

# Expenditure systems in the COICOP- classification framework

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## Overview

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## Introduction

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*The main objectives followed by the author were :*

- To bring a short review of classical and modern demand/expenditure systems, which may be effectively employed for research investigations in the consumer demand context.
- To summarize the properties adopted for the most important economic functional types (*direct and indirect utility function, expenditure function, and Marshallian and Hicksian demand functions*) if they may be considered as „appropriate“ from the theoretical point of view.
- To mention possible (but sometimes even serious) problems with the econometric estimation of the parameters of one/another expenditure system (including eventual the identification problem).
- To mention some typical situations, in which just chosen expenditure system can be more effectively used than another.
- To carry out calculations of parameters (and accompanying statistical characteristics) of several expenditure systems ( these, which do not require to employ the nonlinear regression methods ).
- To explore, whether current CIOCOP consumption structure already enables to perform reliable econometric demand analysis relative to the data on prices and consumptions in the Czechia.
- To bring some suggestions, which might be useful for the on-coming analysis in the future, if they would be based on the similar principles (the COICOP data samples and the demand system econometric analysis)

## Notation commonly used in the demand analysis context

<b>Direct utility function</b> .....	$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
<b>Indirect utility function</b> .....	$\Psi(M, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$
<b>Expenditure function</b> .....	$E(u, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$
<b>Marshallian demand functions</b> .....	$g(M, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$
<b>Hicksian demand functions</b> .....	$h(u, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$

where  $u$  is the **utility level**,  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  **price vector**,  $M$  **consumer's income**  
 $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  **the demanded commodity vector**,  $w_i = \frac{p_i x_i}{M}$  **expenditure share of  $i$ -th commodity**

## Properties of the (direct) utility function

**(Direct) utility function**  $u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  **of  $n$  commodities**

**(U1)**  $u(x)$  **is real-valued and finite function defined for all**  $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0$  .

**non-negativity**  $u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$  **for all**  $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0$  **and**  $u(0, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$

**(U2s) strong monotonicity**  $u(x)$  **is increasing in each commodity**  $x_i \in x$

$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n) < u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k^*, \dots, x_n)$  **for all**  $x_k < x_k^*$  ;  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  **and / or**

**(U2w) weak monotonicity**  $u(x)$  **is non-decreasing in any**  $x_i \in x$

$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n) \leq u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k^*, \dots, x_n)$  **for all**  $x_k < x_k^*$  ;  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

**(U3) continuity**  $u(x)$  **is continuous in each commodity**  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

**(U4) quasi-concavity**  $u(x)$  **is quasi-concave in all commodities.**

It means that the following inequality holds for all  $x \geq 0, z \geq 0, \mu \in (0, 1)$  :

$$u(\mu x + (1 - \mu)z) \geq \mu \cdot u(x) + (1 - \mu) \cdot u(z)$$

**(U5) determinateness**  $u(x)$  **is determined up to increasing continuous transformation**  $\varphi(\cdot)$  .

**Then, the  $u(x)$  and  $\varphi(u(x))$  represent the same preference ordering.**

## ***Properties of the indirect utility function***

**Indirect utility function**  $\Psi(M, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  defined as  $\psi(M, p) = \text{Max}[u(x); px = M]$

**(W1)  $\psi(M, p)$  is real-valued, finite function, defined for all positive prices and non-negative income**

**non-negativity**  $\Psi(M, p) \geq 0$  for all positive prices  $p_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\psi(p, 0) = 0$  .

**(W2) monotonicity  $\psi(M, p)$  is increasing in M for any price vector.**

Further,  $\psi(M, p)$  is non-decreasing in each  $p_i ; i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for any consumer's income M

**(W3) continuity  $\psi(M, p)$  is continuous in p in for any price vector  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  and is continuous in M for any fixed level of income/total expenditures M .**

**(W4) homogeneity  $\psi(M, p)$  is homogeneous of the degree 0 (simultaneously) in prices and income**

It means that the following inequality holds for any  $\lambda > 0$  :

$$\psi(\lambda M, \lambda p) = \psi(M, p)$$

**(W5) concavity  $\psi(M, p)$  is concave function in prices  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  at any income level  $M^0$**

It means that for any price vectors  $p > 0, p^* > 0, \mu \in (0, 1)$  and every income level holds.

$$\psi(M^0, \mu p + (1 - \mu)p^*) \geq \mu \cdot \psi(M^0, p) + (1 - \mu) \cdot \psi(M^0, p^*)$$

**(W6) The Marshallian demand functions are generated by the Roy/Villé's identity:**

## Properties of the expenditure function

**Expenditure function**  $E(u, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  defined as  $E(u^0, p) = \text{Min}\{px; u(x) \geq u^0\}$

**(V1)**  $E(u^0, p)$  is real-valued, finite function, defined for all positive prices and non-negative utility level  $M$

**non-negativity**  $E(u^0, p) \geq 0$  for all positive prices  $p_1 > 0, p_2 > 0, \dots, p_n > 0$  and  $u^0 \geq 0$ .

**(V2) monotonicity**  $E(u^0, p)$  is increasing in  $u^0$  for all price vector  $p$ . It is non-decreasing in  $v$  and increasing at least in one price  $p_i; i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for any utility level  $u^0 > 0$ .

