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## Abstract

This paper provides a new framework for analyzing how the quality of commercial arbitration regimes affects sourcing patterns by introducing arbitration into a two-country sourcing model. In this model, final good producers in each country source a customized intermediate input domestically or globally. Commercial arbitration may be invoked when opportunistic behavior occurs, such as shirking investment quality and not paying in full for an investment. An arbitrator determines awards by fully verifying investments. Nonetheless, opportunism is not removed due to the national commercial arbitration regimes' imperfect support for enforcement of awards. I show that relative global sourcing rises (falls) with each country's quality of international (domestic) commercial arbitration regimes. Relative global sourcing also decreases with the degree of requiring relationship-specific transactions to produce the intermediate input. These predictions are empirically supported using a new measure I build for the qualities of domestic and international commercial arbitration regimes.

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# 1 Introduction

Arbitration, a private procedure leading to a binding and final resolution, is of growing importance in dispute settlement. The number of requests for arbitration to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), which is one of the main institutions administering arbitration processes, increased from 529 to 801 between 1999 and 2015.

To be clear, building on Antras (2003, 2005), I analyze the effects of international and domestic commercial arbitration regimes' quality on global sourcing patterns in a general-equilibrium framework. Even though arbitration provides for a binding and final resolution, if a resulting arbitral award is not fully and voluntarily paid by a party, then a claimant has to rely on national arbitration regimes to collect the award. In this case, without the national regimes' full support for enforcement of the award, the claimant cannot collect the totality of the award. Thus, national arbitration regimes play a key role in enforcing arbitral awards, which in turn affects a firm's ex-ante opportunistic behavior.

I focus on transactions between an intermediate input supplier (IIS) and a final good producer (FGP). Each FGP in the two countries globally or domestically sources a customized intermediate input. The model permits two opportunistic behaviors, as in Antras and Foley (2015). The IIS might shave the value of the intermediate input and the FGP might not pay in full after the ordered products arrive. When such opportunism occurs, domestic and international commercial arbitration can proceed under the choices of domestic and global sourcing, respectively. Then, how fully arbitration regimes support the enforcement, which is

advantage in industries for which the relationship between the parties tied up within contracts is important (Levchenko, 2007; Nunn, 2007; Costinot, 2009). My paper takes a different step by considering relationship-specificity and the incomplete enforcement of arbitral awards as a setting for examining global sourcing patterns.

This paper also builds on the literature on firm organization and incomplete contracts. This line of research takes a property rights approach, following Coase (1937). That is, if there are high costs in specifying provisions that are contingent on every possible situation, firm integration is emphasized as a way to reduce transaction costs by obtaining rights to control another party's assets (Grossman and Hart, 1986; Hart and Moore, 1990). This property rights approach has received more development from Antras (2003, 2005) and Antras and Helpman (2004), illustrating how incomplete contracts affect a firm's organization mode between vertical integration and outsourcing. This literature tends to assume non-verifiability of investments that leads to non-contractibility. Hence, this non-verifiability assumption does not give room for examining contract enforcement. When partial-verifiability is allowed, verifiable investments are contractible and contract enforcement is assumed to be automatically achieved (Grossman and Helpman, 2005).

Since commercial arbitration hinges on contracts, which I will explain later, this portion is not affected by commercial arbitration regimes. On the contrary, the verifiable portion of the investment is contractible, and hence the opportunism depends on enforcement of an arbitral award, which is ultimately determined by the quality of commercial arbitration regimes. Therefore, the full verifiability assumption ensures that a firm's opportunistic behavior arises solely due to the imperfect arbitration regimes, which simplifies the analysis of the effect of the quality of commercial arbitration regimes on firm behavior.

The enforcement issue matters even in the case where intermediate inputs are sourced from an integrated firm within a multinational firm's boundary. If a country's arbitration regimes do not support enforcing an arbitral award, the financial loss incurred due to opportunism is assumed to become a sunk cost regardless of whether a transaction occurs within a multinational's boundary. The multinational would neither seize nor sell the integrated firm's assets to cover the loss since they belong to the multinational itself. Thus, this assumption allows for concentrating on two modes of sourcing throughout this paper: domestic and global sourcing.

I exclusively discuss commercial arbitration, which is defined as a "private, nongovernmental process, fashioned by contract, which provides for the binding resolution of a dispute through the decision of one or more private individuals selected by the disputants" in Stromberg (2007, p. 1341).<sup>5</sup> According to the footnote in Article (1) of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (henceforth, the Model Law), "[T]he term commercial should be given a wide interpretation so as to cover matters

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The definition of international arbitration can be understood by Article 1 (3) of the Model Law, which distinguishes international arbitration from domestic arbitration based on the place of business and the place of arbitration.<sup>7</sup> Specifically, there are four conditions under which an arbitration is considered international: i) the places of business of the parties are in different states, ii) the place of arbitration is outside of the state in which their businesses are situated, iii) the place where their obligations are mainly performed or the place in which the dispute's subject matter is mainly involved is outside of the state in which their businesses are situated, and iv) the parties explicitly agreed that more than one country is involved in the subject matter of the arbitration agreement.

Foreign arbitral awards, defined as "arbitral awards made in the territory of a State other than the State where the recognition and enforcement of such awards are sought" in Article I of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (henceforth, the New York Convention), must be enforced by a signatory of the New York Convention. However, the awards may not be enforced on the grounds of Article V of this convention that permits national courts to refuse rendered foreign awards, either at the request of a party against whom the awards are made or by the court in the country where the enforcement is sought.

Thus, when the respondent's country lacks regimes that enforce a foreign arbitral award, Article V is used as grounds for nullifying the award that is rendered against a local firm. For example, in the case of *United World Ltd. Inc. v. Krasny Yakor*, the Russian Court of Cassation did not enforce an award rendered by the ICC on the grounds of Russian public policy. That is, the award would cause Red Anchor, a Russian respondent, to be bankrupted, which would in turn harm the Russian economy as a whole. It was therefore against the public interest (Glusker 2010





Under this mechanism in the model, when one country's FGP chooses global sourcing, the other country's FGP chooses domestic sourcing, in equilibrium, with certain conditions.

stantial portion of variation that may generate reverse causality. Specifically, a 1 percent rise in the quality of the source (destination) country's international commercial arbitration regimes contributes to a 15.53{15.68 percent (15.43{15.68 percent) increase in global sourcing relative to the source country's domestic sourcing. In contrast, a 1 percent rise in the quality of the source (destination) country's domestic commercial arbitration regimes leads to a 12.39{12.50 percent (12.58{12.91 percent) fall in relative global sourcing. In addition, a 1 percent rise in the  $rs$  intensity of an input industry leads to a 1.91 percent fall in relative global sourcing.

These results show that the quality of commercial arbitration regimes and  $rs$  intensity are important determinants of global sourcing patterns. They further imply that private resolution mechanisms play a key role in determining sourcing patterns, and that firms avoid choosing risky sourcing modes that are subject to opportunism.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Sections 2 and 3 develop a model in which  $rs$  intensity and the qualities of domestic and international commercial arbitration regimes determine sourcing patterns. Section 4 discusses the general-equilibrium results. Section 5 characterizes the empirical model. Section 6 describes the data employed and how the measures are constructed, and Section 7 discusses empirical results. Section 8 concludes.

## 2 General Setting

Consider two countries,  $i$  and  $j$ , where consumption and production structures are symmetric. Firms produce a continuum of differentiated varieties,  $!$ , of a single good,  $y$ . A representative consumer in country  $j$  maximizes the following utility function:

$$u_j = \left( \sum_{!=0}^{n_i} y_{ij}(!)^{-1} d! + \sum_{!=0}^{n_j} y_{jj}(!)^{-1} d! \right)^{-1}; \quad (1)$$

where  $y_{ij}(!)$  ( $y_{jj}(!)$ ) is the quantity demanded of variety  $!$  in  $j$ , which is produced in  $i$  ( $j$ ),  $n_i$  ( $n_j$ ) is the number of differentiated varieties of the good  $y$  produced in  $i$  ( $j$ ), and  $> 1$  is the elasticity of substitution between any pair of varieties.



can produce low-quality  $R$  and  $N$  components with negligible effort at the same time while producing high-quality  $R$  and  $N$  components.  $x$  can be produced regardless of the qualities of  $R$  and  $N$  using the technology in equation (4). Firms separately measure the value of  $R$  and  $N$  in terms of the value of the final good produced by using each of them. Thus, even if  $x$  is comprised of one low-quality component, the other high-quality component generates some portion of the value that a final good is supposed to have. The technology in equation (4) and the input requirements of  $R$  and  $N$  imply that the marginal cost of  $x$ , which is comprised of both high-quality components, is equal to the wage in  $i$ , meaning that one unit of labor in  $i$  is required to produce one unit of  $x$ . Once  $x$  is sourced from an IIS, the FGP notices the value of each  $R$  and  $N$ . The FGP can produce  $y$  without further cost. However, for the sales of one unit of  $y$ , the FGP should hire one unit of labor.

### **3 Firm Behavior with Commercial Arbitration**

#### **3.1 Commercial Arbitration**

I consider two opportunistic behaviors between the FGP and IIS, as in Antras and Foley (2015). The FGP might not pay in full for the investment of the IIS after the intermediate inputs arrive, and the IIS might produce low-quality components, which lowers the value of the intermediate inputs. They make a contract including the provision that a party may

FGP who initially paid less than  $V$ , this full verifiability assumption ensures the following relationship:

$$\text{Resulting arbitral award} + \text{initial payment by a respondent} = V \quad (5)$$

The (perfect) enforcement of an arbitral award refers to the (full) payment of the resulting arbitral award made by an arbitration tribunal's verdict. Thus, only when the resulting arbitral award is equal to the amount of arbitral award actually paid by the FGP is the award perfectly enforced, and the IIS's financial loss is fully recovered. If the respondent does not voluntarily abide by the resulting arbitral award, which constitutes imperfect enforcement of the award, then the claimant should rely on the national regimes to enforce the award.

To see the enforceability of the award under the imperfect arbitration regimes, I introduce the quality of country  $i$ 's domestic and international commercial arbitration regimes, denoted by  $D_i \in (0; 1)$  and  $A_i \in (0; 1)$ , respectively. Quality refers to how fully commercial arbitration regimes enforce resulting arbitral awards. In the case of domestic commercial arbitration in which  $i$ 's FGP is the respondent, the claimant is able to ultimately receive  $VD_i$  by recovering the loss through the arbitration proceedings. This implies the following:

$$\text{Arbitral award paid by a respondent} + \text{initial payment by a respondent} = VD_i \quad (6)$$

When two parties engage in international commercial arbitration in which  $i$ 's FGP is the respondent, both countries' legal systems are assumed to independently exert the enforcement of an arbitral award. Suppose that  $A_j = 1$ . Even if  $i$ 's FGP initially pays less than  $VA_i$ ,  $j$ 's IIS will be able to finally receive  $VA_i$  from  $i$ 's FGP by relying on  $i$ 's arbitration regimes. However, if  $A_j < 1$ ,  $i$ 's FGP will ultimately pay less than  $VA_i$ . The FGP knows that even if she pays less than  $VA_i$  but more than  $VA_iA_j$ ,  $j$ 's IIS will accept the aggregate payment since country  $j$  does not have a perfect national arbitration regime to enforce the resulting award more than  $VA_iA_j$ . The FGP will

$V A_i A_j$  to the  $j$ 's IIS, which is expressed as follows:

$$\text{Arbitral award paid by a respondent} + \text{initial payment by a respondent} = V A_i A_j: \quad (7)$$

Equations (6) and (7) hold only if initial payment by a respondent is less than  $V D_i$  and  $V A_i A_j$ , respectively. Otherwise, the FGP pays nothing for the arbitral award because she



the IIS. In exchange for that, the IIS makes a lump-sum transfer  $T$  to the FGP.<sup>14</sup> At  $t_1$ , the intermediate input,  $x$



$!$  by an FGP in  $j$ , and  $y_j(!)$  is the total number of final goods that are produced by the FGP in  $j$  and consumed by consumers in both countries, implying that  $y_j(!) = y_{ji}(!) + y_{jj}(!)$ .  $x$  and  $y$  are assumed to be freely traded to focus on how imperfect contract enforcement affects firms' behaviors in the presence of commercial arbitration. Accordingly,  $p_{ji}(!) = p_{jj}(!)$  in equation (2), and henceforth  $p_j(!)$ , the price of the variety of  $w$  charged by an FGP in  $j$ , is used to indicate  $p_{ji}(!)$  and  $p_{jj}(!)$ .

