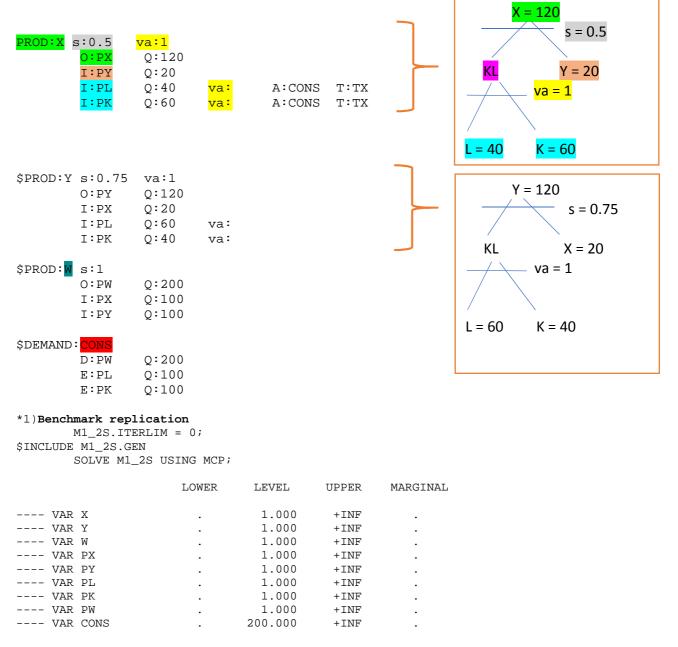
EXAMPLE 9a

| Markets | | Pro <mark>X</mark> | oduction Y | Sectors W | Consumers CONS |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| PX PY PW PL PK | | 120 -20 -40 -60 | -20 120 -60 -40 | -100 -100 200 | -200 100 100 |

The production function in the model is represented as a **nested function**: - L and K form a Cobb-Douglass aggregate at the bottom level with elasticity of substitution 1: $f(K,L) = A * K^{\alpha} * L^{1-\alpha}$

- At the top level, Y and f(L,K) have an elasticity of substitution equal to 0.5: $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B} * \left[\delta \mathbf{Y}^{(\sigma-1)/\sigma} + (1-\delta) \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{K},\mathbf{L})^{(\sigma-1)/\sigma} \right]^{\sigma/(\sigma-1)}$

Sector \mathbf{W} represents aggregate demand on \mathbf{X} and Y by **CONS**. This means that **CONS** activity can be described as a "producer" who aggregate single products into composite \mathbf{W} and then he consume the **composite** of products (i.e. not a single product).



Conclusion: Nested structure has no influence on benchmark equilibrium

*2)Relax iteration limit M1_2S.ITERLIM = 2000; *Fix the wage rate as numeraire PL.FX = 1;*Counterfactual equilibrium: 100% tax on X sector inputs of K and L TX = 1.0;\$INCLUDE M1_2S.GEN SOLVE M1_2S USING MCP; LOWER LEVEL UPPER MARGINAL <mark>0.760</mark> 1.173 ---- VAR X +INF . 0.760 . 1.173 . 0.954 • ---- VAR Y +TNF ---- VAR W

 VAK PX
 .
 0.954

 ---- VAR PY
 .
 1.719

 ---- VAR PL
 1.061
 1.000

 ---- VAR PK
 .
 0.894

 ---- VAR PW
 .
 0.894

 +INF +INF +INF . 1.000 1.052E-12 . . +INF ---- VAR PW +INF ---- VAR CONS 257.541 +INF

Technically, after imposing the tax on K & L in sector $X \Rightarrow PK \& PL \& PX$ should goes up. However, the results shows that $\downarrow PK$. This means that PK relative to PL decreases.

Please note that we implemented two conditions at the same time: (i) new numeraire PL.FX and (ii) imposing tax TX. The first condition has no effect on the benchmark equilibrium, but only on counterfactual equilibrium. The second condition has effect on both, benchmark and counterfactual equilibria, but in order to implement tax in benchmark equilibrium, the calibration process should be modified. It is out of scope for the current exercise.