**(V3) continuity**  $E(u^0, p)$  is continuous in  $u^0$  for any price vector  $p$ .

Similarly,  $E(u^0, p)$  is continuous in each  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  at any utility level.

**(V4) homogeneity**  $E(u^0, p)$  is linearly homogeneous in  $p$  for any utility level.

It means that the following inequality holds for any  $p > 0; \lambda > 0$ :

$$E(u^0, \lambda p) = \lambda E(u^0, p)$$

**(V5) concavity**  $E(u^0, p)$  is concave in prices  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  at any utility level.

It means that for any price vector and every utility level holds  $p > 0, p^* > 0, \mu \in (0, 1)$

$$E(u^0, \mu p + (1 - \mu)p^*) \geq \mu E(u^0, p) + (1 - \mu)E(u^0, p^*)$$

**(W6)** The Hicksian demand functions are generated by the Shephard's lemma:

## Properties of the Marshallian demand functions

(D1M) Each  $x_i^M = g_i(M, p)$  is real-valued, finite and non-negative function with  $g_i(0, p) = 0$

(D2M) **monotonicity**  $x_i^M = g_i(M, p)$  is non-increasing in price of the every commodity and is non-decreasing in income .

(D3M) **continuity**  $x_i^M = g_i(M, p)$  is continuous in  $M$  as well as is continuous in  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  , too.

(D4M) **homogeneity** Marshallian demand functions  $x_i^M = g_i(M, p)$  are homogeneous of degree 0 simultaneously in price  $s$  and income. So, the following inequality holds:  $g_i(\lambda M, \lambda p) = g_i(M, p)$

(D5HM) **additivity** Complete system of the Marshallian demand functions is additive and summable.

It means that  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i g_i(M, p) = M$

(D6M) **symmetry** „Cross" derivatives of the Marshallian demands (according to individual prices) are symmetric, i.e

$$\frac{\partial g_i(M, p)}{\partial p_j} + x_j \cdot \frac{\partial g_i(M, p)}{\partial M} = \frac{\partial g_j(M, p)}{\partial p_i} + x_i \cdot \frac{\partial g_j(M, p)}{\partial M} \quad \text{for all } p_i, p_j \in \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$$

(D7M) The  $[n; n]$  matrix  $S$  consisting of the elements  $s_{ij} = \frac{\partial g_i(M, p)}{\partial p_j} + x_j \cdot \frac{\partial g_i(M, p)}{\partial M}$  is negatively semidefinite, so the for each vector  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$  not identically zero, the quadratic form defined by the matrix  $S$  fulfills the condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial g_i(M, p)}{\partial p_j} + x_j \cdot \frac{\partial g_i(M, p)}{\partial M} \right] \cdot \xi_i \cdot \xi_j \leq 0$$

As a result of this,  $s_{ii} \leq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$



## Properties of the Hicksian demand functions

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(D1M) Each  $x_i^H = h_i(u, p)$  is **real-valued, finite and non-negative function** with  $h_i(0, p) = 0$

(D2M) **monotonicity**  $x_i^H = h_i(u, p)$  is **non-increasing in price of the every commodity  $p_i$**   
and is **non-decreasing in any utility level  $u$** .

(D3M) **continuity**  $x_i^H = h_i(u, p)$  is **continuous in  $u$**  as well as is **continuous in  $p_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )**, too.

(D4M) **homogeneity** Marshallian demand functions  $x_i^H = h_i(u, p)$  are **homogeneous of degree 0 in prices**.

Thus, the following inequality holds:  $h_i(u, \lambda p) = h_i(u, p)$  for  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, +\infty)$

(D5HM) **additivity** Complete system of the Hicksian demand functions is **additive and summable**.

It means that  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i h_i(u, p) = M$ .