Now, the FGP in  $j$  plans to source  $x(!)$  units of intermediate input to produce  $y_j(!)$  units of the final good. The unit labor requirement of  $R$ ,  $N$ , and  $x$  implies that for the production of  $x(!)$  units of the intermediate input, the number of labor demanded is  $x(!)$ , which should be the sum of the quantity demanded of  $R$  and  $N$ . Under this condition, to produce  $x(!)$  units of the intermediate input using the technology in equation (4), an IIS produces  $x(!)$  units of  $R$  and  $(1 - \alpha)x(!)$  units of  $N$ . The FGP separately pays for the investments of  $R$  and  $N$  to the IIS.

Firms measure the value of the investment of a component based on the value of the final good that will be generated by the component's investment. The Cobb-Douglas function in equation (4) and  $y_j(!) = x(!)$  imply that when producing  $y_j(!)$  units of  $y$ , the production of  $y_j(!)$  units of them is contributed by  $R$ , while the production of  $(1 - \alpha)y_j(!)$  units of them is contributed by  $N$ . Thus, without opportunistic behavior, the values of investment of  $x(!)$  units of  $R$  and  $(1 - \alpha)x(!)$  units of  $N$  are  $p_j(!)y_j(!)$  and  $(1 - \alpha)p_j(!)y_j(!)$ , respectively. Recall that the FGP is supposed to pay exactly the value the IIS invests.

Let us first consider the case where the FGP in  $j$  chooses to source the intermediate input from country  $i$ . The IIS in  $i$  should produce  $x_{ij}(!)$  units of  $R$ . Since the component  $R$  requires an  $rs$  transaction, the parties are locked into their own relationship and unable to transact their business with another firm. Under this condition, if the FGP pays less than  $p_j(!)y_j(!)A_iA_j$ , the IIS will initiate an arbitration. Then, the FGP will have to pay a part of the resulting award, which is the difference between  $p_j(!)y_j(!)A_iA_j$  and the value that was initially paid to the IIS, so that the IIS will ultimately receive  $p_j(!)y_j(!)A_iA_j$

from the FGP. If the FGP pays more than  $p_j(!)y_j(!)A_iA_j$  but less than  $p_j(!)y_j(!)$ , then the IIS will just bear the loss and not initiate an arbitration. Even if the IIS initiates an arbitration, she will collect nothing for the resulting award since the FGP already paid more than  $p_j(!)y_j(!)A_iA_j$ , which is the aggregate amount that the IIS can collect through arbitration proceedings. Nonetheless, this is not an optimal choice for the FGP in that she will lose a higher profit opportunity. Therefore, for the FGP, the optimal payment for the investment of  $x_{ij}(!)$  units of  $R$  is  $p_j(!)y_j(!)A_iA_j$ .

Intuitively, as  $A_i A_j$  rises, parties have more disputes because a party that suffers a financial loss due to another party's opportunistic behavior is more likely to depend on arbitration, while expecting that her financial loss is better recovered through the higher quality of arbitration regimes. Conversely, as  $A_i A_j$  falls, the parties are in less disputes since they know that even if arbitration is initiated to resolve a dispute, they will be less likely to recover their financial loss.

Returning to the sourcing problem of the intermediate input, the IIS should produce  $(1 - \alpha) x_{ij}(t)$  units of  $N$ , as well. Since the component  $N$  does not require  $rs$  transactions, traders are expected to easily search for another partner through a public mechanism, such as reference prices and organized exchanges in Rauch (1999). To focus on the difference in terms of relationship-specificity from the component  $R$ , traders are assumed to find another partner without any search friction and make a transaction with the new partner without discounting the product value. If the FGP pays less than  $(1 - \alpha) p_j(t) y_j(t)$ , the IIS will take the component back from the FGP and sell it to another FGP in the market, rather than relying on arbitration proceedings. This is because the IIS will make a lower revenue of  $(1 - \alpha) p_j(t) y_j(t) A_i A_j$  through an arbitration than the revenue made by transacting the product with a new partner in the market. Thus, for the FGP, the optimal payment for the investment of  $(1 - \alpha) x_{ij}(t)$  units of  $N$  is  $(1 - \alpha) p_j(t) y_j(t)$ .

Again, expecting this payment from the FGP, the IIS chooses the value of  $(1 - \alpha) x_{ij}(t)$  units of  $N$ . If the IIS produces the component that is worth less than  $(1 - \alpha) p_j(t) y_j(t)$ , the FGP will end the transaction with the IIS and buy the component from another firm in the market. The IIS, of course, does not produce a component that is worth more than the payment from the FGP. Therefore, for the IIS, the optimal production value of  $(1 - \alpha) x_{ij}(t)$  units of  $N$  is  $(1 - \alpha) p_j(t) y_j(t)$ .

Next, let us consider the case where the FGP in  $j$  engages in domestic sourcing. Since her trading partner is in the same country,  $j$ , the quality of domestic commercial arbitration regimes affects the firms' behaviors. Using the same techniques, the ex-ante revenue for the IIS from producing  $x_{jj}(!)$  units of  $R$  is  $p_j(!)y_j(!)D_j$ , and the probability of a dispute regarding the  $R$  component is  $D_j$ . The ex-ante revenue from producing  $(1 - \alpha)x_{jj}(!)$  units of  $N$  is  $(1 - \alpha)p_j(!)y_j(!)$ , and the probability of a dispute regarding the  $N$  component is zero.

To summarize these firms' behaviors, arbitration acts as an outside option for a party that

profit maximization for the IIS in  $i$  yields the following optimal price:

$$p_j^G(i) = \frac{w_i + w_j}{1 - \frac{1}{A_i A_j}} \quad (8)$$

where the superscript  $G$  denotes the optimal price level of the final good when the FGP uses global sourcing. Note that the quantity demanded in  $i$  and  $j$  are consistently denoted by  $y_{ji}^G(i)$  and  $y_{jj}^G(i)$ , respectively, and then  $y_j^G(i) = y_{ji}^G(i) + y_{jj}^G(i)$ .

Compared to the well-known optimal price level under perfect contract enforcement, which is  $(w_i + w_j) \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{A_i A_j}}$ , the price is inflated by  $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{A_i A_j}}$  due to the opportunistic behaviors between the FGP and IIS. However, the opportunism is mitigated by the effective international commercial arbitration regime of country  $i$  and  $j$ :  $\frac{\partial p_j^G(i)}{\partial A_i} < 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial p_j^G(i)}{\partial A_j} < 0$ . Additionally,  $\frac{\partial^2 p_j^G(i)}{\partial A_i^2} < 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 p_j^G(i)}{\partial A_j^2} < 0$ , implying that the beneficial effect of the arbitration-friendly legal system on the price increases with  $r$ 's intensity.

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on this price for the FGP are equal to

$$j_j(!) = (w_i + w_j) \left( \frac{1}{1 - D_j} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{2w_j}} [1 - (1 - D_j)] : \quad (11)$$

Concerning the choice between the global and domestic sourcing, a mixed equilibrium where both global and domestic sourcing arise in  $j$  exists only if  $i_j(!) = j_j(!)$ , implying that  $\frac{2w_j}{w_i + w_j} \left( \frac{1}{1 - D_j} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{2w_j}} = \frac{1}{1 - (1 - D_j) A_i A_j}$ : Since this condition is generally not met, I focus on two pervasive cases: the FGP in a country chooses either global or domestic sourcing.

Let us consider the case where the FGP in  $j$  chooses to globally source the intermediate input from the IIS in  $i$ . This happens if  $i_j(!) > j_j(!)$ , implying that

$$\frac{2w_j}{w_i + w_j} \left( \frac{1}{1 - D_j} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{2w_j}} > \frac{1}{1 - (1 - D_j) A_i A_j} : \quad (12)$$

The left-hand side of this inequality (12) shows the benefit of choosing global sourcing, while the right-hand side shows the opportunity cost under this choice. Specifically, a high wage gap is a benefit as the FGP chooses global sourcing. However, this sourcing occurs at the expense of giving up a higher quality of domestic commercial arbitration regime, which mitigates the parties' opportunism, compared to the foreign commercial arbitration regime. Therefore, global sourcing is preferred to domestic sourcing only when the benefit from the choice outweighs the opportunity cost.<sup>15</sup>

Let  $\theta = \frac{2w_j}{w_i + w_j} \left( \frac{1}{1 - D_j} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{2w_j}} - \frac{1}{1 - (1 - D_j) A_i A_j}$ : Then, the FGP in  $j$  chooses global sourcing when  $\theta > 0$ , and the higher  $\theta$ , the more attractive global sourcing is over domestic sourcing. Since  $\frac{2w_j}{w_i + w_j} = \frac{2w_j = w_i}{1 + w_j = w_i}$  strictly increases in  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , the attractiveness of the global sourcing increases as  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  rises.

Additionally,  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial D_j} < 0$  with the assumption that  $D_j < A_i$ . This implies that the FGP will

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<sup>15</sup>The condition under which global sourcing is chosen over domestic sourcing by  $j$ 's FGP,  $i_j(!) > j_j(!)$ , also implies the following inequality:  $A_i A_j > \frac{(1 + D_j) \frac{w_i + w_j}{2w_j} \left( \frac{1}{1 - D_j} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{2w_j}}}{1} + 1$ . Since  $\frac{w_i + w_j}{2w_j}$  strictly increases in  $\frac{w_i}{w_j}$ , the right-hand side captures the wage benefit of domestic sourcing, while considering the mitigation of opportunism through  $D_j$ . Thus, only when  $A_i A_j$  is greater than the benefit of domestic sourcing, under the assumption of  $D_j < A_i$ ,  $j$ 's FGP chooses global sourcing. To put it differently, for the FGP to choose global sourcing, the wage ratio,  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , should be great enough to cover a lower mitigation of opportunism by  $A_i A_j (< D_j)$  in global sourcing than in domestic sourcing, which is implied by equation (12).

outsource less intermediate input for which  $rs$  transactions are required to a higher degree because the component share that is vulnerable to the parties' opportunistic behaviors rises more in global sourcing due to the lower quality of arbitration regimes than in domestic sourcing.