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let's run this exercise without setting the numeraire (in this case **MPSGE sets a default numeraire - income**¹ of the richest household).

| | LOWER | LEVEL | UPPER | MARGINAL |
|----------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| | | | | |
| VAR X | • | 0.760 | +INF | • |
| VAR Y | | 1.173 | +INF | |
| VAR W | | 0.954 | +INF | |
| VAR PX | | 1.970 | +INF | |
| VAR PY | | 1.216 | +INF | |
| VAR PL | | 1.146 | +INF | |
| VAR PK | | 1.024 | +INF | |
| VAR PW | | 1.548 | +INF | |
| VAR CONS | | 295.118 | +INF | |

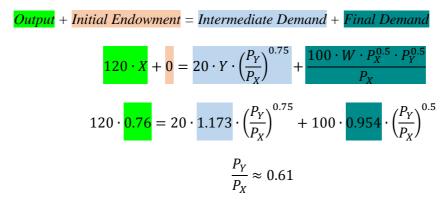
In order to compare both results, we need to divide all price variables by PL in the above table. Relative price PK/PL becomes 0.894 and this is identical result as in the previous run:

| 1.024 _ | PK when default numeraire | _ PK when PL is numeraire | _ <mark>0.894</mark> |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.146 | PL when default numeraire | PL is numeraire | - <u>1</u> |

This means that \uparrow PK after taxation (from 1 to 1.024), but less than PL (from 1 to 1.146), i.e. \downarrow PK/PL. That's why \downarrow PK when PL is a numeraire. How to find that PK increases by 2.4% in the version with PL as a numeraire? We will show it using market clearance conditions and budget constraint.

¹ It does **not** mean that income becomes fixed, but the income is determined by the <u>current price vector</u> with <u>fixed price relationship</u>.

First, we will show how MPSGE find out price relations when default numeraire is applied. For example, $\frac{P_Y}{P_X}$ we can find using market clearing condition for X:



Check: $\frac{P_Y}{P_X} = \frac{1.719}{1.061} \approx 0.61$

Similar analysis we can make to find out $\frac{P_K}{P_L}$ relationship using market clearing condition for K or L (it will be just more complicated to solve it, because market clearing condition for production factors involves also Px and Py).

Second, we will use budget constraint to replicate PK=1.024 under default numeraire:

RA – Households income(RA=257.541),

PK – supplier price of capital <u>after</u> taxation (PK=0.894),

PL – supplier price of labor <u>after</u> taxation (PL=1)

TX - tax rate (TX=1)

 p_K – purchase price of capital <u>after</u> taxation

 p_L – purchase price of labor <u>after</u> taxation

Relations between prices of sellers and buyers:

 $p_K = PK \cdot (1 + TX) = PK \cdot 2$

$$p_L = PL \cdot (1 + TX) = 1 \cdot 2 = 2$$

In order to produce 120 units of X, we need to use 40 units of labor and 60 units of capital. The results show that only 76% of X capability was used after levying the tax, i.e. 120*0.76=91.2 units of X. However, the amount of inputs is not linearly proportional to output, since the production function is nonlinear (nested CES-CD function):

| $KX = KX_0 \cdot X \cdot$ | $\left[\frac{PX}{PKL\cdot(1+\mathrm{TX})}\right]^{\sigma}$ | $\frac{PKL \cdot (1 + TX)}{PK \cdot (1 + TX)}$ | |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| scale | CES function | CD function | |

where

X - output PX - output price PKL - price of KL composite ($PKL = PL^{0.4} \cdot PK^{0.6}$)

KX - the amount of capital needed to produce 76% of X capability

KX₀ - benchmark amount of capital needed to produce 100% of X capability

$$KX = 60 \cdot \frac{X}{X} \cdot \left[\frac{PX}{(1+TX) \cdot PL^{0.4} \cdot PK^{0.6}}\right]^{0.5} \cdot \frac{PL^{0.4} \cdot PK^{0.6}}{PK}$$
$$KX = 60 \cdot \frac{0.76}{(1+1) \cdot 1.00^{0.4} \cdot 0.894^{0.6}} \cdot \frac{1.00^{0.4} \cdot 0.894^{0.6}}{0.894} \approx 45.7$$

$$LX = 40 \cdot X \cdot \left[\frac{PX}{(1+TX) \cdot PL^{0.4} \cdot PK^{0.6}}\right]^{0.5} \cdot \frac{PL^{0.4} \cdot PK^{0.6}}{PL}$$

$$LX = 40 \cdot 0.76 \cdot \left[\frac{1.719}{(1+1) \cdot 1.00^{0.4} \cdot 0.894^{0.6}}\right]^{0.5} \cdot \frac{1.00^{0.4} \cdot 0.894^{0.6}}{1.00} \approx \mathbf{27.2}$$