(D6M) **symmetry** „Cross“ derivatives of the Hicksian demands (according to individual prices) are **symmetric**, i.e

$$\frac{\partial h_i(u, p)}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial h_j(u, p)}{\partial p_i} \quad \text{for all } p_i, p_j \in \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$$

(D7M) The  $[n \times n]$  **matrix  $S^*$**  consisting of the elements  $s_{ij}^* = \frac{\partial h_i(u, p)}{\partial p_j}$  is **negatively semidefinite**,  
so the for each vector  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$  not identically zero, the **quadratic form defined by the matrix  $S^*$**

**fulfills the condition**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial h_i(u, p)}{\partial p_j} \right] \cdot \xi_i \cdot \xi_j \leq 0$$

**As a result of this,  $s_{ij} \leq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .**

$$x_i = h_i(u, p) = h_i(\psi(M, p), p) = g_i(M, p)$$

**Roy's Identity, Shephard's lemma, C,E aggregation conditions**

- Roy's identity* 
$$x_i(M, p) = \frac{\frac{\partial \psi(M, p)}{\partial p_i}}{\frac{\partial \psi(M, p)}{\partial M}}$$
- Derivatives of the budget restriction*  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i = M$  yield
- Engel aggregation condition* 
$$\sum_{k=1}^n p_k \cdot \frac{\partial g_k(M, p)}{\partial M} = 1$$
- Cournot aggregation condition* 
$$\sum_{k=1}^n p_k \frac{\partial g_k(M, p)}{\partial p_i} + g_i(M, p) = 0$$
- Homogeneity*  $\psi(M, p)$  of the degree 0 implies 
$$\sum_{k=1}^n p_k \cdot \frac{\partial g_k(M, p)}{\partial p_k} + M \cdot \frac{\partial g_k(M, p)}{\partial M} = 0$$
- Shephard's lemma* 
$$x_i = \frac{\partial E(u^0, p)}{\partial p_i}$$
- Symmetry of the Hicksian demands* 
$$\frac{\partial x_j(u^0, p)}{\partial p_k} = \frac{\partial E(u^0, p)}{\partial p_j \partial p_k} = \frac{\partial E(u^0, p)}{\partial p_k \partial p_j} = \frac{\partial x_k(u^0, p)}{\partial p_j}$$

## Classical expenditure systems

**Linear expenditure system – LES** [ Stone Richard 1954, Geary R. Conrad 1949/50 ]

- **Direct utility function**  $u(x) = \beta_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n (x_k - \alpha_k)^{\beta_k} \quad \beta_k > 0, \alpha_k \geq 0, x_k \geq \alpha_k$
- **Indirect utility function**  $\Psi(M, p) = \frac{M - \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k p_k}{\beta_0 - \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{\beta_k}}$
- **Expenditure function**  $E(u, p) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k p_k + u \cdot \beta_0 \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{\beta_k}$
- **Marshallian demand functions**  $g(x_i) = \alpha_i + \frac{\beta_i}{p_i} \left( M - \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k p_k \right)_i$
- **Hicksian demand functions**  $h(x_i) = \alpha_i + \frac{\beta_i}{p_i} \left( u \cdot \beta_0 \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{\beta_k} \right)_i$
- **Basic characteristics**  
*suitable for commodities the demand for which displays proportionality to the income.*  
*The  $\alpha$  coefficients express the "threshold level" for the utility contribution of i-th commodity.*

## Classical expenditure systems

**Addilog demand system** [ Houthakker Hendrik 1960 ]

- **Direct utility function**

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k x_k^{\beta_k}$$

- **Indirect utility function**

$$\Psi(M, p) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \left( \frac{M}{p_k} \right)^{\beta_k}$$

- **Expenditure function**

*inexpressible in a closed form*

- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$p_i x_i = \frac{\alpha_i M^{\beta_i - 1} p_i^{-\beta_i}}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \beta_k \left( \frac{M}{p_k} \right)^{\beta_k}}$$

- **Hicksian demand functions**

*inexpressible in a closed form*

- **Basic characteristics**

*Suitable for strictly separable utility preferences, not mixing impacts of individual goods. No commodity is essential. A comment: preferences corresponding to the direct and indirect Addilog are not the same.*

## Classical expenditure systems

**S-branch expenditure system** [ Brown Murray, Heien Dale 1972 ]

- **Direct utility function**

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^n \gamma_s \left[ \sum_{j \in s} \beta_{sj} (x_{sj} - \alpha_{sj})^{\rho_s} \right]^{\rho / \rho_s} \right\}^{1/\rho}$$

- **Indirect utility function**

$$\Psi(M_1, p_1, \dots, p_n) = \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^S \gamma_s \cdot \frac{\left[ \sum_{i \in s} \beta_{si} \left( \frac{\beta_{si}}{p_{si}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \cdot w_s \left( M - \sum_{r=1}^S \sum_{j \in r} \alpha_{rj} p_{rj} \right) \right]^{\rho_s}}{\left[ \sum_{j \in s} \left( \frac{\beta_{sj}}{p_{sj}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \right]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

- **Expenditure function inexpressible in a closed form**

$$x_{si} = \alpha_{si} + \left( \frac{\beta_{si}}{p_{si}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \left[ \gamma_s^\sigma \cdot R_s^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_s-1}} \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^S \gamma_r^\sigma R_r^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma_r-1}} \right]^{-1} \left[ M - \sum_{r=1}^S \sum_{j \in r} \alpha_{rj} p_{rj} \right]$$

- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$R_s = \sum_{j \in s} \left( \frac{\beta_{sj}}{p_{sj}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \cdot p_{sj}$$

- **Hicksian demand functions inexpressible in a closed form**

- **Basic characteristics**

*suitable for commodity systems containing complements and displaying positive elasticities of any order (S-branch is a generalization of LES)*

## Classical expenditure systems

**S0-branch expenditure system** [ Brown Murray, Heien Dale 1972 ]

- **Direct utility function**

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i (x_i - \alpha_i)^\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

- **Indirect utility function**

$$\Psi(M, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = \frac{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta_i^{\sigma+1}}{p_i^\sigma} \cdot \left( M - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j p_j \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\beta_j^\sigma}{p_j^{\sigma-1}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}$$

- **Expenditure function**

$$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\beta_j^\sigma}{p_j^{\sigma-1}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$E(u, p) = u^\sigma \cdot \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta_i^{\sigma+1}}{p_i^\sigma} \right]^{-1} \cdot \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\beta_j^\sigma}{p_j^{\sigma-1}} \right) \right] + \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j p_j \right)$$

- **Hicksian demand functions inexpressible in a closed form**

$$x_i = \alpha_i + \left( \frac{\beta_i}{p_i} \right)^\sigma \cdot \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\beta_j}{p_j} \right)^\sigma p_j \right]^{-1} \cdot \left( M - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j p_j \right)$$

- **Basic characteristics**

**suitable for commodity systems containing only substitutes but displaying positive elasticities of any order between goods (S0-branch is a special case of S-branch, but is a generalization of LES).**

**Specification of S0-branch utility function is a Sató's generalization of the ACMS-function.**

Classical expenditure systems

**S1-branch expenditure system** [ Brown Murray, Heien Dale 1972 ]

- **Direct utility function**

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{s=1}^S \left[ \sum_{j \in S} \beta_{sj} (x_{sj} - \alpha_{sj})^{\rho_s} \right]^{\frac{w_s}{\rho_s}}$$
- **Indirect utility function**

$$\Psi(M, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = \prod_{s=1}^S \left[ \frac{w_s \left( M - \sum_{r=1}^S \sum_{k \in r} \alpha_{rk} \cdot p_{rk} \right)}{\left[ \sum_{k \in S} \frac{\beta_{sk} \sigma_s}{p_{sk}^{\sigma_s}} \right]} \cdot \left( \sum_{j \in S} \frac{\beta_{sj}^{\frac{\rho_s}{1-\rho_s}}}{p_{sj}^{\sigma_s}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho_s}} \right]^{w_s}$$
- **Expenditure function** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$x_{si} = \alpha_{si} + \left( \frac{\beta_{si}}{p_{si}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \cdot \left[ \sum_{j \in S} \left( \frac{\beta_{sj}}{p_{sj}} \right)^{\sigma_s} \right]^{-1} \cdot w_s \left( M - \sum_{r=1}^S \sum_{j \in r} \alpha_{rj} \cdot p_{rj} \right)$$
- **Hicksian demand functions** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Basic characteristics**  
*suitable for commodity systems containing complements and displaying positive elasticities of any order among commodity groups. (S1-branch is a generalization of LES and SO-branch and is a special case of the S-branch). Specification of S1-branch utility function is a Uzawa's generalization of the ACMS-function.*

## Classical expenditure systems

**Rotterdam expenditure system** [ Theil Henri, Barten Anton 1964,1965 ]

- **Direct utility function** *unknown/unspecified*
- **Indirect utility function** *unknown/unspecified*
- **Expenditure function** *unknown/unspecified*

$$\log(x_i) = \beta_i + e_i \cdot \log M + \sum_{k=1}^n e_{ik} \cdot \log p_k$$

$$x_i = b_i \cdot M^{e_i} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{e_{ik}}$$
- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$w_i d \log x_i = b_i \cdot d \log M^* + \sum_{k=1}^n c_{ik} d \log p_k$$
- **Hicksian demand functions**

$$b_i = w_i e_i = p_i \cdot \frac{dx_i}{dM} \quad c_{ik} = w_i e_{ik}^* = p_i p_k \frac{S_{ik}}{M}$$
- **Basic characteristics**  
*Suitable for commodity bundles with mutually different behavior. The impacts of income and prices influences are strictly separated. The demand for each commodity is written as a differential function of income and individual prices.*



Advanced (flexible) expenditure systems

## **TRANSLOG expenditure system** [Christensen Laurits, Jorgenson Dale,W.,Lau Lawrence 1973]

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- **Direct utility function** *unknown/unspecified*
- **Indirect utility function**

$$\log \Psi(M, p) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \log\left(\frac{p_i}{M}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_{ij} \log\left(\frac{p_i}{M}\right) \cdot \log\left(\frac{p_j}{M}\right)$$
- **Expenditure function** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$w_i^M = \frac{p_i x_i}{M} = \frac{\beta_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_{ij} \cdot \log\left(\frac{p_j}{M}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_{ij} \cdot \log\left(\frac{p_j}{M}\right)}$$
- **Hicksian demand functions** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Basic characteristics**