Regarding the quality of the international commercial arbitration regime,  $\frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial A_j} > 0$ . A higher  $A_i$  or  $A_j$  attracts more global sourcing. Additionally,  $\frac{\partial^2 (\cdot)}{\partial A_i \partial \theta} > 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 (\cdot)}{\partial A_j \partial \theta} > 0$ .<sup>16</sup> That is, the positive effect of international arbitration regimes of each country on the attractiveness of global sourcing rises with  $\theta$ . This is because as the greater part of producing the intermediate input is vulnerable to opportunism, the effect of a rise in  $A_i$  or  $A_j$  on the mitigation of the risk becomes higher. It is straightforward to show that the effect of  $D_j$  on  $(\cdot)$  is the opposite:  $\frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial D_j} < 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 (\cdot)}{\partial D_j \partial \theta} < 0$ . That is, a higher quality of domestic arbitration regime decreases the attractiveness of the global sourcing, and this impact increases with  $\theta$ .

Turning to the choice of the FGP in  $i$ , it chooses domestic sourcing when the FGP in  $j$  chooses global sourcing based on the following Proposition 1.

**Proposition 1.** *When the FGP in one country chooses global sourcing, the FGP in the other country chooses domestic sourcing.*

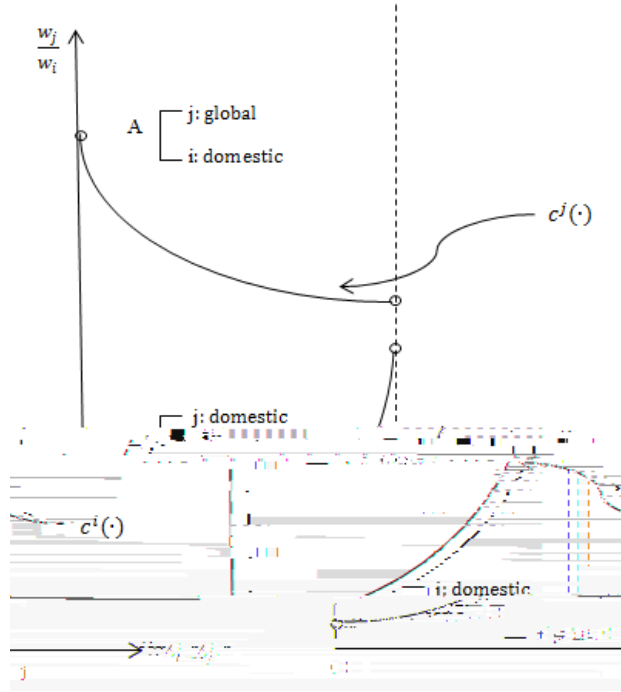
*Proof.* The first piece of this proof comes from the fact that  $\frac{2w_i}{w_i+w_j} < \frac{w_i+w_j}{2w_j}$ . This is easily shown by replacing  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  with  $x (> 0)$ ;  $\frac{w_i+w_j}{2w_j} - \frac{2w_i}{w_i+w_j} = \frac{1+x}{2x} - \frac{2}{1+x} = \frac{(x-1)^2}{2x(x+1)} > 0$ . Next, inequality (12) implies that  $\frac{w_i+w_j}{2w_j} > \frac{1}{1} \frac{(1-A_iA_j)}{(1-D_j)}$ . Under the assumption that  $D_i > A_i$  and  $A_j \geq (0;1)$ ,  $A_iA_j < D_i$ , which implies that  $\frac{1}{1} \frac{(1-A_iA_j)}{(1-D_j)} < \frac{1}{1} \frac{(1-D_i)}{(1-D_j)}$ : Addition-

<sup>16</sup>The proof of these positive joint effects are as follows.  $\frac{\partial^2 (\cdot)}{\partial A_i \partial \theta} = A_j(1 + A_iA_j)[(1 - 2 + 2D_j)(1 + A_iA_j) + 2(1 + D_j)(1 - A_iA_j)] = (1 + A_iA_j)^4$ : Let the part within the bracket in the numerator be  $B$ . Then, since  $(1 + D_j) > (1 + A_iA_j)$  with the assumption that  $D_j > A_j$  and  $A_i \geq (0;1)$ ,  $B > (1 - 2 + 2D_j)(1 + A_iA_j) + 2(1 + A_iA_j)(1 - A_iA_j)$ . Then, the right-hand side can be written as  $(1 + A_iA_j)[1 + 2(D_j - A_iA_j)]$ , which is greater than 0. Thus,  $B$  is positive, and hence  $\frac{\partial^2 (\cdot)}{\partial A_i \partial \theta}$  is positive. With the same method,  $\frac{\partial^2 (\cdot)}{\partial A_j \partial \theta}$  is positive as well.

ally, under the assumption that  $D_j > A_j$  and  $A_i \in (0;1)$ ,  $A_i A_j < D_j$ , which implies that  $\frac{1}{1 - (1 - D_j)} < \frac{1}{1 - (1 - A_i A_j)}$ . Taken together, it is straightforward to draw the following inequality under which the FGP in  $i$  chooses the domestic sourcing:  $\frac{2w_i}{w_i + w_j} > 1 - \frac{1}{A_i}$



Figure 1: Choice of Sourcing Mode



following discussion remain the same with  $A_j$ .

Turning to the perspective of the FGP in  $i$ , its cut-off curve is shown as follows:  $\frac{w_j}{w_i} = c^i(\cdot) = 2 \frac{1 + A_i A_j}{1 + D_i}^{-1} - 1$ . Let us only consider  $h^i(\cdot) = (1 + A_i A_j)^{-1}$ , which determines the shape of  $c^i(\cdot)$  over  $A_j$ . Since  $\frac{\partial h^i(\cdot)}{\partial A_j} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 h^i(\cdot)}{\partial A_j^2} > 0$ ,  $c^i(\cdot)$  is upward-sloping and convex on  $A_j$ , as shown in Figure 1. This increasing pattern (i.e., decreasing  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ ) of the cut-off curve over  $A_j$  implies that the decreasing cost of international arbitration with  $A_j$  makes  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , which generates the indifferent choice between the two sourcing modes, fall. Then, the FGP finds it profitable to choose global sourcing only when the combination of  $A_j$  and  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  is below the cut-off curve, as presented in region B in Figure 1.

Next, consider the case where the FGP in  $j$  chooses domestic sourcing. In this case, the FGP in  $i$  chooses domestic sourcing only if  $\frac{w_j}{w_i} > 2 \frac{1 + A_i A_j}{1 + D_i}^{-1} - 1$ . Conversely, in the case where the FGP in  $i$  chooses domestic sourcing, the FGP in  $j$  chooses domestic sourcing only if  $\frac{w_j}{w_i} < 2 \frac{1 + A_i A_j}{1 + D_j}^{-1} - 1$ . The region that meets these two conditions is represented by region C in the same Figure, where all FGPs in  $i$  and  $j$  choose domestic

sourcing.

Note that, when  $A_j$  or  $A_i$  is 1,  $c^j(\cdot)$  should be greater than or equal to  $c^i(\cdot)$ . Otherwise, the two cut-off curves intersect, creating a region in which the choices made by the FGPs in  $i$  and  $j$  contradict each other. Note, also, that if  $\frac{1}{1 + \frac{A_i A_j}{D_j}} - 1$  is less than or equal to 0, the FGP of  $j$  chooses global sourcing since  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  on  $j$ 's FGP's cut-off curve is always less than  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , which is greater than 0. Conversely, if  $\frac{1}{1 + \frac{A_i A_j}{D_i}} - 1$  is less than or equal to 0,  $i$ 's FGP chooses domestic sourcing since  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  on  $i$ 's FGP's cut-off curve is less than  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , which is greater than 0. For simplicity, I only consider the cases in which a cut-off curve does not intersect the horizontal axis. This requires that the minimum value of  $c^j(\cdot)$  with  $A_j$  or  $A_i$  of 0 should be greater than or equal to 0, implying that  $\frac{1}{1 + D_i} - 1 \geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

These two cut-off conditions for the choice of sourcing mode for  $j$  and  $i$  show that the

By income balance condition,  $E_j = w_j L_j$ , and  $E_i = w_i L_i$ , where  $L_j$  and  $L_i$  are the labor endowment of country  $j$  and  $i$ , respectively.

Let us consider  $i$ 's labor market. In  $i$ , some IISs produce the intermediate input for  $i$ 's FGP, and the rest of IISs produce it for  $j$ 's FGP. Thus, in  $i$ , the number of IISs, each of which produces  $x_{ij}(!)$  units of  $x$ , is equal to the number of FGPs in  $j$ ,  $n_j$ , and the number of IISs, each of which produces  $x_{ii}(!)$  units of  $x$ , equals the number of FGPs in  $i$ ,  $n_i$ . Additionally, for the sales of the final good,  $y_i^D(!)$ , both variable and fixed costs are incurred by the  $n_i$  FGPs. The fixed cost includes innovation cost such as the number of researchers and designers developing the product. Then, the labor market clearing condition in  $i$  imposes that  $x_{ij}(!)n_j + x_{ii}(!)n_i + y_i^D(!)n_i + f_i n_i = L_i$ . Since  $x_{ij}(!) = y_j^G(!) = y_{ji}^G(!) + y_{jj}^G(!)$ , and  $x_{ii}(!) = y_i^D(!) = y_{ij}^D(!) + y_{ii}^D(!)$ , the labor market clearing condition can be written as follows:

$$(i + j) \frac{1}{(w_i + w_j) (A_i A_j + 1)} n_j + 2(2w_i) (D_i + 1) n_i + f_i n_i = L_i: \quad (14)$$

On the contrary, in  $j$ , no IIS is demanded since  $n_j$  FGPs source  $x$  from  $i$ . Considering the variable and fixed cost for the sales of the final good,  $y_j^G(!)$ , the labor market clearing condition in  $j$  dictates that  $y_j^G(!)n_j + f_j n_j = L_j$ . Using  $y_j^G(!) = y_{ji}^G(!) + y_{jj}^G(!)$ , this condition can be expressed as follows:

$$(i + j) \frac{1}{(w_i + w_j) (A_i A_j + 1)} n_j + f_j n_j = L_j: \quad (15)$$

The zero profit condition leading to the free entry of firms requires the operating profits for the FGP to be equal to the fixed costs. Thus,  $\pi_{ij}(!) = w_j f_j$ , and  $\pi_{ii}(!) = w_i f_i$ , implying

$$(i + j) (1)^{-1} (w_i + w_j)^{-1} [1 - (1 - A_i A_j)] = w_j f_j; \quad (16)$$

$$(i + j) (1)^{-1} (2w_i)^{-1} [1 - (1 - D_i)] = w_i f_i: \quad (17)$$

Then, these two zero profit conditions yield the implicit function of the equilibrium wage

ratio:

$$\frac{w_j}{w_i} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{w_j}{w_i} \right)^{-1} = \frac{A_i A_j + 1}{D_i + 1} \frac{f_i}{f_j}. \quad (18)$$

Meanwhile,  $j$ 's zero profit condition in equation (16) and labor market clearing condition in  $j$  in equation (15) pin down  $n_j$  as follows:

$$n_j = \frac{L_j}{f_j} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\frac{w_i}{w_j} + 1} \right)^{\#}. \quad (19)$$

In addition,  $i$ 's zero profit condition in (17), the labor market clearing conditions in  $i$  and  $j$  in equations (14) and (15), and  $n_j$  in equation (19) pin down  $n_i$  as follows:

$$n_i = \frac{L_i}{f_i} \left( \frac{L_j \left( \frac{w_i}{w_j} + 1 \right)^{\# - 1}}{\frac{w_i}{w_j} + 1} + 1 \right)^{\#}. \quad (20)$$

Thus, once  $\frac{w_i}{w_j}$  is implicitly determined by the parameters in equation (18),  $n_j$  and

*In addition,  $i$*

$y_j^G(!)n_j = x_{ij}(!)n_j$ ,  $n_i$  should decrease with the fixed  $L_i$ .