The same we can derive directly from MPSGE using \$REPORT command:

\$REPORT:

| - | | | |
|---|------|------|--------|
| | V:KX | I:PK | PROD:X |
| | V:LX | I:PL | PROD:X |

The result of the above statement:

| | LOWER | LEVEL | UPPER | MARGINAL |
|----------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| | | | | |
| VAR KX . | | 45.7497 | +INF | |
| VAR LX . | | 27.2624 | +INF | |

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Now we can insert it into the households income equation:

 $257.541 = PK \cdot 100 + 1 \cdot 100 + 1 \cdot (PK \cdot 45.7497 + 1 \cdot 27.2624)$

$p_{K} = 0.894$

We have confirmed results from our first simulation with fixed PL => the above budget definition is proper.

If we do not know prices and income: RA = PK*145.7497 + PL*127.2624 $\frac{\text{RA}}{\text{PL}*127.2624} = \frac{\text{PK}*145.7497}{\text{PL}*127.2624} + 1$ $\frac{RA}{PL*127.2624} - 1 = \frac{PK}{PL} * 1.146$

Since PK/PL=0.894 and it is the same no matter of numeraire choice, we have

PK *1.146 = 0.894*1.146 = 1.024

PK*1.146 = PL*1.024

The above equality requires that PK=1.024 and PL=1.146, i.e. price of K increases by 2.4% => the same result as we obtained when income was a numeraire (by default in MPSGE).

Conclusion: (i) We should be careful to add several conditions simultaneously, because conditions may interfere with each other. (ii) In our example no interfere take place, but results interpretation is not obvious when one of the prices is fixed as a numeraire. (iii) Price change should be interpreted taking into account what is a numeraire in the model. For proper interpretation, the price change should be determined from budget line when no numeraire is set, but price relationships are fixed. (iv) Relationships between prices (i.e. relative prices) are the same no matter of numeraire choice. That's why only real variables matter (not nominal variables).

*3) Declare a GAMS parameter to hold the solution values PARAMETER WELF Welfare level REPORT Welfare change;

Hicksian welfare is directly observed in MPSGE
WELF("MOD1") = W.L;

Welfare is a well-being expressed in monetary units.

It refers to utility gained by possessing goods.

Measured through utility function => Hicksian welfare (ordinal approach) Measured through demand function => Marschallian welfare (cardinal approach)

Utility describes usefulness (satisfaction, benefits) of goods, which consumer possess.

Since utility levels cannot be observed directly => we cannot measure it directly (cardinally).

Economists assumes that utility can be revealed in willingness to pay different amounts for different goods => we can measure it indirectly (ordinally)

The utility each consumer receives from a given amount of income differs. => aggregation is problematic

Consumer **surplus** also measures satisfaction, but it expressed in monetary units, while utility - in units of utility.

It is monetary gain obtained by consumers when they purchase a product for a price that is less than they would be willing to pay.

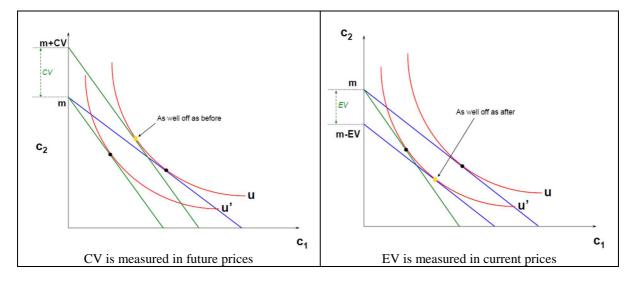
It is measured directly by demand function (cardinal approach)

Measures to quantify welfare:

- change in consumer surplus (CS)
- compensating variation (CV)
- equivalent variation (EV)

Compensating variation refers to the amount of additional money a consumer would have to get (due to price change) to make him just <u>as well off as he was before</u>. It is based on Paasche price index.

Equivalent variation refers to the amount of additional money a consumer would have to pay (before the price change) to leave him just <u>as well off as he would be after.</u> It is based on Laspeyres price index.