*suitable for commodity systems exhibiting interactions among (transformed) normalized prices. Its usefulness is limited onto demand structures with a moderate number of commodities (max. 5-8)*

## **Quadratic expenditure system QES** [Howe Howard, Pollak Robert, Wales Terence 1979]

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- **Direct utility function** **unknown/unspecified**
- **Indirect utility function** 
$$\Psi(M, p) = -\frac{\theta(p)}{M - \varphi(p)} - \frac{\chi(p)}{\theta(p)}$$
- **Expenditure function** 
$$E(u, p) = \varphi(p) - \frac{\theta^2(p)}{u \cdot \theta(p) + \chi(p)}$$
- **Marshallian demand functions**

$$x_i(M, p) = \frac{1}{\theta^2(p)} \left( \chi_i(p) - \frac{\theta_i(p)}{\theta(p)} \cdot \chi(p) \right) \cdot (M - \varphi(p))^2 + \frac{\theta_i(p)}{\theta(p)} \cdot (M - \varphi(p)) + \theta_i(p)$$
- **Hicksian demand functions** **hardly expressible**
- **Basic characteristics**  
**suitable for commodities with (nearly) quadratic relation demand to income („moderate“ luxuries)**

## Advanced expenditure systems

**Almost ideal demand system – AIDS** [ Deaton Angus, Muellbauer John 1980 ]

- **Direct utility function** *unknown/unspecified*
- **Indirect utility function** 
$$\Psi(M, p) = \frac{\log M - \log P}{\beta_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{\beta_k}}$$
- **Expenditure function** 
$$\log E(u, p) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \log p_k + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{kj} * \log p_k \log p_j + u \cdot \beta_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{\beta_k}$$
- **Marshallian demand functions** 
$$w_i^M = p_i x_i(M, p) = \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} \log p_j + \beta_i \cdot \log \left( \frac{M}{P} \right)$$
- **Hicksian demand functions** 
$$w_i^H = p_i x_i(u, p) = \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} \log p_j + u \cdot \beta_0 \cdot \beta_i \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n p_k^{\beta_k}$$
- **Basic characteristics** 
$$\log P = \alpha_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \log p_k + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{kj} * \log p_k \log p_j$$
  
*suitable for systems with log-linear demand specification and TRANSLOG index price function.  
 Demands are decomposed into “neat “price influences and (by the suitable price index) deflated  
 consumer’s income*

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## **General exponential form - GEF** [ Cooper Russel J., McLaren Keith R. 1996 ]

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- **Direct utility function** *unknown/unspecified*
- **Indirect utility function** 
$$\Psi(M, p) = \frac{\left(\frac{M}{\kappa \cdot P1}\right)^\mu - 1}{\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{M}{P2}\right)^\sigma$$
- **Expenditure function** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Marshallian demand functions** 
$$w_i(M, p) = \frac{p_i x_i}{M} = \frac{EP1_i \cdot R^\mu + \sigma \cdot EP2_i \cdot \left(\frac{R^\mu - 1}{\mu}\right)}{R^\mu + \sigma \frac{R^\mu - 1}{\mu}}$$
- **Hicksian demand functions** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Basic characteristics** 
$$R = \frac{M}{\kappa \cdot P1} \quad EP1_i = \frac{\partial \ln P1}{\partial \ln p_i} \quad EP2_i = \frac{\partial \ln P2}{\partial \ln p_i}$$

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**Quadratic Almost Ideal Demand System – QUAIDS [Banks J., Blundell R., Lewbel A. 1997]**

- **Direct utility function** *unknown/unspecified*  $\log(b(p)) = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \log(p_j)$
- **Indirect utility function**  $\log \Psi(M, p) = \left( \frac{b(p)}{\log\left(\frac{M}{a(p)}\right)} - \omega(p) \right)^{-1}$   $\log(\omega(p)) = \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j \log(p_j)$   
 $a(p) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \log(p_i) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_{jk} \log(p_j) \log(p_k)$
- **Expenditure function** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Marshallian demand functions**  $w_i = \alpha_i + \sum_{s=1}^n \gamma_{is} \log p_s + \beta_i \log\left(\frac{M}{a(p)}\right) + \omega_i \cdot \frac{\left(\log \frac{M}{a(p)}\right)^2}{b(p)}$
- **Hicksian demand functions** *inexpressible in a closed form*
- **Basic characteristics**  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i = 1, \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_{jk} = 0, \sum_{k=1}^k \gamma_{jk} = 0, \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j = 0,$

*suitable as an extension of the previous AIDS model, when demands are extended about the quadratic terms comprised (by the income) relative prices. The former AIDS is a special case of QUAIDS. Three price index functions (twice Cobb-Douglas and the TRANSLOG) are used*