#### 4.1.1 Wage Ratio and Commercial Arbitration Regimes

The effects of  $A_i$ ,  $A_j$ , and  $D_i$  on the wage ratio are analyzed in the implicit function of  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , expressed in equation (18). Since the left-hand side (LHS) in the equation is strictly increasing in  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , the effects are examined by looking at how the right-hand side (RHS) responds to changes in those parameters. Let the RHS be a function of  $q(\cdot)$ . Then, it is straightforward to show that  $\frac{\partial q(\cdot)}{\partial A_i}$  and  $\frac{\partial q(\cdot)}{\partial A_j}$  are greater than 0, while the signs for  $\frac{\partial^2 q(\cdot)}{\partial A_i^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 q(\cdot)}{\partial A_j^2}$  are ambiguous. Similarly,  $\frac{\partial q(\cdot)}{\partial D_i}$  is less than 0, while the sign for  $\frac{\partial^2 q(\cdot)}{\partial D_i^2}$  is ambiguous. It is also straightforward to show that  $\frac{\partial q(\cdot)}{\partial D_i} < 0$  by using the assumption that  $D_i < A_i$ . These results imply the following Proposition:

**Proposition 2.** *When the FGP in  $j$  chooses global sourcing, and the FGP in  $i$  chooses domestic sourcing, the wage ratio,  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , increases with each country's quality of international commercial arbitration regimes. The wage ratio additionally decreases with the source country's quality of domestic commercial arbitration regimes and the intensity of the intermediate input. That is,  $\frac{\partial \frac{w_j}{w_i}}{\partial A_i} > 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial \frac{w_j}{w_i}}{\partial A_j} > 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial \frac{w_j}{w_i}}{\partial D_i} < 0$ .*

by the FGPs in both countries are not flipped as  $A_i$  or  $A_j$  rises through general equilibrium effects in region A in Figure 1. Similarly, the choices of the sourcing modes by the FGPs are not flipped in region B since  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  falls with  $A_i$  or  $A_j$ . Note that in region C, the wage ratio does not depend on  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  since global sourcing is not chosen. Thus, in this region, only partial equilibrium effects occur as  $A_i$  or  $A_j$  approaches the cutoffs  $c^j(\cdot)$  and  $c^i(\cdot)$  given the fixed level of  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ . That is, as  $A_i$  or  $A_j$  increases, the choice of sourcing mode by  $j$ 's FGP is more likely to be changed from domestic sourcing in region C to global sourcing in region A. Additionally, the choice of sourcing mode by  $i$ 's FGP is more likely to be flipped from domestic sourcing in region C to global sourcing in region B, while  $j$ 's FGP constantly chooses domestic sourcing.

Lastly,  $\frac{\partial \frac{w_j}{w_i}}{\partial \theta}$  is consistently negative, which implies that as the risk of opportunism increases with  $\theta$ , the revenue of  $j$ 's FGP falls relative to  $i$ 's FGP. Even though the revenues for both countries' FGPs fall, the higher quality of domestic arbitration regimes relative to international arbitration regimes mitigates opportunism in domestic sourcing more than global sourcing. This leads to the asymmetric impact on the revenues of FGPs in  $i$  and  $j$ .

#### 4.1.2 Trade Flows, Welfare, and Commercial Arbitration Regimes

Let  $M_{ij}$  be the total trade flows of  $x$  from  $i$  to  $j$ . This is also interpreted as the total sales of  $x$ , produced by country  $i$ 's IISs, in  $j$ .  $M_{ij}$  is calculated by the revenue for the IIS in  $i$  multiplied by  $n_j$ :  $(A_i A_j + 1) p_j^G(l) y_{ji}^G(l) + ms02Td [(y) ]TJ/F51 7 Tf 7.718 0 Ta$

Thus, this relative global sourcing increases with  $L_j$  while decreasing with  $L_i$ .

The responses of  $\frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}}$  to the changes in the main variables are consistent with the responses of  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$  to the corresponding changes since relative global sourcing is a strictly increasing function of the wage ratio. Accordingly,  $\frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}}$  rises with  $A_i, A_j$ , while it falls with  $D_i$  and  $f_j$ . The sign for  $\frac{\partial^2 \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}}}{\partial A_i^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}}}{\partial A_j^2}$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}}}{\partial D_i^2}$  are ambiguous. Additionally,  $\frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ii}}$  rises with  $f_i$ , while it falls with  $f_j$ .

Next, let  $Y_{ij}$  be the total trade flows for the final good from  $i$  to  $j$ . This is also interpreted as the total sales of the final good, produced by country  $i$ 's FGPs, in  $j$ .  $Y_{ij}$  is calculated by  $n_i y_{ij}^D(!) p_i^D(!)$ . Similarly,  $Y_{ji}$ , the total sales of  $y$  in  $j$ , is calculated by  $n_j y_{ji}^G(!) p_j^G(!)$ . Then,  $Y_j$ , the value of the final goods that the consumers in  $j$  enjoy, is the sum of  $Y_{ij}$  and  $Y_{jj}$ , i.e.,  $Y_j = Y_{ij} + Y_{jj}$ . In the same way,  $Y_i = Y_{ji} + Y_{ii}$ , where  $Y_{ji} = n_j y_{ji}^G(!) p_j^G(!)$  and  $Y_{ii} = n_i y_{ii}^D(!) p_i^D(!)$ . Then, the international sales of

**Proposition 3.** *When the FGP in  $j$  chooses global sourcing, and the FGP in  $i$  chooses domestic sourcing,  $\frac{\partial \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ji}}}{\partial A_i} > 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \frac{Y_{ij}}{Y_{ji}}}{\partial A_i} > 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \frac{Y_j}{Y_i}}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial \frac{U_j}{U_i}}{\partial A_i} > 0$ . The direction of each response stays the same according to a rise in  $A_j$ , while it is the opposite according to a rise in  $D_i$  or  $\dots$ .*

## 4.2 Summary of the Main Theoretical Results

To summarize the main theoretical results of commercial arbitration regimes and the impact of  $rs$  intensity on relative global sourcing patterns, I show Table 1, which lists the directions of these impacts, while accounting for a firm's entry decision.

I consider both partial and general equilibrium effects. In partial equilibrium, I assume that the wage ratio is exogenous to the firm. Firms choose global sourcing over domestic sourcing in this scenario. The directions of these effects are determined by  $\phi(\cdot)$  function, which measures the attractiveness of global sourcing relative to domestic sourcing. This function is from the condition under which global sourcing is chosen over domestic sourcing by  $j$ 's FGP, expressed as inequality (12). In general equilibrium, I allow firms to respond to the wage ratio when the quality of arbitration regimes changes. The directions of these effects are based on equations (18) and (21), the equations for the wage ratio and relative global sourcing, respectively.

Concerning an increase in  $A_i$  or  $A_j$ , the general equilibrium effects do not flip the sourcing modes of the firms, as discussed in Section 4.1.1. Only the partial equilibrium effects change



Table 1: The directions of the main variables' effects on  $M_{ij}=M_{ji}$

Two situations determining $M_{ij}=M_{ji}$ )	1. j's FGP's entry into global sourcing	2. $M_{ij}=M_{ji}$ upon j's FGP's entry into global sourcing
Partial or general equil. )	Partial equilibrium effects	General equilibrium effects
Related eq. or ineq. )	(:) from ineq. (12)	Eqs. (18) and (21)
$A_i$	+	+
$A_j$	+	+
$D_j$		n/a
$D_i$	n/a	
$A_i$	+	ambiguous
$A_j$	+	ambiguous
$D_j$		n/a
$D_i$	n/a	ambiguous

Notes: The effect of a variable that does not exist in a related equation is reported as n/a. For example,  $D_j$  is not in the equation for  $M_{ij}=M_{ji}$ . This is because this equation characterizes relative global sourcing after  $j$ 's FGP chooses global sourcing and  $i$ 's FGP chooses domestic sourcing.

equilibrium effects reinforces the predictions regarding  $D_i$  and  $D_j$  in this table. Therefore,

$A_i$ ,  $A_j$ , and  $D_j$  are ambiguous through general equilibrium effects.

## 5 Empirical Specification

In this section, and the following sections, I focus on empirically examining the effects of the quality of arbitration regimes and  $rs$  intensity on relative global sourcing patterns,  $\frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ji}}$ . Since global sourcing patterns, described in equation (21), are determined upon  $j$ 's FGP's entry into global sourcing, the entry decision, as shown in Table 1, is also considered for the empirical analysis.

The estimation equation is as follows:

$$\ln \frac{M_{ij}}{M_{ji}} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_2 \ln A_i + \alpha_3 \ln A_j + \alpha_4 D_j$$

perfect multicollinearity between  $z$  and  $z$ . The country pair fixed effect  $\gamma_{ij}$  captures the average difference in trade flows between country pairs regardless of who exports or imports a good. In a country pair in  $\gamma_{ij}$ , which country is an exporter or importer does not matter. For example, a pair of countries (Korea, US) are treated as the same regardless of whether Korea is an exporter or importer. Thus, the number of omitted country pairs in the estimation is the number of country-level variables divided by 2.

The set of control variables, such as real GDP and whether a country is landlocked, is given by *controls*. To control for a possibility that the coefficients on  $A_i$  and  $D_i$  seize the effects of the quality of other types of institutions, I add formal and informal institutions as a control variable. The former is defined as political constraints on government behavior, and the latter is defined as private constraints on individual behavior following Williamson (2009). In some estimations, the variable of formal institutions is alternately used by the 'rule of law' index in Kaufman et al. (2010), measuring agents' perception about contract enforcement and property rights. Human capital is also considered as a control variable since the coefficients on  $A_i$  and  $D_i$  could capture the impact of human capital abundance that is a potential determinant for constructing arbitration regimes. Finally, financial development is included as a control variable since financial development can be achieved based on high-quality legal institutions in which arbitration regimes exist. Additionally, IISs in the financially developed countries could export intermediate inputs more by overcoming high fixed costs, and FGPs in the financially developed countries could take better advantage of cheaper inputs from a foreign country by financing the payment more easily.

## 6 Data and Measures for the Main Variables

In this section, I describe data sources and the measures for the main variables in the empirical analysis. Concerning other variables that are not explained in this section, see Appendix D.

## 6.1 Sourcing Patterns

Data on trade flows of intermediate inputs are from the 2010 World Input-Output Database (WIOD) constructed by Timmer et al. (2015). I use the trade flows that occur when goods are used as intermediates for an industry, not when goods are used as final goods. The values of the trade flows are expressed in millions of US dollars. The dataset covers all such flows across 40 countries in 35 industries, including the service sector.<sup>18</sup> Even though the number of countries is limited, the quality of this dataset is considered high. It was constructed using official data from statistical institutions, while following the accounting concepts of the International System of National Accounts.

## 6.2 The Quality of Commercial Arbitration Regimes

To construct the measure of the quality of arbitration regimes, I employ the World Bank Group's Arbitrating and Mediating Disputes (AMD) database that exclusively covers commercial arbitration.<sup>19</sup> The dataset, which was collected in 2009, is based on a survey of legal experts, such as lawyers and law professors in each of the 87 economies.

