Estimating Geographic Frictions on Interfirm Transactions\*

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Abstract

This paper empirically investigates the cost of geographical distance in the interfirm

transactions by using the actual microdata on inter-firm transaction relationships. I model

the formation of transaction partners between upstream and downstream firms as a two-

sided many-to-many matching game with transferable utility and estimate the structural

parameters of the model. In the results, I find that the average distance to the transaction

partners negatively affects the firms' structural revenues in most of the industries, especially

in upstream firms.

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