General relationship:

EV > CS > CV for a price decrease EV < CS < CV for a price increase

It's better to measure welfare change through EV, because it refers to current prices. In MPSGE we can define EV in the following way:

REPORT("EX_BURDEN", "MOD1") = 100 * (WELF("MOD1") - 1); DISPLAY "Compare Excess Burden of Taxation", REPORT;

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MOD1 EX_BURDEN -4.647

Conclusion: Since CONS collects taxes (no government), the new tax rate create more benefits for CONS (income goes up) than a harm (price goes up). However, the excess burden of taxation is negative, meaning that households are facing a worse off situation after exposing the tax (income effect < price effect).

(a). Revise the X sector production to nest Y with K at the bottom(Cobb-Douglas) level, and then let these inputs trade off with L at the top (CES) nest.

The new nested production function becomes: - $\frac{\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{Y}}$ and K form a Cobb-Douglass aggregate at the bottom level F($\frac{\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{Y}}$,K) =A * K^{α} * $\frac{\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{Y}}^{1-\alpha}$

- At the top level, X and $f(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{K})$ have an elasticity of substitution equal to 0.5: $X = \mathbf{B} * \left[\delta \mathbf{L}^{(\sigma-1)/\sigma} + (1-\delta)f(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{K})^{(\sigma-1)/\sigma} \right]^{\sigma/(\sigma-1)}$

\$PROD:X s:0.5 va:1 O:PX Q:120 I:PY Q:20 va: I:PL Q:40 A:CONS T:TX I:PK Q:60 va: A:CONS T:TX

*1)Benchmark replication TX = 0;

| | | | LOWER | LEVEL | UPPER | |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | LOWER | | OPPER | |
| MARG | INAL | | | | | |
| | VAR | Х | • | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | Y | • | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | W | | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | PX | | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | PY | • | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | PL | | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | PK | | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | PW | | 1.000 | +INF | |
| | VAR | CONS | | 200.000 | +INF | |
| | | | | | | |

*2)Counterfactual equilibrium TX = 1.0;

| | LOWER | LEVEL | UPPER | MARGINAL |
|----------|-------|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| VAR X | | 0.766 | +INF | |
| VAR Y | | 1.195 | +INF | • |
| VAR W | | 0.950 | +INF | • |
| VAR PX | | 1.651 | +INF | • |
| VAR PY | | 1.032 | +INF | • |
| VAR PL | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 2.175E-10 |
| VAR PK | • | <mark>0.841</mark> | +INF | • |
| VAR PW | | 1.306 | +INF | • |
| VAR CONS | | 248.001 | +INF | |

*Extract solution values into this parameter WELF("MOD2")= W.L;

REPORT("EX_BURDEN", "MOD1") = 100 * (WELF("MOD1") - 1); REPORT("EX_BURDEN", "MOD2") = 100 * (WELF("MOD2") - 1);

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| | MOD1 | MOD2 |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| EX_BURDEN | -4.647 | -5.024 |



X=120

KY

Y=20

s=0.5

s=0.75

X=20

va=1

L=40

va=1

K=60

KL

L=60

Y=120

K=40

Hicks elasticity of substitution measures the percentage change of two inputs of production factors with respect to percentage change in their prices. The new nested structure shows worse results of welfare, because X production is capital intensive and it requires relatively more L than Y.

if $\sigma(K,L) = 1$ => when P_L/P_K increases by 1%, then K/L ratio raises by 1% $\sigma(KL,Y) = 0.5$ => when P_{KL}/P_Y increases by 1%, then Y/KL ratio raises by 0.5%

if $\sigma(K,Y) = 1$ => when P_Y/P_K increases by 1%, then K/Y ratio raises by 1%. $\sigma(KY,L) = 0.5$ => when P_L/P_{KY} increases by 1%, then KY/L ratio raises by 0.5%.

Initially producer X could substitute L & K (over 80% of inputs) with the rate 1, i.e. its unit profit condition looks as follows:

$$\left\{\frac{1}{6} \cdot P_Y^{1-\sigma} + \frac{5}{6} \cdot \left[(P_L^{0.4} \cdot P_K^{0.6}) \cdot (1+T_X) \right]^{1-\sigma} \right\}^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} = PX$$

where1/6 = 20/120share of Y in production of X5/6 = (40+60)/120share of KL composite in production of X0.4 = 40/(40+60)share of L in KL composite0.6 = 60/(40+60)share of K in KL composite0.5elasticity of substitution between Y and KL composite

$$\left\{\frac{1}{6} \cdot (1.061)^{1-0.5} + \frac{5}{6} \cdot \left[(1.00^{0.4} \cdot 0.894^{0.6}) \cdot (1+1)\right]^{1-0.5}\right\}^{\frac{1}{1-0.5}} = P_X = 1.719$$