In accordance with the definition of the quality of arbitration regimes that is made in the theory section, I focus on the enforceability of arbitral awards. As the regimes support a higher enforcement of arbitral awards, the quality of the regimes is considered higher. To capture this quality, three aspects of enforcement regime are considered: enforcement frame, the enforcement regime itself, and the efficiency of enforcement. Specifically, the enforcement frame refers to the basic legal framework that is a prerequisite for the enforcement of arbitral awards. Twelve questions, including whether or not a country enacted a specific statute on commercial arbitration, are chosen to measure the quality of the frame. The enforcement regime measures how directly the enforcement of arbitral awards can occur. Seven ques-

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<sup>18</sup>According to Timmer et al. (2015), the 40 countries' GDP accounted for over 85 percent of the world GDP in 2008. Thus, I consider the 40 countries as a world economy.

<sup>19</sup>See Pouget (2013, pp. 5-6).



that stipulates the conditions under which an arbitration is considered as international. According to the article, if the state that a place of business belongs to is different from the state where the arbitration is situated, then arbitration is international. Meanwhile, according to Article I of the New York Convention, foreign awards are arbitral awards made in the territory of a state other than the one where the recognition and enforcement of such awards are sought. A place where the enforcement of arbitral awards is sought is more likely to be a place of business. Taken together, I consider a foreign arbitral award in the questionnaire as an award that is made in an international arbitration.

A domestic arbitral award can be made in international arbitration since the distinction between foreign and domestic arbitral awards is based on the places where awards are made and sought. Imagine an arbitration case between a local company and a foreign-owned multinational in a local territory. If an arbitral award is made within the local territory, it is considered as a domestic arbitral award. However, the arbitration is considered international. According to Article 1 (3) of the Model law, if the parties have expressly agreed that the subject matter of the arbitration agreement relates to more than one country, the arbitration is international. In fact, according to the survey answers, many countries, including China, Indonesia, the UK, and Vietnam, legally or practically distinguish international arbitration from domestic arbitration based on the parties' nationality, place of permanent residence, or the place of the head office of the parties. Therefore, a domestic arbitral award in the questionnaire is considered as an award that can be made in both international and domestic arbitrations.

To calculate the country-specific aggregate index for each domestic and international arbitration regimes' quality, for each category, I first average the scores for questions indicated by DA and IA, respectively. In the case of questions indicated by DA/IA, the corresponding scores account for the qualities of both domestic and international arbitration. Then, the three country-specific averages for each *D* and *A* are averaged again over the categories. Thus, equal weighting is applied for the three categories of enforcement frame, enforcement

Table 2: The index for the quality of commercial arbitration regimes

Country	D	A	Average	Country	D	A	Average
China	0.833	0.843	0.838	Ireland	0.667	0.707	0.687
Romania	0.835	0.753	0.794	Poland	0.678	0.643	0.660
UK	0.778	0.771	0.775	India	0.666	0.648	0.657
Canada	0.789	0.753	0.771	Greece	0.641	0.672	0.657
Mexico	0.761	0.765	0.763	Slovakia	0.639	0.649	0.644
South Korea	0.761	0.721	0.741	Bulgaria	0.640	0.647	0.644
Spain	0.724	0.721	0.722	Japan	0.613	0.649	0.631
Austria	0.733	0.711	0.722	Turkey	0.631	0.575	0.603
Czech Republic	0.735	0.708	0.721	Indonesia	0.613	0.592	0.602
USA	0.733	0.694	0.713	Russia	0.529	0.516	0.523
Brazil	0.724	0.697	0.710				
France	0.733	0.680	0.707	Average	0.639	0.624	0.632

*Notes:* *D* and *A* in the heading denote the quality of domestic and international arbitration regimes, respectively.

regime itself, and the efficiency of enforcement.<sup>22</sup>

Of the 87 countries in the AMD database, 22 countries are in the WIOD, which will be used for the empirical analysis to illustrate the effects of an industry's *rs* intensity and the quality of commercial arbitration regimes on global sourcing patterns. The indices for the 22 countries are listed in Table 2 in the order of the average of *D* and *A*. With these 22 countries, the correlation between the measures of *D* and *A* is 0.92.<sup>23</sup> Note that *D* and *A* are not comparable in that questions surveyed are not symmetric for domestic and international arbitration. Some questions are only for international arbitration, and there are no corresponding questions for domestic arbitration.

countries in the database, the correlation between the averages of  $D$  and  $A$  and the averages of the scores over the AMD three categories is 0.72.

### 6.3 Relationship-Specific Intensity

Table 3: A hypothetical example of  $rs$  intensity

Input	SITC	1 if input is R, o.w., 0 (A)	Source country	The Chilean firm Input share (B)	(A) (B)	The French firm Input share (C)	(A) (C)
Fresh grapes	0579	0	Chile	0.4	0	0.05	0
			France	0.1	0	0.35	0
Sugar	0619	1	Chile	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
			France	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Jar	6651	1	Korea	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Pectin	0730	1	Chile	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metal lid	6996	0	Korea	0.1	0	0.1	0
Sum				(D) )	0.4	(E) )	0.5
Output share				(F) )	0.6	(G) )	0.4
<b><math>rs</math> intensity</b>				(D) (F)+(E)	(G) )		<b>0.44</b>

To illustrate the calculation of  $\lambda^z$ , consider a Chilean firm producing a jam gift collection. Now, the firm needs to source a jar of grape jam to complete its jam collection. As Table 3 shows, the firm can source it either from a domestic fruit jam firm or a French jam firm. No matter who produces the jar of grape jam, for the production of one unit of it, a firm is assumed to need Chilean and French fresh grapes and sugar, a Korean glass jar, Chilean pectin, and a Korean metal lid. Following Nunn (2007), who uses the classification of commodities by Rauch (1999), the sugar (SITC 0619), jar (SITC 6651), and pectin (SITC 0730) are classified as  $R$  input requiring an  $rs$



Even though the two firms use the same inputs, the French jam firm more intensively uses a jar and less intensively uses fresh grapes than the Chilean firm. Then, the sum of the values in column (A) weighted by the input shares in column (B) and column (C) for the Chilean and French firm are 0.4 and 0.5, respectively. Now, assume that only Chile and France produce a jar of grape jam, and their output shares are 0.6 and 0.4, respectively. Then, the *rs* intensity of a jar of grape jam is summarized as 0.44, which is the sum of 0.4 and 0.5 weighted by the country's output shares, which are 0.6 and 0.4.

To employ this idea of a product-country level to measure industry level *rs* intensity, let  $z^j$  be an output industry. Since an *rs* intensity for an industry is the same regardless of whether the industry is an input industry or an output industry, *rs* intensity for an input industry  $z$  whose industry classification is the same as  $z^j$  is

$$z = z^j = \prod_i \prod_p \prod_s z_i^j \frac{\rho_{si}^{z^j}}{r_{pi}} \quad (23)$$

where  $\frac{\rho_{si}^{z^j}}$  is the share of input industry  $p$ , sourced from country  $s$ , within an output industry  $z^j$  of country  $i$ . The subscript  $s$  can be the same as  $i$ .  $\frac{\rho_{si}^{z^j}}$  is calculated by the value of  $p$ , sourced from  $s$ , in  $z^j$  divided by the total value of all inputs in  $z^j$  of country  $i$ , using the WIOD in 2010. As a robustness check, I use the 2005 WIOD, which is presented in Section 7.2.  $z_i^j$  is country  $i$ 's output share in industry  $z^j$ .  $r_p$  is the degree of relation-specificity for the transaction of input  $p$ . Based on the classification of Rauch (1999), if an input is neither traded on organized exchanges nor reference priced, then the input is defined as an input that requires an *rs* transaction.<sup>26</sup> Rauch's data, which I obtained from his homepage, were revised in 2007.

To construct  $z^j$ , Rauch's data need to be merged with the WIOD. Rauch's commodity codes are organized by the 4-digit Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision (2's), while the WIOD is listed in the 1-2-digit International Standard Industrial Clas-

sification (ISIC) revision 3. To link the two datasets, I use the concordance between SITC revision 2 and SITC revision 3 and the concordance between SITC revision 3 and ISIC revision 3. The former is given by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and the latter is from Eurostat.

To build a concordance between the 4-digit SITC revision 2 and 1-2-digit ISIC revision 3, I first truncate the 5-digit SITC codes to the 4-digit in the UNSD's concordance. These truncated SITC codes are mapped to Rauch's data.<sup>27</sup> Then, I link these SITC codes to the codes of the ISIC revision 3 using Eurostat's concordance. The linked set of codes (SITC revision 2, ISIC revision 3) can be repeated since the SITC revision 2 is matched to the ISIC revision 3 through the SITC revision 3. Specifically, there can be two or more identical combinations of codes (SITC revision 2, ISIC revision 3), but each SITC revision 3 code that is matched to each combination is unique. What matters in calculating  $r_p$  is the share of SITC revision 2 codes requiring an  $rs$  transaction for an ISIC code in the WIOD, regardless of the share of industries listed in SITC revision 3 for an ISIC level. In other words, since the information about  $rs$  transactions is listed in the SITC revision 2, the shares of other industry levels for an ISIC code do not matter. Thus, I use the uniquely classified set of industries (SITC revision 2, ISIC revision 3). These 2-4-digit ISIC revision 3 codes are further linked to the 1-2-digit ISIC revision 3 codes in which the trade flows in the WIOD are organized. After adjusting repeated codes for the same reason, I have the uniquely classified set of codes (4-digit SITC revision 2, 2-digit ISIC revision 3).<sup>28</sup> Through these steps, Rauch's commodity codes are mapped to 19 industries of the total of the 35 industries in the WIOD.<sup>29</sup>

Based on this concordance with the 19 industries,  $r_p \in (0;1)$  is built. Specifically,  $r_p$

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<sup>27</sup>Due to the truncation to the 4-digit SITC level, some pairs of the set of codes (SITC revision 2, SITC revision 3) are duplicated. Thus, the linking process proceeds after adjusting data in such a way that the set of codes (SITC revision 2, SITC revision 3) is uniquely identified.

<sup>28</sup>In the uniquely classified set of codes (4-digit SITC revision 2, 2-digit ISIC revision 3), an SITC code

Table 4: Industry-level  $rs$  intensity

ISIC code	ISIC description	$z$
23	Coke, Refined Petroleum and Nuclear Fuel	0.183
AtB	Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing	0.249
15t16	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.270
E	Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	0.324
24	Chemicals and Chemical Products	0.345
C	Mining and Quarrying	0.377
20	Wood and Products of Wood and Cork	0.396
26	Other Non-Metallic Mineral	0.408
25	Rubber and Plastics	0.409
27t28	Basic Metals and Fabricated Metal	0.416
21t22	Pulp, Paper, Printing and Publishing	0.449
36t37	Manufacturing, Nec; Recycling	0.481
O	Other Community, Social and Personal Services	0.514
17t18	Textiles and Textile Products	0.519

prises less disaggregated industry categories, the pattern of *rs* intensity is quite similar with the contract intensity measure in Nunn (2007). In particular, petroleum, agriculture, hunting, and food industries tend to require less *rs* transactions, while electrical and transport equipment industries tend to require more *rs* transactions.

