

Shadow Price of the Oil Industry

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Abstract

Oil, hailed as modern industrial blood, is of greater significance to a state, and is closely related to people's lives. Shadow price of the oil industry is a key evaluation parameter for the business of an economy. In this paper, the application of input-output method and linear programming theory has been sought to establish an optimization model for the oil industry and the shadow price of the oil industry has been calculated according to the 2007 China input-output table. The analysis concludes that among the agriculture, the industry, and the tertiary industry, the prices of oil industry products bear maximum influence on the prices of agricultural products.

Key words: *input-output model; linear programming; shadow price; oil industry*

1. Introduction

In today's world, oil is recognized as the "blood" of a national economy. It is not only an imperative strategic resource for energy but is also an important chemical raw material. A lot of studies have been dedicated to evaluate the social benefits of oil industry and various useful conclusions are also drawn. Shadow price in operations research is defined as the optimal solution to the dual problem [1].

In year 2002, Yu Bo, Chi Chunjie, and Su Guofu used input-output model analysis to calculate the impact of oil price fluctuations on China's economy [2]. Similarly, in 2004, Han Dongyan and Chen Rui analyzed the influence of petroleum price on national economy equilibrium and the impact of oil price fluctuations on rest of the industry, and put forward certain countermeasures and Suggestions [3]. In 2007, Liu Weiguo, Xu Wenxin, and Li Xiaoliang used logit function to monitor the degree to which the changes in oil prices impact the economy [4]. Likewise, in 2008, Li Yunling conducted an empirical analysis by applying the input and output method to work out the effect of oil industry on the other industry in China. He suggested some policy recommendations for China's petroleum import and export trade and energy consumption [5]. In year 2010, Li Xiaoyan used grey correlation to establish three models for quantitative analysis of correlation between energy consumption and economic growth. Based on his findings, he advanced the implementation of energy saving measures in order to improve the efficiency of energy utilization [6]. More recently in year 2015, Song Bo and Mu Yueying proposed a new method to deduce the shadow price of carbon emission based on the parameterized environmental directional distance function [7]. Also in year 2015, Tian Shiqiang, Shi Guangming, and Xiong Hui analyzed the shadow price of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide by using the pollutant emission data of 23 thermal power plants in Hunan province [8].

Since the mentioned studies rarely dealt with the shadow price of petroleum industry, they can hardly be used directly for evaluation of oil industry's impact on the national economy. The development of market economy in China, the strengthening of macro-control, and the declining oil prices in Chinese industry make it increasingly

important for the policy makers to research on the shadow price of the oil industry.

Shadow Price in a strict mathematical concept can be obtained from linear programming. The linear programming can be used to derive the largest output under resource constraints; the solution is the optimal allocation of resources *i.e.*, the optimal Price (*i.e.*, Shadow Price). The economic meaning of Shadow Price is the resource's marginal opportunity cost [9-12].

2. Calculation Method for the Shadow Price of Oil Industry

2.1. Related Statistics Index and Output Table [13]

This research mainly involves three national economic statistical indicators: Social Output or Gross State Product (GSP), Gross National Product (GNP), and National Income (NI). The input-output table has three corresponding statistics: Output, Final Use, and Living. In the input-output table, living inputs include labor remuneration, net taxes, and operating surplus production. Investment inputs are divided into the initial, intermediate, and the total investment. Their relationships are given as follows.

primary input= depreciation of fixed assets + living for initial input

Total = initial input + intermediate input

According to the input and output balance theory, there is

$\sum \text{industry output} = \sum \text{industry investment}$

$\sum \text{initial input} = \sum \text{industry eventually uses}$

The oil industry holds an important position within the whole system of input and output of the national economy. In this paper, we will analyze the impact of per unit increment of the oil industry price on the overall GSP, GNP, and NI of Chinese Economy.

The 2007 China input-output table with merged statistics is shown below (See Table 1), where the oil sector includes: oil and gas drilling and processing, and coking and nuclear fuel processing. The source of this Table is [14].