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**Full Laurent Model** [ Barnett W.A., Lee Y.W. and Wolfe M.D. 1985,1987 ]

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- **Direct utility function** **unknown/unspecified**

- **Indirect utility function** 
$$\Psi\left(\frac{M}{p_1}, \frac{M}{p_2}, \dots, \frac{M}{p_n}\right) = \alpha_0 + 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \alpha_i \sqrt{\frac{M}{p_i}} - \beta_i \sqrt{\frac{p_i}{M}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \alpha_{jk} \sqrt{\frac{M}{p_j}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{M}{p_k}} - \beta_{jk} \sqrt{\frac{p_j}{M}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_k}{M}} \right)$$

- **Expenditure function** **inexpressible in a closed form**

- **Marshallian demand functions** 
$$x_i(M, p) = \frac{\frac{\alpha_i M}{p_i^{3/2}} + \frac{\beta_i}{(p_i M)^{1/2}} + \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{p_i^{3/2} p_j^{1/2}} + \frac{\beta_{ij}}{M} \sqrt{\frac{p_j}{p_i}} \right]}{\sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \alpha_j (p_j M)^{1/2} + \beta_j (p_j M^3)^{1/2} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \alpha_{jk} (p_j p_k)^{-1/2} + \beta_{jk} (p_j p_k)^{1/2} M^{-2} \right]}$$

- **Hicksian demand functions** **inexpressible in a closed form**

- **Basic characteristics**

**Suitable for the models extending the classical GL (Generalized Leontieff) flexible form. Interactions among normalized prices influencing demands for individual commodities are included. Not appropriate for large commodity structures.**

Dynamic and stochastic specifications for the

## **Rotterdam expenditure system** [ Theil Henri, Barten Anton 1964,1965, Parks 1969 ]

The **econometric estimation of the Rotterdam model** requires the **transformation of the differential scheme into difference equations** (usually of the first order) generating the model. **The discrete analog** of the basic scheme is

$$(*) \quad x_t^* - w_{ti}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n -\mu_{ni} (\log p_{ti} - \log p_{t-1,k}) + (1 - \mu_n) \cdot w_{ti}^* (\log x_{t,i} - \log x_{t-1,i}) + \varepsilon_{ni}$$

where  $w_{ti}^* = 0,5 \cdot (w_{t,i} + w_{t-1,i})$ ,  $w_{t,i} = p_{ti} x_{ti} / M_{ti}$  is the **average value share in two successive periods**, and  $x_t^* = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ti}^* x_{ti}$  is the **value weighted average of the logarithmic differences of the quantity demanded**. It is a volume index of the change in total consumption and can be interpreted as a measure of the change in real income.

**The estimation techniques should take account of the covariance singularity** as well as the parameter restriction implied by the **homogeneity, adding-up, and symmetry conditions**. It can be shown that **the restrictions imply** that for each  $t$ , **one of the equations is redundant**: adding the first equations (\*) gives

$$x_t^* - w_{ti}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n -\mu_{ni} (\log p_{ti} - \log p_{t-1,k}) + (1 - \mu_n) \cdot w_{ti}^* (\log x_{t,i} - \log x_{t-1,i}) + \varepsilon_{ni}$$

Upon clearing terms and multiplying by -1, this expression becomes the  $n$ -th equation (\*)  $\square$ .

Considering this system with the  $n$ -th equation deleted, we can impose the homogeneity restriction by deflating prices by the  $n$ -th price. Equations (\*) then become

$$w_{ii}^* (\log x_{t,i} - \log x_{t-1,i}) = \mu_i \cdot x_t^* + \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_{ik} \cdot (\log p_{tk} - \log p_{t-1,k}) + \varepsilon_{ii} \quad t = 2, \dots, T; i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

A comment: **The unconstrained price coefficients, however, do not satisfy the symmetry condition**

Elimination of the redundancy (the choice of equation to eliminate is arbitrary) reduces the system to be estimated by one equation and also avoids the covariance singularity in the reduced system.

Dynamic and stochastic specifications for the

## **Almost ideal demand system – AIDS** [ Deaton Angus, Muellbauer John 1980 ]

The suitable form for econometric estimation of AIDS is the modified version

$$w_i = \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} \log p_j + \beta_i \cdot \log \left( \frac{M}{P} \right) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

When inserting TRANSLOG price index, we get the **dynamized specification for the sample of the length**  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ .

$$w_{ti} = (\alpha_i - \beta_i \alpha_0) + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} \log p_{tj} + \beta_i \left( \log M_t - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \log p_{tj} - \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_{jk} \cdot \log p_{tj} \cdot \log p_{tk} \right) + \varepsilon_{ti}$$

This non-linear system may be estimated by maximum likelihood or another method with and without restrictions

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_{jk} = 0, \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_{jk} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Since the data are summed up by construction, the following adding-up conditions are not testable:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k = 1 \quad \gamma_{jk} = \gamma_{kj}, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k = 0$$

Estimation via the maximum likelihood method entails a problem of the identification of parameter  $\alpha_0$ .