## 7 Empirical Results

Table 5: Variable definition and descriptive statistics

1. Country level						
Variable	Variable definition	obs	mean	sd	min	max

( $i$ - $z$  or  $j$ - $z$  level), and exporter-importer-industry level ( $i$ - $j$ - $z$  level). To address potentially correlated error terms at the country-industry level, error terms are clustered at the  $i$ - $z$  level. Note that when error terms are clustered at the  $j$ - $z$  level, the estimates in the following section show a higher overall significance level than when they are clustered at the  $i$ - $z$  level, implying that error terms are more correlated at the  $i$ - $z$  level than the  $j$ - $z$  level. Variable definition and descriptive statistics for each type of data are shown in Table 5.

## 7.1 Estimation

Table 6 shows the OLS results of the estimation equation (22). Column (1) only includes the individual terms without controlling other types of institutions. The estimates for the main variables from  $z$  to  $\ln D_j$  are statistically significant and consistent with expectations. When controlling for formal and informal institutions in column (2), the magnitude of the estimated coefficients on the quality of commercial arbitration regimes falls as expected, but they are still statistically significant. The effects of the main variables and the statistical significance remain similar when the rule of law index is used instead of formal institutions in column (3).

I include all interaction terms in columns (4) and (5). Concerning the interaction terms, they are all insignificant except  $z \ln A_j$ . However, the signs of the insignificant interaction terms,  $z \ln A_i$  and  $z \ln A_j$ , are consistent with the predicted directions of their effects on relative global sourcing through a firm's entry decision, as presented in Table 1.

The individual effects can also be quantified using the estimates in column (4) by holding other variables fixed at their mean values. For instance, the association of  $z$  and relative global sourcing is 2.836 ( $= 3.829 + (2.968 + 4.867) (-0.381) + (10.798 - 0.547) (-0.359)$ ). The signs of the effects of other variables, which are obtained using the same method, are consistent with expectations, and the magnitudes of the effects are close to their corresponding magnitudes in column (2). These results support the theoretical results that relative global sourcing rises with the quality of international arbitration regimes, while falling with

Table 6: OLS estimates

Variable	Dependent variable is $\ln(M_{ij}=M_{ii})^z$				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$z$	-2.809** (1.269)	-2.821** (1.256)	-2.819** (1.248)	3.829* (2.079)	3.836* (2.079)
$\ln A_i$	29.839*** (4.711)	26.497*** (3.302)	26.595*** (3.435)	25.214*** (4.633)	25.331*** (4.669)
$\ln A_j$	36.807*** (3.536)	32.290*** (2.196)	32.352*** (2.182)	30.103*** (2.504)	30.153*** (2.488)
$\ln D_i$	-23.600*** (5.292)	-19.831*** (3.503)	-20.007*** (3.603)	-24.634*** (4.674)	-24.839*** (4.668)
$\ln D_j$	-29.371*** (3.868)	-24.646*** (2.383)	-24.351*** (2.332)	-24.373*** (2.612)	-24.063*** (2.566)
$z \ln A_i$				2.968 (10.198)	2.936 (10.211)
$z \ln A_j$				4.867* (2.706)	4.882* (2.707)
$z \ln D_i$				10.798 (10.489)	10.849 (10.499)
$z \ln D_j$				-0.547 (2.490)	-0.565 (2.491)
$\ln(W_j=W_i)$	-0.017 (0.064)	-0.000 (0.064)	-0.000 (0.067)	-0.000 (0.064)	-0.000 (0.066)
$\ln POP_i$	-5.709*** (2.183)	-8.948*** (3.180)	-7.869*** (3.035)	-8.947*** (3.148)	-7.868*** (3.004)
$\ln POP_j$	-6.183*** (2.077)	-9.532*** (3.067)	-8.626*** (2.942)	-9.526*** (3.040)	-8.622*** (2.917)
$RD_i$	0.464*** (0.171)	0.157 (0.270)	0.098 (0.265)	0.156 (0.274)	0.097 (0.269)
$RD_j$	0.649*** (0.152)	0.351 (0.259)	0.311 (0.252)	0.350 (0.262)	0.311 (0.256)
$\ln GDP_i$	4.582** (2.004)	8.163** (3.193)	7.119** (3.083)	8.164** (3.160)	7.120** (3.051)
$\ln GDP_j$	6.199*** (1.866)	9.821*** (3.050)	8.980*** (2.952)	9.815*** (3.025)	8.976*** (2.929)
$LLOCKED_i$	-3.914*** (0.847)	-2.750*** (0.633)	-2.692*** (0.544)	-2.748*** (0.635)	-2.690*** (0.546)
$LLOCKED_j$	-4.595*** (0.891)	-3.434*** (0.623)	-3.210*** (0.530)	-3.432*** (0.622)	-3.207*** (0.528)
$\ln FD_i$	-2.809*** (0.790)	-5.625*** (1.662)	-5.334*** (1.536)	-5.624*** (1.646)	-5.334*** (1.520)
$\ln FD_j$	-3.647*** (0.780)	-6.393*** (1.673)	-5.914*** (1.521)	-6.387*** (1.657)	-5.908*** (1.505)
$\ln HC_i$	-7.859*** (2.018)	-13.435*** (4.439)	-12.821*** (4.463)	-13.453*** (4.397)	-12.836*** (4.426)
$\ln HC_j$	-5.780*** (1.507)	-11.717*** (4.079)	-11.533*** (4.178)	-11.708*** (4.055)	-11.526*** (4.153)
$\ln FOR_i$		1.824 (1.420)		1.823 (1.403)	
$\ln FOR_j$		0.874 (1.318)		0.872 (1.316)	
$\ln INF_i$		11.824** (4.702)	10.726** (4.568)	11.831** (4.710)	10.735** (4.574)
$\ln INF_j$		11.251** (4.897)	10.498** (4.670)	11.240** (4.890)	10.486** (4.666)
$\ln ROL_i$			1.533 (1.108)		1.537 (1.090)
$\ln ROL_j$			0.427 (0.958)		0.421 (0.959)
Country pair FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Input-industry FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No. of countries	22	22	22	22	22
No. of input-industries	19	19	19	19	19
No. of clusters	416	416	416	416	416
Observations	8,532	8,532	8,532	8,532	8,532
R-squared	0.614	0.615	0.615	0.619	0.619

Notes: Error terms are clustered at the  $i$ - $z$  level. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. \*\*\*, \*\*, and \* represent the estimates that are significant at the levels of 1%, 5%, and 10%, respectively. Estimates for a constant are not reported.

the quality of domestic arbitration regimes. These results also support the theoretical prediction of a firm's avoidance of global sourcing as the *rs* intensity of input industry rises.

It is interesting that the estimates on financial development and human capital are negative and statistically significant in every column. That is, as a source country and destination country have a better financial system and more skilled labor, global sourcing relative to the source country's domestic sourcing tends to decrease. The estimation results might imply that firms are more attracted to domestic sourcing than global sourcing, as an economy saves extra costs by using a high-quality financial system and human capital. This might be because financial development and human capital are not directly related to reducing opportunism. Without institutions mitigating opportunism, a higher risk of opportunism in transacting with foreign parties rather than local parties can hinder costs for global sourcing from falling. Thus, as an economy saves extra costs through financial development and human capital, costs for domestic sourcing can become cheaper relative to global sourcing, attracting more domestic sourcing.

Concerning formal and informal institutions and the rule of law index, the signs on their estimated coefficients are all positive, but the estimated coefficients on them are not statistically significant. Setting aside the statistical significance matter, these positive signs of the estimates imply that foreign transactions require a higher quality of formal and informal institutions and parties' greater confidence in rule of law than domestic transactions. These institutions are more directly related to mitigating opportunism than human capital and financial development. Since foreign transaction involves a higher risk than domestic transactions due to cultural and geographical distance, the role of institutions, which mitigate opportunism in both domestic and foreign transactions, can become more important in foreign transactions.

Even though these results, overall, are as expected, the magnitudes and statistical significance might be affected by the bias arising from the omitted variable of how much relative global sourcing occurred in the past. For instance, if the value of relative global sourcing

in the past is high, policy makers of a country would develop the quality of international arbitration regimes to support and foster foreign transactions. Conversely, if the past performance of relative global sourcing is poor, the policy makers might enhance the quality of domestic arbitration regime to protect local traders.

Controlling the past level of relative global sourcing considerably addresses the potential reverse causality. The current performance of relative global sourcing could influence the current level of the quality of domestic and international arbitration regimes based on the





Table 7: OLS estimates with the control of reverse causality

Variable	Dependent variable is $\ln(M_{ij}=M_{ii})^z$				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$\ln(\text{avg: past}(M_{ij}=M_{ii})^z)$	0.488*** (0.169)	0.493*** (0.169)	0.492*** (0.168)	0.489*** (0.169)	0.488*** (0.168)
$z$	-1.882** (0.874)	-1.911** (0.853)	-1.908** (0.849)	1.603 (1.644)	1.620 (1.647)
$\ln A_i$	14.938** (6.601)	15.526*** (4.800)	15.676*** (4.860)	15.512*** (4.295)	15.682*** (4.343)
$\ln A_j$	16.818** (7.102)	15.432*** (5.648)	15.678*** (5.500)	15.626*** (5.104)	15.852*** (4.971)
$\ln D_i$	-10.486* (6.259)	-12.391*** (3.771)	-12.498*** (3.829)	-16.317*** (4.057)	-16.460*** (4.077)
$\ln D_j$	-12.430* (6.495)	-12.911*** (4.337)	-12.575*** (4.292)	-13.444*** (4.258)	-13.091*** (4.221)
$z \ln A_i$				0.287 (7.376)	0.253 (7.438)
$z \ln A_j$				-0.184 (2.534)	-0.148 (2.525)
$z \ln D_i$				8.678 (7.305)	8.746 (7.367)
$z \ln D_j$				1.032 (2.150)	1.002 (2.154)
$\ln(W_j=W_i)$	0.039 (0.046)	0.072 (0.046)	0.070 (0.048)	0.071 (0.046)	0.069 (0.048)
$\ln POP_i$	-6.058*** (1.811)	-5.783** (2.858)	-3.545 (2.881)	-5.807** (2.836)	-3.576 (2.859)
$\ln POP_j$	-5.778*** (1.730)	-5.794** (2.828)	-3.752 (2.871)	-5.819** (2.809)	-3.785 (2.853)
$RD_i$	0.041 (0.197)	0.188 (0.212)	0.071 (0.214)	0.188 (0.213)	0.070 (0.216)
$RD_j$	0.144 (0.202)	0.218 (0.200)	0.121 (0.199)	0.218 (0.201)	0.122 (0.201)
$\ln GDP_i$	5.259*** (1.679)	5.341* (2.824)	3.192 (2.850)	5.364* (2.801)	3.220 (2.828)
$\ln GDP_j$	5.549*** (1.569)	5.824** (2.855)	3.914 (2.911)	5.851** (2.836)	3.948 (2.894)