Table 1. 2007 China Input-Output for 4 Industries [15-17]

		Intermediate Use				The Eventually Use	The Total Output
		Agriculture Industry	Oil Industry	Industry	The Tertiary Industry		
Intermediate Input	Agriculture Industry	68771565	6543	24916 1123	25500448	145490320	48893000 0
	Oil Industry	3956136	13593 4997	15173 0743	78399288	-63926648	30609451 6
	Industry	98640362	55714 338	33044 52245	403735456	160717156 3	54697139 64
	The Tertiary Industry	30970198	19951 374	51390 4317	387322375	971702875	19238511 39
The Total Initial Input	The Laborers Remuneration	2718 1627 0	24005 801	43593 6123	368714806		
	Net Taxes on Production	478020	22325 315	24777 7588	114606310		
	The Depreciation of Fixed Assets	14297448	12964 582	16865 2656	176640636		
	Operating Surplus	0	35191 566	39809 9170	368931819		
The Total Input		488930000	30609 4516	54697 13964	1923851139		

2.2. The Optimization Model of National Economic Structure

In order to get the shadow price of petroleum industry, the optimization model for national economic structure is given as follows [18-21]

$$\begin{aligned} & \max CY \\ & s.t. \begin{cases} (I-A)^{-1}Y \leq X_{up} \\ Y \geq Y_{low} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In this model C is the row vector for the value coefficient while Y is the decision variable showing the end product column vector for each industry. A is direct consumption coefficient matrix of the input and output, I is the unit matrix, $(I-A)^{-1}$ is the inverse matrix of input and output. Moreover, X_{up} is maximum output column for each industry which is a resource constraint and reflects the restriction of national economic development ability while Y_{low} is the column for final production output of each industry which is a constraint and reflects the fundamental guarantee of maintaining consumer and reproduction.

According to the linear programming theory, in the condition of the optimal solution, the opportunity cost of each resource slack variable is the resource shadow price q_j . The definition of shadow price q_j unit depends on the value of the coefficient C . For the 3 kinds of national economic evaluation indicators that were mentioned in section 2.2, GSP_i is the output of the industry i , GNP_i is the final product of the industry i , PI_i is the initial input of the industry i , and NI_i is the living of the industry. We have the following three ways to define the coefficient C :

When we view GSP as evaluation index expressed as C_{GSP} , its weight is:
 $C_i = GSP_i / GNP_i$

When we view GNP as evaluation index expressed as C_{GNP} , its weight is:
 $C_i = PI_i / GNP_i$

When we view NI as evaluation index expressed as C_{NI} , its weight is:
 $C_i = NI_i / GNP_i$

For model (1) the value of coefficient C can also be given other definitions, but the said three ways bear the following advantages:

1. Economic meaning is clear. It is more practical as a conversion factor for the conversion of the final product value of each industry into the evaluation index of the national economy;
2. To a certain extent reflects the extent to which an industry lacks in the final product, because C_i is inversely proportional to Y_i .

Model (1) can be further simplified [22]:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta Y &= Y - Y_{low} \\ \Delta X &= X_{up} - (I-A)Y_{low} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \max C\Delta Y \\ & s.t. \begin{cases} (I-A)^{-1}\Delta Y \leq \Delta X \\ \Delta Y \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

2.3. The Calculation Method of Shadow Price of Oil Industry

When calculating the shadow price of petroleum industry, in order to eliminate the effect of other industries we should fix the output of other industries. In effect, we keep the growth rate of other industries as fixed while the growth rate of the industry under

evaluation (*i.e.*, Oil industry) as variable.

When growth rate of the evaluation industry and Y_{low} are changed, the optimal solution of linear programming model (1) may have two states [22]:

1. When, for the oil industry, the $\Delta Y_i = 0$, the optimal solution can be found in the slack variable of the other industry; the shadow price of the oil industry at such time is very high and industry is in the status of "shortage";

2. When the optimal solution is found in the slack variable of the oil industry, the shadow price of the industry is zero, leading it to the status of "overcapacity".

When calculating the shadow price of petroleum industry, the state 1 only needs to be solved with linear programming. When the oil industry faces "overproduction", the shadow price is 0 and does not need to be solved with linear programming.

The steps for shadow price calculation for the oil industry are as follows:

Step 1: Sort out input-output table and calculate matrix A , $(I - A)$, and $(I - A)^{-1}$. Simultaneously obtain the final use vector Y_B and total output vector X_B (for four industries) of year 2007 from Table 1.