(it can be interpreted as the outlay required for the minimal standard of living when prices are unities). In many cases, it is possible to exploit the collinearity of the prices to yield a simpler estimation technique. **If  $P$  were known, the model would be linear in the parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  and estimation can be done by OLS** which, in this case and given normally distributed errors, is equivalent to ML estimation for the system as a whole. If prices are closely collinear, it may be adequate to approximate  $P$  as proportional to

**Stone's index**  $\log P^* = \sum w_{\nu} \cdot \log p_{\nu}$  If  $P \cong \lambda \cdot P^*$ , then the **AIDS model can be estimated as**

$$w_{ti} = (\alpha_i - \beta_i \log \lambda) + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} \log p_{tj} + \beta_i \log \left( \frac{M_t}{P_t^*} \right) + \varepsilon_{ti}$$



# The estimation results of the Rotterdam system

[ Czech COICOP prices and consumptions quarterly data 1Q2000-4Q2006 ]

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Tab2	Rotterdam model	c.value=2,0930	const.	d <sub>t</sub> LP1	d <sub>t</sub> LP2	d <sub>t</sub> LP3	d <sub>t</sub> LP4	d <sub>t</sub> LP5	d <sub>t</sub> LP7	d <sub>t</sub> LP11	SUMWdLQ	R/DW
1	<i>Food and non-alcoholic</i>	parameters	45,363	6,261	106,796	64,002	-14,975	-26,206	-3,634	-105,416	-0,114	<b>0,440</b>
	<i>Beverages</i>	t-statistics	<b>3,765</b>	0,641	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,783</b>	-0,940	-0,266	-0,384	<b>- 2,280</b>	-1,094	<b>1,293</b>
2	<i>Alcoholic beverages,</i>	parameters	-0,126	-1,320	9,337	8,635	-2,228	8,052	-1,526	-14,502	0,019	<b>0,585</b>
	<i>tobacco, drugs</i>	t-statistics	-0,054	-0,705	0,989	1,957	-0,729	0,427	-0,840	-1,635	0,948	<b>1,393</b>
3	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	parameters	-20,455	9,330	-57,501	30,658	-18,900	82,278	-21,657	40,116	0,231	<b>0,854</b>
		t-statistics	<b>- 2,557</b>	1,439	-1,760	2,008	-1,787	1,259	-3,444	1,307	3,348	<b>1,768</b>
4	<i>Housing,water,electricity</i>	parameters	20,965	-6,099	-8,406	-80,675	25,909	85,326	27,182	-5,398	0,064	<b>0,614</b>
	<i>and other fuels</i>	t-statistics	1,628	-0,584	-0,160	<b>- 3,282</b>	1,522	0,811	<b>2,685</b>	-0,109	0,575	<b>1,801</b>
5	<i>Furnishings, household</i>	parameters	-23,524	-2,118	-42,394	-12,047	-3,316	71,415	-15,945	17,351	0,267	<b>0,899</b>
	<i>equip. &amp; maintenance</i>	t-statistics	<b>- 5,640</b>	-0,626	<b>- 2,488</b>	-1,513	-0,601	<b>2,096</b>	<b>- 4,863</b>	1,084	<b>7,408</b>	<b>1,804</b>
6	<i>Health</i>	parameters	2,911	5,827	4,778	5,323	-2,561	-15,195	-2,261	-0,552	-0,019	<b>0,471</b>
		t-statistics	1,541	<b>3,804</b>	0,619	1,476	-1,025	-0,985	-1,522	-0,076	-1,193	<b>1,861</b>
7	<i>Transport</i>	parameters	-34,680	-25,833	78,650	-16,929	46,275	-52,306	53,234	34,877	0,400	<b>0,516</b>
		t-statistics	-1,948	-1,790	1,082	-0,498	1,966	-0,360	<b>3,804</b>	0,511	<b>2,604</b>	<b>1,017</b>
8	<i>Postal services and</i>	parameters	6,496	4,874	-2,969	6,318	-15,548	-92,230	-8,321	-3,833	-0,024	<b>0,556</b>
	<i>Telecommunications</i>	t-statistics	<b>3,577</b>	<b>3,310</b>	-0,400	1,823	<b>- 6,476</b>	<b>- 6,218</b>	<b>- 5,829</b>	-0,550	-1,520	<b>1,886</b>
9	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	parameters	4,737	-12,945	3,028	21,975	0,324	-99,234	6,419	2,596	0,066	<b>0,573</b>
		t-statistics	0,714	<b>- 2,406</b>	0,112	1,734	0,037	-1,831	1,230	0,102	1,156	<b>2,068</b>
10	<i>Education</i>	parameters	3,211	0,351	3,335	-2,251	-0,841	-6,396	-2,357	-9,383	-0,035	<b>0,553</b>
		t-statistics	1,848	0,249	0,470	-0,679	-0,366	-0,451	-1,726	-1,407	<b>- 2,310</b>	<b>1,573</b>
11	<i>Restaurants and hotels</i>	parameters	6,781	-14,348	-55,707	-1,840	10,760	-19,015	15,688	-29,316	-0,020	<b>0,578</b>
		t-statistics	1,057	<b>- 3,003</b>	<b>2,307</b>	-0,163	1,432	-0,393	<b>3,435</b>	-1,265	-0,372	<b>1,532</b>
12	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	parameters	-4,900	21,675	-94,655	-25,007	-14,140	44,497	-31,134	44,144	0,146	<b>0,551</b>
	<i>goods and services</i>	t-statistics	-0,434	<b>2,367</b>	<b>- 2,052</b>	-1,160	-0,947	0,483	<b>- 3,508</b>	1,019	1,495	<b>1,271</b>