magnitudes of the estimates on the main variables from  $z$  to  $zInD$





Table 9: Robustness check with  $z$  obtained using the 2005 WIOD

Variable	Dependent variable is $\ln(M_{ij}=M_{ii})^z$				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$\ln(\text{avg: past}(M_{ij}=M_{ii})^z)$	0.488*** (0.169)	0.493*** (0.169)	0.492*** (0.168)	0.490*** (0.169)	0.489*** (0.168)
$z$	-1.974** (0.917)	-2.006** (0.895)	-2.002** (0.891)	1.340 (1.645)	1.358 (1.649)
$\ln A_i$	14.938** (6.601)	15.526*** (4.800)	15.676*** (4.860)	15.385*** (4.316)	15.550*** (4.373)
$\ln A_j$	16.818** (7.102)	15.432*** (5.648)	15.678*** (5.500)	15.655*** (5.116)	15.881*** (4.982)
$\ln D_i$	-10.486* (6.259)	-12.391*** (3.771)	-12.498*** (3.829)	-16.012*** (4.042)	-16.149*** (4.074)
$\ln D_j$	-12.430* (6.495)	-12.911*** (4.337)	-12.575*** (4.292)	-13.368*** (4.255)	-13.014*** (4.216)
$z \ln A_i$				0.559 (7.164)	0.536 (7.231)
$z \ln A_j$				-0.292 (2.592)	-0.256 (2.584)
$z \ln D_i$				8.168 (6.851)	8.226 (6.923)
$z \ln D_j$				0.902 (2.189)	0.872 (2.192)
$\ln(W_j=W_i)$	0.039 (0.046)	0.072 (0.046)	0.070 (0.048)	0.072 (0.046)	0.070 (0.048)
$\ln POP_i$	-6.058*** (1.811)	-5.783** (2.858)	-3.545 (2.881)	-5.804** (2.841)	-3.572 (2.864)
$\ln POP_j$	-5.778*** (1.730)	-5.794** (2.828)	-3.752 (2.871)	-5.815** (2.814)	-3.780 (2.857)
$RD_i$	0.041 (0.197)	0.188 (0.212)	0.071 (0.214)	0.188 (0.213)	0.070 (0.216)
$RD_j$	0.144 (0.202)	0.218 (0.200)	0.121 (0.199)	0.218 (0.201)	0.122 (0.201)
$\ln GDP_i$	5.259*** (1.679)	5.341* (2.824)	3.192 (2.850)	5.361* (2.807)	3.216 (2.833)
$\ln GDP_j$	5.549*** (1.569)	5.824** (2.855)	3.914 (2.911)	5.847** (2.841)	3.943 (2.898)
$LLOCKED_i$	-2.818*** (0.787)	-2.035*** (0.530)	-1.824*** (0.487)	-2.041*** (0.532)	-1.832*** (0.490)
$LLOCKED_j$	-3.186*** (0.879)	-2.486*** (0.599)	-2.082*** (0.592)	-2.493*** (0.598)	-2.090*** (0.590)
$\ln FD_i$	-2.533*** (0.653)	-3.847** (1.507)	-3.119** (1.451)	-3.860** (1.499)	-3.136** (1.443)
$\ln FD_j$	-2.955*** (0.681)	-4.276*** (1.597)	-3.340** (1.565)	-4.289*** (1.589)	-3.354** (1.557)
$\ln HC_i$	-5.462*** (1.800)	-5.809 (4.202)	-4.733 (4.292)	-5.866 (4.184)	-4.790 (4.276)
$\ln HC_j$	-3.585** (1.567)	-5.241 (4.159)	-4.642 (4.261)	-5.268 (4.142)	-4.673 (4.245)
$\ln FOR_i$		3.538*** (1.322)		3.530*** (1.317)	
$\ln FOR_j$		2.305** (1.127)		2.298** (1.130)	
$\ln INF_i$		6.325 (4.200)	4.082 (4.201)	6.371 (4.199)	4.135 (4.199)
$\ln INF_j$		6.988 (4.555)	5.247 (4.479)	7.011 (4.543)	5.273 (4.467)
$\ln ROL_i$			2.768*** (0.994)		2.766*** (0.987)
$\ln ROL_j$			1.465* (0.818)		1.456* (0.822)
Country pair FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Input-industry FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No. of countries	22	22	22	22	22
No. of input-industries	19	19	19	19	19
No. of clusters	416	416	416	416	416
Observations	8,518	8,518	8,518	8,518	8,518
R-squared	0.730	0.733	0.732	0.734	0.734

Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. \*\*\*, \*\*, and \* represent the estimates that are significant at the 1%, 5%, and 10% levels, respectively.  $\ln(\text{avg: past}(M_{ij}=M_{ii})^z)$  is the dependent variable in all regressions.  $z$  is the parameter to be estimated.  $\ln A_i$ ,  $\ln A_j$ ,  $\ln D_i$ , and  $\ln D_j$  are the logarithms of the average value of the dependent variable in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln W_j = \ln W_i$  is the logarithm of the average value of the dependent variable in the industry of country  $j$  minus the logarithm of the average value of the dependent variable in the industry of country  $i$ .  $\ln POP_i$  and  $\ln POP_j$  are the logarithms of the population of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $RD_i$  and  $RD_j$  are the ratios of the dependent variable to the population of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln GDP_i$  and  $\ln GDP_j$  are the logarithms of the GDP of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $LLOCKED_i$  and  $LLOCKED_j$  are the logarithms of the number of locked countries in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln FD_i$  and  $\ln FD_j$  are the logarithms of the number of foreign direct investments in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln HC_i$  and  $\ln HC_j$  are the logarithms of the number of high-tech countries in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln FOR_i$  and  $\ln FOR_j$  are the logarithms of the number of foreign-owned firms in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln INF_i$  and  $\ln INF_j$  are the logarithms of the number of input firms in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.  $\ln ROL_i$  and  $\ln ROL_j$  are the logarithms of the number of roles in the industry of country  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively.

Table 10: Robustness check by subsample

Variable	Dependent variable is $\ln(M_{ij}=M_{ji})^z$				
	(1) Full sample	(2) First half of random sample	(3) Second half of random sample	(4) First half of di erent random sample	(5) Second half of di erent random sample
$z$	-1.911** (0.853)	-1.578* (0.934)	-2.356** (0.950)	-2.056** (1.005)	-1.494* (0.883)
$\ln A_i$	15.526*** (4.800)	15.268*** (5.820)	16.043*** (4.372)	14.715*** (4.457)	15.167** (6.221)
$\ln A_j$	15.432*** (5.648)	15.990** (6.438)	14.803*** (5.213)	14.501*** (5.232)	15.434** (6.884)
$\ln D_i$	-12.391*** (3.771)	-11.548** (5.057)	-13.390*** (3.630)	-11.851*** (3.822)	-11.648** (5.594)
$\ln D_j$	-12.911*** (4.337)	-13.220** (5.172)	-12.539*** (4.414)	-12.109*** (4.409)	-12.782** (5.804)
Country pair FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Input-industry FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Full set of controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No. of clusters	416	416	416	416	416
Observations	8,518	4,259	4,259	4,259	4,259

## 8 Concluding Remarks

This paper identifies that differences in the qualities of domestic and international commercial arbitration regimes between countries are an important determinant of global sourcing patterns. The theoretical and empirical results show that relative global sourcing increases with each country's quality of international commercial arbitration regimes, while falling with each country's quality of domestic commercial arbitration regimes.

This paper also identifies that differences in the degree to which relationship-specific transactions are required for production between industries are another important determinant of global sourcing patterns. The theoretical and empirical results show that a rise in an input industry's *rs* intensity decreases relative global sourcing, capturing a firm's avoidance of global sourcing exposed to a higher level of opportunism than domestic sourcing.

The results of this paper fundamentally evidence that a firm's avoidance of opportunism is one of the important determinants of global sourcing patterns. Opportunism arises in



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## Appendix A Pervasive Domestic Sourcing

In this Appendix A, I examine the case where the FGPs in country  $j$  and  $i$  choose domestic sourcing, which is represented by region C in Figure 1. As can be seen in this figure, this case is more likely to occur when the level of  $A_i$  is low.

Without loss of generality, let us consider country  $j$

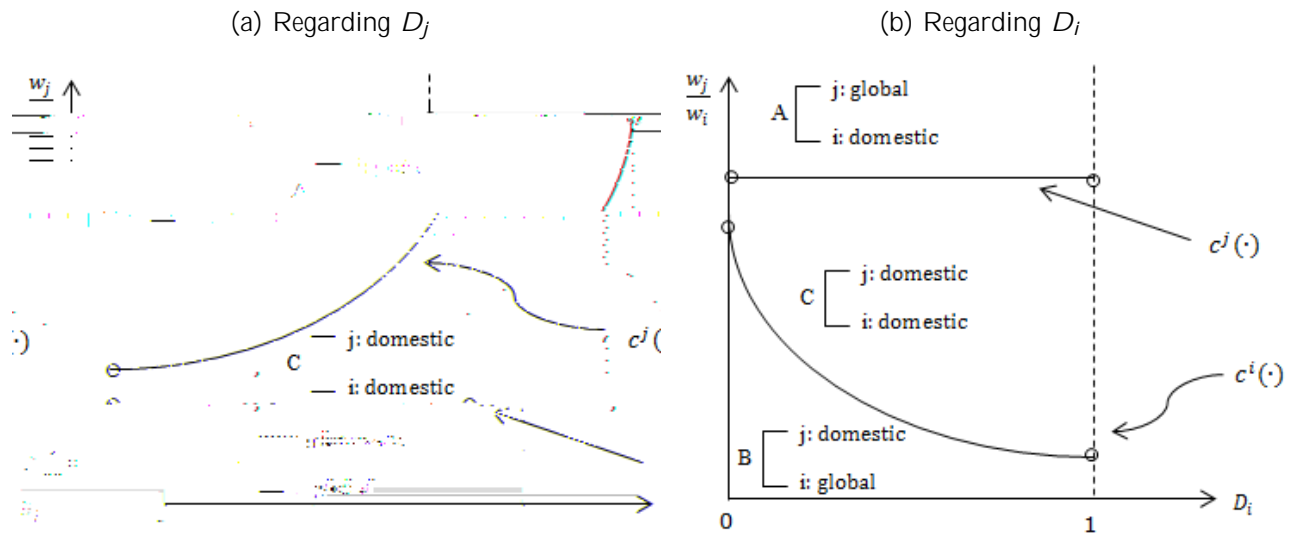
entry and labor market clearing. In contrast, when a change in revenue occurs in the case of global sourcing, the wage ratio is not fully adjusted. Specifically, the operating profits and the number of labor used for sales are a function of  $(w_i + w_j)$  due to the use of labor in  $i$ , while the fixed cost in value is expressed as  $f_j w_j$ ; this asymmetric wage structure causes the wage ratio not to be fully adjusted when the revenue changes, leading to the lingering effect of altering  $\eta_j$ .

The ratios of the total trade flows for the intermediate input and final good and the ratios of the total sales and welfare are calculated using the same methodologies described in Section 4.1.2. Then,  $\frac{M_{jj}}{M_{ii}}$ ,  $\frac{Y_{jj}}{Y_{ii}}$ ,  $\frac{Y_j}{Y_i}$ , and  $\frac{U_j}{U_i}$  are all simplified as  $\frac{w_j}{w_i} \frac{L_j}{L_i}$ . Thus, the effects of domestic arbitration regimes on these ratios are the same as their effects on  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ .

Thus, in the case where the FGPs in.

## Appendix B Choice of Sourcing Mode in Terms of Domestic Commercial Arbitration Regimes

Figure B.1: Choice of Sourcing Mode



In this Appendix, I discuss how the sourcing mode choice responds to changes in the quality of domestic commercial regimes.

