Comparison Programs

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quality control

- check types
 - directed checks
 - undirected checks
- control points
 - data inputs
 - intermediate data sets
 - final output
- ignorance
- large data sets

strategy

- comparison
- feature selection
- generic approach

comparison

- new to old
- contributor to contributor
- data set to data set
 - energy to I-O
 - trade to I-O
- stage to stage

generic approach

- compare single pair of arrays
 - bilateral trade data
 - use table
- non-negative numbers
- inherent scale
- features:
 - elements
 - marginal totals

feature selection

- large changes in large values
- function of absolute and relative difference
- $(V_B V_A) \cdot (\log V_B \log V_A)$
- symmetric
- non-negative data
- matching non-zeros

sign agreement

- smearing
 - $V(i,j) = (1 \varepsilon) \cdot V(i,j) + \varepsilon \cdot [V(i,\bullet) \cdot V(\bullet,j)/V(\bullet,\bullet)]$
- mutual contamination
 - $V_A = (1 \varepsilon) \cdot V_A + \varepsilon \cdot V_B$
 - $V_B = (1 \varepsilon) \cdot V_B + \varepsilon \cdot V_A$

first try

- compare array elements
- repetitious
- favors clumpy slices

1	3	5
2	4	6

4 8 12	2

0	4	0
2	2	2
3	3	3

0	8	0
2	2	2
6	6	6

second try

- Compare array totals.
- Rescale.
- Compare rank 1 subtotals.
- Rescale.
- Compare rank 2 subtotals.
- et cetera

example

1	1	1
1	1	1
2	2	2

2	2	2
4	4	4
2	2	2

array scaling factor: 2

2	2	2
2	2	2
4	4	4

2	2	2
4	4	4
2	2	2

defects

Sometimes, the main action is not in the higher level totals:

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

1	1	1
1	1	1
4	4	4

third try

- Compare all features: array total, marginal totals, individual elements.
- Identify most divergent feature.
- Rescale to eliminate that divergence.
- Compare all features.
- Identify greatest remaining divergence.
- Rescale.
- et cetera

example: merchandise trade

Comm.	Source	Destn	Actual		Adj.	
*	*	*	5781272	8399882	5781272	8399881
oil	nga	ind	0	7997	2	7995
*	*	chn	235977	503906	342575	503866
otn	jpn	pan	4528	0	6440	2
lea	*	hkg	10904	489	15520	493
ele	chn	*	67462	179094	96245	179074

example: GTAP data

input	use	region	Actual		Adj.	
*	*	xee	318005	121845	317957	121893
osg_d	osg	can	77	30555	84	30548
dwe_d	mvh	mex	13603	0	13600	4
*	wtr	usa	27265	107037	27285	107018
dwe_d	crp	mex	11784	0	11781	3
ome_m	govt	XWS	14526	23	14522	27

state of play

- from rank 3 arrays to rank 2 and 4
- from money value comparisons to:
 - price data comparisons: Compare money values with different prices and common quantities.
 - tax rate comparisons: Compare tax-paid values with common quantities and tax-free prices.