Now, elasticity of substitution between L & f(K,Y) is equal to 0.5:

$$\left\{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(P_L \cdot (1+T_X)\right)^{1-\sigma} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left[\left(P_Y^{0.25} \cdot \left(P_K \cdot (1+T_X)\right)^{0.75}\right)\right]^{1-\sigma}\right\}^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} = PX$$

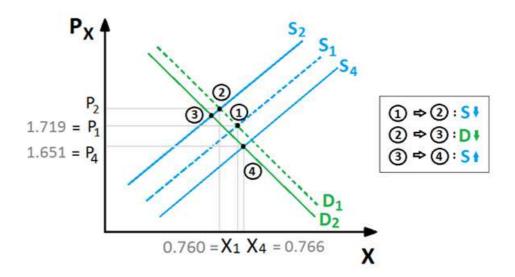
where1/3 = 40/120share of L in production of X2/3 = (20+60)/120share of K & Y in production of X0.25 = 20/(20+60)share of Y in KY composite0.75 = 60/(20+60)share of K in KY composite0.5elasticity of substitution between L and KY composite

$$\left\{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(1.00 \cdot (1+1)\right)^{1-0.5} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left[\left(1.032^{0.25} \cdot \left(0.841 \cdot (1+1)\right)^{0.75}\right)\right]^{1-0.5}\right\}^{\frac{1}{1-0.5}} = P_X = 1.651$$

Thus with the same level of X in both cases, $TR=PX \cdot X$ will be lower in the second case, i.e. worse situation for the producer. When price goes down, consumers increase their demand, thus production of X goes up. However, total revenue becomes anywhere lower than before, i.e. $\Delta PX > \Delta X$

This process is divided into 3 parts:

- 1) supply curve shifts to the left due to substitutability decrease between inputs
- 2) demand curve shits to the left due to substitution of relatively more expensive X with Y
- 3) supply curve shifts to the right due to available production capacity (unused K and L by Y)



Now elasticity of substitution between L and f(K,Y) is equal to 0.5 => producer cannot so easily substitute L with K as before, but still $\frac{PK}{PL} < 1 =>$ producer has to use relatively more L (which is more expensive) and less K to produce X then before => demand for $KX \downarrow => PK \downarrow$

$$KX = 60 \cdot X \cdot \left[\frac{PX}{PY^{0.25} \cdot \{PK \cdot (1+TX)\}^{0.75}}\right]^{0.5} \cdot \frac{PY^{0.25} \cdot \{PK \cdot (1+TX)\}^{0.75}}{PK \cdot (1+TX)} = 60 \cdot X \cdot PX^{0.5} \cdot \frac{[PY^{0.25} \cdot \{PK \cdot (1+TX)\}^{0.75}]^{0.5}}{PK \cdot (1+TX)} \approx 42.8$$

Using \$REPORT command we can display this result directly:

| | LOWER | LEVEL | UPPER | MARGINAL |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|----------|
| VAR KX | | 42.820 | +INF | |
| VAR LX | | 27.834 | +INF | |

Consumes income depends on PL=const, $PK\downarrow$, $KX\downarrow$, $LX\uparrow$:

thus RA \downarrow depends on PK and KX (since PL and LX show different direction). Welfare depends directly on RA => EV \downarrow

Conclusion: Benchmark equilibrium is not sensitive to nested structure, while counterfactual equilibrium is sensitive to it. Direct <u>substitution</u> between K & L gives higher welfare than substitution between K & Y if <u>share</u> of KL > share of KY. Constructing nested function, it is important to group in a single nest the inputs to according to their share <u>and</u> substitutability.