Beginning with sub-figure (a) in Figure B.1, the cutoff function for  $j$ 's FGP,  $c^j(\cdot)$ , is upward-sloping and convex on  $D_j$ , implying that for  $j$ 's FGP to choose global sourcing,  $i$ 's labor needs to be relatively cheaper as the cost of domestic sourcing falls with  $D_j$ . When the wage ratio,  $\frac{w_j}{w_i}$ , is above the cutoff function of  $c^j(\cdot)$ , represented by region A, the FGPs of  $j$  and  $i$  choose global and domestic sourcing, respectively. The cutoff function for  $i$ 's FGP,  $c^i(\cdot)$ , is the horizontal line over  $D_j$  since  $D_j$  does not affect the choice of  $i$ 's FGP between domestic and global sourcing. When the wage ratio is low enough so that it is below  $c^i(\cdot)$ , indicated by region B,  $j$ 's FGP chooses domestic sourcing and  $i$ 's FGP chooses global sourcing over the whole range of  $D_j$ . In region C between the two cutoff functions, all FGPs choose domestic sourcing. Note that the cutoff function of  $c^j(\cdot)$  exists above  $c^i(\cdot)$  at each level of  $D_j$ . If  $c^i(\cdot)$  is above the minimum value of the wage ratio on the  $c^j(\cdot)$  within a certain subset of  $D_j$ , there will be a region where both countries' FGPs choose global sourcing, contradicting

Proposition 1.

In region A, the equilibrium wage ratio in equation (18) does not rely on  $D_j$  since  $j$ 's FGP chooses global sourcing. Thus, only partial equilibrium effects happen as  $D_j$  approaches  $c^j(\cdot)$ . That is, as  $D_j$  rises given a fixed level of the wage ratio,  $j$ 's FGP is more likely to change her sourcing mode from global sourcing in region A to domestic sourcing in region C. Once  $j$ 's FGP enters region C, the wage ratio increases with  $D_j$ , as shown in Appendix A. Therefore, as  $D_j$  rises in the neighborhood of  $c^j(\cdot)$  in region C, it is possible for  $j$ 's FGP to change her sourcing mode from domestic sourcing to global sourcing in region A. However, as  $D_j$  further rises,  $j$ 's FGP can go back to domestic sourcing in region C through the partial equilibrium effect. This implies that the effect of  $D_j$  on the firms' choices in the neighborhood of  $c^j(\cdot)$  is ambiguous. In the majority of areas in region C, the choices of firms are not flipped. In region B, the wage ratio rises with  $D_j$  according to the comparative statics result in Section 4.1.1, and hence the choice of  $i$ 's FGP is more likely to change from global sourcing to domestic sourcing in region C, while  $j$ 's FGP still chooses domestic sourcing. Taken together, as  $D_j$  rises, the firms tend to choose domestic sourcing through partial and general equilibrium effects.

Next, consider the choice of sourcing mode with respect to  $D_i$ . As shown in sub-figure (b) in Figure B.1,  $c^i(\cdot)$  is downward-sloping and convex on  $D_i$ , implying that for  $i$ 's FGP to choose global sourcing, the wage level of  $i$  relative to  $j$  should increase with  $D_i$  as the cost of domestic sourcing falls as  $D_i$  rises. When the wage ratio is below  $c^i(\cdot)$ ,  $i$ 's FGP chooses global sourcing, and  $j$ 's FGP chooses domestic sourcing. The cutoff function for  $j$ 's FGP,  $c^j(\cdot)$ , is horizontal over  $D_i$  because  $D_i$  does not come into play in the choice of sourcing mode by  $j$ 's FGP. When the relative wage is high enough to be above the  $c^j(\cdot)$  function,  $j$ 's FGP chooses global sourcing, and  $i$ 's FGP chooses domestic sourcing, regardless of what value  $D_i$  has. In region C, which is between two cutoff curves, domestic sourcing is pervasive. Note that if there is an area, in which  $c^j(\cdot)$  is below  $c^i(\cdot)$ , both countries' FGPs will choose global sourcing in this area, contradicting Proposition 1.

In region A, the wage ratio decreases with  $D_i$ , so the choice of sourcing mode by  $j$ 's FGP



## Appendix C AMD Survey Questions

Table C.1: Selected Questions

Question	DA or IA	Scoring
<b>A. Enforcement Frame</b>		
1. Does your national law recognize arbitration as a means of dispute resolution between private parties in commercial transactions?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0
2. Has your country enacted a specific statute on commercial arbitration?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0
3. Are the following types of disputes arbitrable under your country's national law? (a) Disputes involving rights over immovable property located within your country (b) Any intra-company disputes (c) Disputes involving shareholder arrangements (d) Disputes involving patents/trade marks (excluding administrative actions)	DA/IA	Sum of the following scores: (a) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0 (b) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0 (c) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0 (d) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0
4. Under your national law, is an arbitration agreement severable from the main contract? In other words, if one party alleges that the main contract is invalid, may the arbitration agreement included in that contract nevertheless be deemed valid?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0
5. Can an arbitration agreement be incorporated by reference (when the arbitration agreement is set out in a separate document that is referred to in the main agreement)?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0
6. Can the following method of concluding an agreement constitute a binding arbitration agreement? (a) by electronic communication, including email (b) by fax (c) by oral agreement (d) by conduct	DA/IA	Sum of the following scores: (a) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0 (b) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0 (c) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0 (d) Yes = 0.25, No or N/A = 0
7. Have the courts in your country stated a pro-arbitration policy, i.e., a general policy in favor of enforcing arbitration agreements and arbitration awards, in applying your national law of arbitration in domestic/international arbitrations taking place in your country?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0



Question	DA or IA	Scoring
(e) Subject matter of the dispute not subject to arbitration (f) Enforcement of the award would be contrary to country's public policy (g) Error of law (h) Award not supported by substantial evidence		(e) No = 0.125, Yes or N/A = 0 (f) No = 0.125, Yes or N/A = 0 (g) No = 0.125, Yes or N/A = 0 (h) No = 0.125, Yes or N/A = 0
19. May a judgment of that court enforcing or denying enforcement of the foreign award be appealed to a higher court?	IA	No = 1, Yes or N/A = 0
<b>C. The Efficiency of Enforcement</b>		
20. Are there any arbitration institutions administering commercial arbitrations in your country?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0
21. Is there a public authority designated to handle administrative, logistical and other issues related to investors disputes with the state or a state entity (e.g., special agency, office of the Prime Minister, etc.)?	DA/IA	Yes = 1, No or N/A = 0
22. If an immediate need can be shown, how often do courts grant interim relief requests for assistance?	DA/IA	In nearly all cases = 1, Usually = 0.5, Rarely or N/A = 0
23. How long, typically, would you estimate the period to be from the filing of the request for arbitration to the constitution of the arbitration tribunal in a domestic arbitration?	DA	Under 30 days = 1, 31-180 days = 0.66, 181-1 year = 0.33, Over 1 year or N/A = 0
24. How long, typically, would you estimate the period to be from the first hearing of the arbitration tribunal to the rendering of the arbitration award in a domestic arbitration in your country?	DA	Under 30 days = 1, 31-180 days = 0.66, 181-1 year = 0.33, Over 1 year or N/A = 0
25. If a party brings an action in a court of your country with respect to a dispute that the parties have agreed should be arbitrated, how frequently would the courts in your country decline to hear the case and refer the parties to arbitration in domestic arbitrations taking place in your country?	DA	In nearly all cases = 1, Usually = 0.5, Rarely or N/A = 0
26. How long, typically, would you estimate the period to be from the filing of the request for arbitration to the constitution of the arbitration tribunal in an international arbitration?	IA	Under 30 days = 1, 31-180 days = 0.66, 181-1 year = 0.33, Over 1 year or N/A = 0
27. How long, typically, would you estimate the period to be from the first hearing of the arbitration tribunal to the rendering of the arbitration award in an international arbitration in your country?	IA	Under 30 days = 1, 31-180 days = 0.66, 181-1 year = 0.33, Over 1 year or N/A = 0
28. If a party brings an action in a court of your country with respect to a dispute that the parties have agreed should be arbitrated, how frequently would the courts decline to hear the case and refer the parties to arbitration in international arbitrations taking place in your country?	IA	In nearly all cases = 1, Usually = 0.5, Rarely or N/A = 0
29. What is the likelihood that your courts would enforce a foreign arbitral award if no objection to agreement were filed?	IA	In nearly all cases = 1, Usually = 0.5, Rarely or N/A = 0

## Appendix D Data and Measure

### D.1 Formal Institutions, Rule of Law, and Informal Institutions

Formal institutions are measured using the Polity IV dataset, developed by Marshall et al. (2014), covering 167 countries during the time span of 1800{2013. I use the variable of the executive constraints, which refers to "the extent of institutionalized constraints on the decision making powers of chief executives, whether individuals or collectivities." For this analysis, the values of this variable that ranges from 1 to 7 are averaged from 2005 to 2010. When an executive's behavior is well-constrained by formal institutions, extortion by government can occur less, and property rights can be more protected. Thus, as this measure is higher, the enforcement of a contract between traders is expected to be strengthened.

The rule of law index, ranging from -2.5 to 2.5, was constructed by Kaufman et al. (2010). It captures the degree to which agents have confidence in the rule of their society, including contract enforcement and property rights. To employ this index for estimation, I average each country's indices from 2005{2010. I also add 2.5 to the original measure so that the index ranges from 0 to 5, allowing for converting it into natural logarithm form.

Informal institutions are captured by culture following Williamson (2009) and Williamson and Kerekes (2011), since culture, formed over generations, constrains individual behavior. To construct the measure for culture, I consider three aspects: trust, control, and obedience.<sup>34</sup>

A higher trust in others, a stronger belief in controlling the direction of life, and a lower obedience can contribute to the higher enforcement of a contract. When people trust each other, the opportunism of the parties can be overcome, leading a contract to be more respected. When people feel that they have more ability to control the way life turns out, they might make more effort to reach their goals, which can make them cooperate better. Even if a trader pursues opportunism to maximize profit, individuals who engage in arbitration can

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<sup>34</sup>These three aspects of culture have been considered by previous research, such as Tabellini (2010) and Williamson and Kerekes (2011).

take more care to resolve commercial disputes and enforce a contract. Obedience tends to be considered as a virtue in a coercive and hierarchical society (Tabellini, 2010, p. 685). In such an environment, people might not be less interested in innovation and pursuing economic

## D.2 Other Variables

The 2010 wage data come from the ILO Global Wage Database underlying the ILO (2015) Global Wage Report 2014/15, which were downloaded at <http://www.ilo.org/travail/info/db/lang/en/index.htm>. I use the wage data that were calculated by the average nominal monthly earnings expressed in local currency based on all employees regardless of hours worked. The nominal values are converted into US dollars by market exchange rates that were used by Timmer et al. (2015) to construct the WIOD. The exchange rates were obtained at <http://www.wiod.org>. The 2010 data on population (in millions) and output-side real GDP are from the Penn World Table (PWT) 8.1 constructed by Feenstra et al. (2015). The GDP is adjusted at the current PPP. The 2010 data on the index of human capital per person also come from the PWT 8.1. Specifically, the human capital index is calculated as  $e^{(s_{it})}$ , where  $s_{it}$  is the average years of schooling for the population aged 15 and older from Barro and Lee (2013). The function  $e^{(s)}$  was chosen based on Psacharopoulos (1994). The fixed cost that captures innovation cost is measured by the 2010 capital expenditure share for R&D out of GDP, which is from the World Bank's World Development Indicators.