Session: Integrating Micro and Macro Approaches to National Income Analysis

Paper: Development of Financial Sectoral Accounts - New Opportunities and Challenges for Supporting Financial Stability Analysis by Bruno Tissot

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# Recommendations of the Data Gaps Initiative

## First Phase (2000-2005)

1.1 Mandate of the DGI  
1.2 Financial soundness Indicators  
1.3 Tail risk  
1.4 Aggregate leverage and maturity mismatches  

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1. 20 Principal global indicators

## Second Phase (2016-2020)

1.1 Mandate of the DGI  
1.2 Financial sectoral accounts  
1.3 Concentration measures  
1.4 Data for global systemically important financial institutions  

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1. 20 Promotion of data sharing
Global bank credit to non-banks, by borrower region

Banks’ cross-border credit plus local credit in all currencies

Graph 6

All countries

United States

Euro area

Emerging Asia

Latin America

Emerging Europe

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Integrated financial accounts

„In an ideal world, sectoral financial accounts should be integrated in a strong sense: i.e. there would be no discrepancies at all between the financial transactions and the economic activities reported in the underlying national accounts framework, and this across all the sectors of the economy. In practice, however, there are discrepancies not least because the data are diverse, incomplete, and collected for various purposes and by different actors. Integration is therefore obtained in a weak sense, by ensuring the joint efforts of compilers to integrate the accounts as much as feasible, possibly leading to remaining gaps or discrepancies while focusing on specific sectors or instruments.“ (Tissot p. 6)
Integration: Continuity

\[ F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i) \frac{x}{n}, \quad n \to \infty \]

is equivalent to

\[ f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta X}, \quad \Delta x \to 0 \]

Pure mathematics!
Integration in reality: Frame of reference („data template“)

- determines concepts
- determines borders
- determines consistency
Limits of integration: different objects of observation

The transaction
- in finance: creation of claim and liability,
- in national accounting: production and use of output,
- in business accounting: generation and allocation of profit,
- in household surveys: personal income and private consumption.
Limits of integration: open systems

Closure is possible but artificial („imputations“):
- national income and international trade,
- balance sheet and revaluation,
- domestic (formal) product and informal (self-employed) economy
- industries (GDP) and households (ILC)

→ bottom-up is necessarily unequal to top-down
Frames of reference: From blossom
to branch
to tree
Global accounting

“Given that the controlling and controlled units forming a corporate group usually belong to different economies and different sectors, the aggregation of group-level information cannot be consistent with traditional residency-based SNA framework. This framework records assets and liabilities of the economic units that are resident in a specific economic territory, information that is progressively losing its relevance with globalization... (Tissot, p. 19)