Step 2: According to the Chinese statistical yearbook, we should calculate the pace r_s of each industry.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & r_2 & \cdots \\ 0 & \cdots & r_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: For the given value r_s against each industry, calculate $X_{up} = (I + R)X_B$; then fix Y_{low} and calculate $\Delta X = X_{up} - (I - A)^{-1}Y_{low}$;

Step 4: Calculate $\Delta Y = (I - A)\Delta X$

As r_k or Y_{low} changes from smaller to larger value, the following two states may appear:

1. If $\Delta y_k < 0$, the k industry is in a state of "serious shortage". By solving the linear programming model (1) for the optimal solutions, we can obtain the shadow price of the k industry;

2. If $\Delta y_i < 0, i \neq k$, the k industry is in a state of "over production" and the shadow price is 0.

3. The Empirical Analysis of Shadow Price of Oil Industry

3.1. Fundamental Analysis

The first kind of circumstance:

Possibility 1: If $Y_{low} = 0.7Y_B, r_2 = 10\%$

The speed of industry is obtained from the statistical yearbook, as follows [14]:

$r_1 = 6.8\%, r_3 = 18\%, r_4 = 13\%$

From table 1 we get:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1407 & 0.0000 & 0.0456 & 0.0133 \\ 0.0081 & 0.4441 & 0.0277 & 0.0408 \\ 0.2017 & 0.1820 & 0.6041 & 0.2099 \\ 0.0633 & 0.0652 & 0.0940 & 0.2013 \end{bmatrix}$$

From analysis of the second part we obtain:

$$\Delta y = \begin{bmatrix} 23635750.5891 \\ -39787549.9949 \\ 807306669.2330 \\ 394435688.9664 \end{bmatrix}$$

Condition 1: 2 (oil) industry is in a state of "shortage"; by solving the linear programming the optimal solution of (1) type, can give the shadow price of oil industry. The calculation process is in part 3.

The second kind of circumstance:

Possibility 2: If $Y_{low} = Y_B, r_2 = 10\%$

Following can be obtained by analysis of the second part:

$$\Delta y = \begin{bmatrix} -20011345.41 \\ -20609555.59 \\ 325155200.3 \\ 102924826.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Condition 2: 2 (oil) industry product is in a state of "overproduction", so the shadow price of petroleum industry is 0.

3.2. Mathematical Model and Its Solution

When $Y_{low} = 0.7Y_B, r_2 = 10\%$

3.2.1. The Evaluation Index is GSP:

$$C = [3.360567207 \quad -4.78821 \quad 3.403317 \quad 1.979876]$$

The model is as follows:

Objective function:

$$\max z = 3.360567207y_1 - 4.78821y_2 + 3.403317y_3 + 1.97986y_4$$

Constraint condition:

$$1.2063y_1 + 0.0595y_2 + 0.1585y_3 + 0.0648y_4 \leq 522177240$$

$$0.0686y_1 + 1.8721y_2 + 0.1726y_3 + 0.1421y_4 \leq 336703967.6$$

$$0.7463y_1 + 1.0393y_2 + 2.8798y_3 + 0.8223y_4 \leq 6454262478$$

$$0.1890y_1 + 0.2799y_2 + 0.3656y_3 + 1.3656y_4 \leq 2173951787$$

$$y_1 \geq 101843224;$$

$$y_2 \geq -44748653.6;$$

$$y_3 \geq 1125020094;$$

$$y_4 \geq 680192012.5;$$

Model results:

$$q = 18.10517$$

The total results:

Table 2. The Total Results when Evaluation Index is GSP

The Growth Rate of r_2	The Shadow Price of Oil Industry
0	48.98786
10	18.10517
20	18.10517
30	18.10517
40	18.10517
50	10.45846
60	0

70	0
80	0
90	0
100	0

The general model results curve:

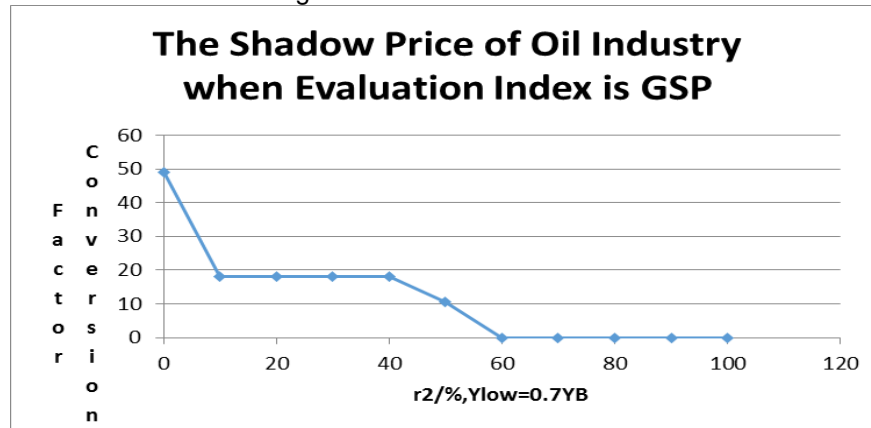


Figure 1. The Shadow Price of Oil Industry when Evaluation Index is GSP

We infer that when the Evaluation Index is GSP and $Y_{low} = 0.7Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, the shadow price of oil industry is gradually diminishing.

3.2.2. The Evaluation Index is GNP:

$$C = [1.96983371 \quad -1.478057544 \quad 0.778053548 \quad 1.058856156]$$

The model is as follows:

Objective function:

$$\max z = 1.96983371y_1 - 1.478057544y_2 + 0.778053548y_3 + 1.058856156y_4$$

Constraint condition:

$$1.2063y_1 + 0.0595y_2 + 0.1585y_3 + 0.0648y_4 \leq 5221772456$$

$$0.0686y_1 + 1.8721y_2 + 0.1726y_3 + 0.1421y_4 \leq 336703967.6$$

$$0.7463y_1 + 1.0393y_2 + 2.8798y_3 + 0.8223y_4 \leq 6454262478$$

$$0.1890y_1 + 0.2799y_2 + 0.3656y_3 + 1.3656y_4 \leq 2173951787$$

$$y_1 \geq 101843224$$

$$y_2 \geq -44748653.6$$

$$y_3 \geq 1125020094$$

$$y_4 \geq 680192012.5$$

Model results:

$$q = 6.885388$$

The total results:

Table 3. The Total Results when Evaluation Index is GNP

The Growth Rate of r_2	The Shadow Price of Oil Industry
0	6.885388
10	6.885388
20	6.885388
30	2.171245
40	2.171245

50	2.171245
60	0
70	0
80	0
90	0
100	0

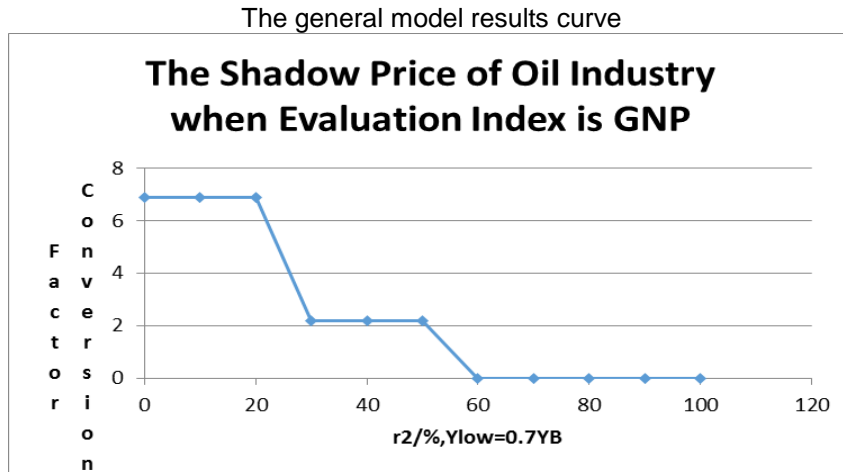


Figure 2. The Shadow Price of Oil Industry when Evaluation Index is GNP

We infer that when the Evaluation Index is GNP and $Y_{low} = 0.7Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, the shadow price of oil industry is gradually diminishing.

3.2.3. The Evaluation Index is NI:

$$C = [1.96654813 \quad -1.12882423 \quad 0.62388358 \quad 0.94091238]$$

The model is as follows:

Objective function:

$$\max z = 1.96654813y_1 - 1.12882423y_2 + 0.62388358y_3 + 0.94091238y_4$$

Constraint condition:

$$1.2063y_1 + 0.0595y_2 + 0.1585y_3 + 0.0648y_4 \leq 522177240$$

$$0.0686y_1 + 1.8721y_2 + 0.1726y_3 + 0.1421y_4 \leq 336703967.6$$

$$0.7463y_1 + 1.0393y_2 + 2.8798y_3 + 0.8223y_4 \leq 6454262478$$

$$0.1890y_1 + 0.2799y_2 + 0.3656y_3 + 1.3656y_4 \leq 2173951787$$

$$y_1 \geq 101843224$$

$$y_2 \geq -44748653.6$$

$$y_3 \geq 1125020094$$

$$y_4 \geq 680192012.5$$

Model results:

$$q = 6.034561$$

The total results:

Table 4. The Total Results when Evaluation Index is NI

The Growth Rate of r_2	The Shadow Price of Oil Industry
0	28.66688
10	6.034561
20	6.034561

30	1.207407
40	1.207407
50	1.207407
60	0
70	0
80	0
90	0
100	0

The general model results curve:

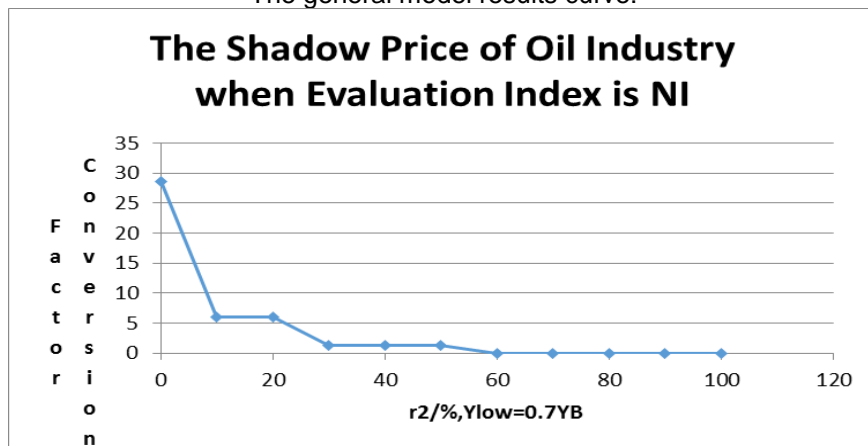


Figure 3. The Shadow Price of Oil Industry when Evaluation Index is NI

We infer that when the Evaluation Index is NI and $Y_{low} = 0.7Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, the shadow price of oil industry is gradually diminishing.

4. The Total Result Analysis

After calculations, we can get that: when $Y_{low} = 0 \sim 0.86Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, shadow price of oil industry is gradually diminishing;

When $Y_{low} = 0.87Y_B \sim Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, shadow price of oil industry is 0.

5. Empirical Analysis of Product Price Influence of Oil Industry on Other Industries

From the above analysis, we can obtain the following:

$$B = (I - A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.20627 & 0.059483 & 0.15848 & 0.064774 \\ 0.068641 & 1.872078 & 0.17264 & 0.142145 \\ 0.746343 & 1.039296 & 2.879823 & 0.822342 \\ 0.189043 & 0.279853 & 0.365583 & 1.365554 \end{bmatrix}$$

When the oil industry prices have risen 10%, then the other industries product prices have raised too [23]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_1 \\ \Delta p_3 \\ \Delta p_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}/b_{12} \\ b_{13}/b_{12} \\ b_{14}/b_{12} \end{bmatrix} \times 10\% = \begin{bmatrix} 2.027923 \\ 0.266430 \\ 0.108896 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the above analysis, it can be obtained that among the agriculture, the industry, and the tertiary industry, the prices of oil industry products have the biggest influence on the prices of agricultural products; the rate of fluctuation affect is 2.027923%, which

reflects more dependence of agriculture on the oil industry.

6. Conclusions

At first, this paper manipulates the 2007 input-output table to get input-output table that only have agriculture industry, oil industry, the industry, and the tertiary industry. Then we establish national economy optimization model based on the oil industry and list the steps to solving the model. Finally, we empirically analyze the shadow price of the oil industry based on the optimization model. We find that changes in the price of the oil industry have the greatest influence on the prices of agricultural products. The industry positions next in respect of such influence while the tertiary industry stands at the last. Our results follow that 1) when $Y_{low} = 0 \sim 0.86Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, shadow price of oil industry is gradually diminishing, and 2) when $Y_{low} = 0.87Y_B \sim Y_B$, with the increase of the speed of oil industry, shadow price of oil industry is 0. Lastly, the empirical analysis of product price influence of oil industry on other industries shows an increased dependence of the agriculture on the oil industry.

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