

Foreign Trade and the Law of Value II: APPENDIX

This appendix provides a numerical illustration of the analysis in Part II, Section III.3 of this paper. In this example, we examine two sectors of the world economy, having high and low  $\frac{C}{V}$ 's, respectively. The dual economy of the UCR is then represented by an ultramodern export sector which is a subsector of the high  $\frac{C}{V}$  world sector, and consists of producers with efficiencies and organic compositions higher than their sectoral average; and a backward export sector which consists of producers which exist within the low  $\frac{C}{V}$  world sector, and have efficiencies and organic compositions lower than their sectoral average. Within each world sector, comparisons of efficiency and organic composition are made for equal quantities of output.

In all tables, the magnitudes given represent money quantities, first proportional to values ( $C^O$ ,  $V^O$ , etc., and all direct price categories) and then in terms of prices of production (transformed in the manner of Marx).

Table 5 depicts the situation with equal interregional wages and rates of surplus value. As we can see from the regional summary, the net effect for the export sector of the UCR is zero.

Table 6 examines the situation with unequal regional wages and rates of surplus value, the world averages being unchanged. Even so, the net effect for the UCR remains zero, ~~as before~~.

Lastly, as the regional summary in Table 6 indicates, equal rates of profit (.25) in both world sectors are perfectly consistent with higher average rates of profit in the low wage underdeveloped capitalist region (.32 for the UCR, .19 for the DCR).

This example is not meant to represent the actual transfers involved. It is meant instead to illustrate the nature of the transfer mechanisms, and to emphasize that the notion of unequal exchange is not necessary as a primary factor in underdevelopment, and that, moreover, its existence and size is not as simply established as the theorists of unequal exchange seem to believe.

TABLE 5. IRRIVAL REGIONAL VAGES

Low Organic Sector (C/Y = 2, S/Y = 1)

Structure of Production				Direct Prices			Prices of Production			Transfers of Value				
Region	Effica.	C <sup>o</sup>	V <sup>o</sup>	S <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>o</sup>	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Within Industry	Between Industries	Net
UCR	Low	1100	600	600	2300	2000	300	.18	1875	175	.10	-300	-125	-425
DCR	High	900	400	400	1700	2000	700	.54	1875	575	.44	+300	-125	+175
TOTAL	Avg.	2000	1000	1000	4000	4000	1000	.33	3750	750	.25	0	-250	-250

High Organic Sector (C/Y = 4, 7, S/Y = 1)

Structure of Production				Direct Prices			Prices of Production			Transfers of Value				
Region	Effica.	C <sup>o</sup>	V <sup>o</sup>	S <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>o</sup>	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Within Industry	Between Industries	Net
UCR	High	1300	200	200	1700	2000	500	.33	2125	625	.42	+300	+125	+425
DCR	Low	1500	400	400	2300	2000	100	.05	2125	225	.12	-300	+125	-175
TOTAL	Avg.	2800	600	600	4000	4000	600	.18	4250	850	.25	0	+250	+250

Summary By Region

Structure of Production in Direct Prices						Prices of Production						Net Transfer of Value	
Region	C <sup>o</sup>	V <sup>o</sup>	S <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>o</sup>	C/Y	S/Y	Profit Rates	Price	Profit	Profit Rates	Within Industry	Between Industries	Net
UCR	2400	800	800	4000	3	1	.25	4000	800	.25	0	0	0
DCR	2400	800	800	4000	3	1	.25	4000	800	.25	0	0	0
TOTAL	4800	1600	1600	8000	3	1	.25	8000	1600	.25	0	0	0

TABLE 6. I UNEQUAL REGIONAL VAGES

Low Organic Composition Sector (C/Y = 2.1, S/Y = 1.08)

Structure of Production				Direct Prices			Prices of Production			Transfers of Value				
Region	Effica.	C <sup>o</sup>	V <sup>o</sup>	S <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>o</sup>	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Within Industry	Between Industries	Net
UCR	Low	1100	480	720	2300	2000	420	.27	1850	270	.17	-300	-150	-450
DCR	High	900	480	320	1700	2000	620	.45	1850	470	.34	+300	-150	+150
TOTAL	Avg.	2000	960	1040	4000	4000	1040	.35	3700	740	.25	0	-300	+150

High Organic Composition Sector (C/Y = 4, 4, S/Y = 0.98)

Structure of Production				Direct Prices			Prices of Production			Transfers of Value				
Region	Effica.	C <sup>o</sup>	V <sup>o</sup>	S <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>o</sup>	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Price	Profits	Profit Rate	Within Industry	Between Industries	Net
UCR	High	1300	160	240	1700	2000	540	.37	2150	690	.47	+300	+150	+450
DCR	Low	1500	480	320	2300	2000	20	.01	2150	170	.09	-300	+150	-150
TOTAL	Avg.	2800	640	560	4000	4000	560	.16	4300	860	.25	0	+300	+150

Summary By Region

Structure of Production in Direct Prices						Prices of Production						Net Transfer of Value	
Region	C <sup>o</sup>	V <sup>o</sup>	S <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>o</sup>	C/Y	S/Y	Profit Rate	Price	Profit	Profit Rate	Within Industry	Between Industries	Net
UCR	2400	640	960	4000	3.75	1.50	.32	4000	960	.32	0	0	0
DCR	2400	960	640	4000	2.75	0.67	.19	4000	640	.19	0	0	0
TOTAL	4800	1600	1600	8000	3	1	.25	8000	1600	.25	0	0	0