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*Rewrite the original model making an algebraic version

| The MPSGE code \$PROD:X s:0.5 va:1 O:PX Q:120 I:PY Q:20 I:PL Q:40 va: A:CONS T:TX I:PK Q:60 va: A:CONS T:TX |
|---|
| can be rewritten as an algebraic equations: |
| PRF_X (20+40+60)* [1/6*PY**(1-0.5)+5/6*{PL**0.4*PK**0.6*(1+TX)}** (1- 0.5)]**(1/(1-0.5)) =E= 120 * PX; |
| where $1/6 = \frac{20}{120}$ is a share of Y in production of X $5/6 = (\frac{40+60}{120})$ is a share of K & L in production of X 0.4 = 40/(40+60) is a share of L in KL composite 0.6 = 60/(40+60) is a share of K in KL composite |
| ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• |
| MPSGE code: \$PROD:Y s:0.75 va:1 O:PY Q:120 I:PX Q:20 I:PL Q:60 va: I:PK Q:40 va: |
| Algebraic code: PRF Y 120 * [1/6*PX**(1-0.75)+ 5/6*{PL**0.6*PK**0.4}**(1-0.75)]**(1/(1- 0.75)) =E= 120*PY |
| ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• |
| MPSGE code: \$PROD:W s:1 O:PW Q:200 I:PX Q:100 I:PY Q:100 |
| Algebraic code: PRE W 200 * PX**0.5 * PY**0.5 =E= 200 * PW |
| ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• |
| MPSGE code: \$DEMAND:CONS D:PW Q:200 E:PL Q:100 E:PK Q:100 |
| Algebraic code: I_CONS CONS =E=100*PL + 100*PK + TX*100*X*PL**0.4*PK**0.6*[PX/((1+TX)*PL**0.4*PK**0.6)]**0.5; |

EOUATIONS PRF_X Zero profit for sector X PRF_Y Zero profit for sector Y PRF_W Zero profit for sector w (Hicksian welfare index) MKT_X Supply-demand balance for commodity X MKT_Y Supply-demand balance for commodity Y MKT_L Supply-demand balance for primary factor L MKT K Supply-demand balance for primary factor K MKT W Supply-demand balance for aggregate demand I_CONS Income definition for CONS; * Zero profit conditions: Cost of Production Gross of Tax = Value of Output 120* [1/6*PY**(1-0.5)+PRF X.. 5/6*{PL**0.4*PK**0.6*(1+TX)}** (1-0.5)]**(1/(1-0.5)) =E= 120 * PX; 120 * [1/6PX**(1-0.75)+ PRF Y.. 5/6*{PL**0.6*PK**0.4}**(1-0.75)]**(1/(1-0.75)) =E= 120*PY; 200 * PX**0.5 * PY**0.5 =E= 200 * PW; PRF W.. * Market clearance conditions: Output + Initial Endowment = Intermediate + Final Demand MKT_X.. 120 * X = E = 20 * Y * (PY/PX)**0.75 + 100 * W * PX**0.5 * PY**0.5 / PX; MKT Y.. 120 * Y = E = 20 * X * (PX/PY)**0.5 + 100 * W * PX**0.5 * PY**0.5 / PY; MKT W.. 200 * W =E= CONS / PW; MKT_L.. 100 =E= 40 * X * [PX/((1+TX)*PL**0.4*PK**0.6)]**0.5 *PL**0.4*PK**0.6 / PL + 60 * Y * [PY/(PL**0.6*PK**0.4)]**0.75 *PL**0.6*PK**0.4 / PL; MKT_K.. 100 =E= 60 * X * [PX/((1+TX)*PL**0.4*PK**0.6)]**0.5 *PL**0.4*PK**0.6 / PK + 40 * Y * [PY/(PL**0.6*PK**0.4)]**0.75 *PL**0.6*PK**0.4 / PK; * Income balance: the level of expenditure (CONS) = the value of factor income + tax revenue CONS =E= 100*PL + 100*PK + T CONS. TX*100*X*PL**0.4*PK**0.6*[PX/((1+TX)*PL**0.4*PK**0.6)]**0.5; We declare the model using the mixed complementarity in which equation identifiers are associated with variables. MODEL ALGEBRAIC / PRF_X.X, PRF_Y.Y, PRF_W.W, MKT_X.PX, MKT_Y.PY, MKT_W.PW, MKT_L.PL, MKT_K.PK, I_CONS.CONS /; * Check the benchmark: X.L=1; Y.L=1; W.L=1; PX.L=1; PY.L=1; PL.L=1; PK.L=1; PW.L=1; CONS.L=200; TX=0;SOLVE ALGEBRAIC USING MCP;

* **Note** that if no price variable is fixed, a solver may not find a solution when the model is formulated in algebraic form because the Jacobian is singular at the solution (while MPSGE works without any problem because MPSGE uses default normalization – income of the richest consumer - in this case, when GAMS has no default normalization).