases the OECD's gain share. OECD's gain growth rates also decline after PPP adjustment, but China's gain growth rates increase before 2060 but decrease after 2060 compared to results without PPP adjustment.

# 6. Concluding Remarks

We use a five country, two goods two factors per country general equilibrium model to numerically compute trade bargaining solutions and calculate China's welfare gains from bargaining over time between 2010 and 2100 under different scenarios. Our findings are as follows.

Firstly, China's welfare gains from bargaining with the OECD increases over time if its GDP keeps its present high growth rate. By 2030 China's gain will exceed that of the OECD. China's share of the global welfare gain from cooperative Nash bargaining in 2010 is 41%, and increases to 54.8% in 2030, 67.7% in 2050 and 88.7% in 2100. China's average annual growth rate of welfare gains from bargaining is about 11%, a little higher than its GDP growth rate. OECD's gain growth rate is about 6%, much higher than its GDP growth rate, which suggests China's high growth will benefit the OECD.

Second, under the KS-solution concept, China's welfare gains from bargaining decrease before 2050 but increase later (after 2050) compared with NBS. The OECD is the contrary case. China's welfare gain share in 2010 under the KS-solution is just 10.6% but reaches 99.1% in 2100. Both countries show a gradually slower annual average growth rate, especially for the OECD, its growth rate after 2060 becomes negative. These results allow us to compare differences in numerical behavior for different solution concepts for NBS and KS-solution, which has not been done in previous literature.

Third, when China joins with India and Brazil to jointly bargain with the OECD,

its welfare gains from bargaining increase by about 40% compared with single bargaining results, and the annual average growth rate of its welfare gain increases to about 11.4%, a little higher than under single country bargaining. In the meanwhile, OECD's welfare gains show almost no reduction compared with single bargaining results. Therefore, it is a useful strategy for China to join with other developing countries to improve its bargaining power.

When we use PPP to adjust China's economic scale, its welfare gains from bargaining increase about 37% compared with the results without a PPP adjustment; and China's annual average growth rate of its welfare gain is about 10.8%, nearly the same as without PPP adjustment. These results suggest that China's welfare gains from bargaining will be larger if we take account of purchasing power parity.

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