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# The estimation results of the AIDS demand system

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Tab1	AIDS model	c.value=2,0930	const.	$\ln(p_1)$	$\ln(p_2)$	$\ln(p_3)$	$\ln(p_4)$	$\ln(p_5)$	$\ln(p_6)$	$\ln(p_7)$	$\ln(p_{1+7})$	$\ln(M/P)$	R/DW
1	Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	parameters	442,919	60,849	98,628	21,874	-11,417	-124,313	-15,812	-101,713	-5,825	0,937	
	t-statistics	1,245	5,019	1,928	0,840	-0,740	-1,406	-1,195	-2,424	-1,321	2,096		
2	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs	parameters	18,990	-6,780	-2,344	15,656	2,030	-13,472	-0,372	0,196	6,321	0,820	
	t-statistics	0,193	-2,024	-0,166	2,176	0,476	-0,552	-0,102	0,017	5,187	2,704		
3	Clothing and footwear	parameters	-39,940	29,214	-133,284	166,332	30,728	-137,025	-56,542	66,046	80,312	0,851	
	t-statistics	-0,057	1,217	-1,316	3,226	1,006	-0,783	-2,158	0,795	9,198	2,166		
4	Housing, water, electricity and other fuels	parameters	-815,686	-15,335	-270,087	-177,948	26,518	455,032	41,301	180,860	-70,962	0,930	
	t-statistics	-1,510	-0,833	-3,477	-4,499	1,132	3,389	2,056	2,838	-10,595	2,072		
5	Furnishings, household equip. & maintenance	parameters	68,361	-12,374	-128,691	52,550	21,258	-2,419	-19,610	58,504	37,362	0,808	
	t-statistics	0,194	-1,031	-2,541	2,038	1,392	-0,028	-1,497	1,408	8,557	2,168		
6	Health	parameters	226,645	6,393	-27,704	0,216	11,841	-27,203	-16,823	10,250	-6,908	0,700	
	t-statistics	1,013	0,838	-0,861	0,013	1,220	-0,489	-2,021	0,388	-2,490	2,335		
7	Transport	parameters	497,747	21,043	498,323	-4,080	-72,232	-364,121	123,401	-292,671	-11,199	0,607	
	t-statistics	0,443	0,550	3,086	-0,050	-1,483	-1,304	2,954	-2,209	-0,804	2,150		
8	Postal services and telecommunications	parameters	-70,930	-3,241	-12,343	-32,859	-6,228	64,847	-16,102	26,830	-1,453	0,918	
	t-statistics	-0,381	-0,510	-0,461	-2,409	-0,771	1,400	-2,323	1,221	-0,629	1,952		
9	Recreation and culture	parameters	-317,300	-31,143	188,465	29,747	-4,802	-54,788	30,438	-82,855	7,112	0,457	
	t-statistics	-0,629	-1,811	2,598	0,805	-0,219	-0,437	1,622	-1,392	1,137	2,431		
10	Education	parameters	82,846	-6,090	9,522	-24,820	1,602	28,582	-5,378	-15,087	-9,541	0,771	
	t-statistics	0,664	-1,432	0,531	-2,716	0,296	0,921	-1,158	-1,025	-6,165	2,641		
11	Restaurants and hotels	parameters	-433,450	-11,925	110,847	-66,956	-30,755	108,032	43,847	-37,080	-27,655	0,579	
	t-statistics	-0,937	-0,756	1,666	-1,977	-1,533	0,939	2,548	-0,679	-4,821	2,061		
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	parameters	237,439	-5,587	-307,593	20,685	54,694	89,332	-86,522	190,723	4,905	0,718	
	t-statistics	0,326	-0,225	-2,937	0,388	1,731	0,493	-3,193	2,219	0,543	1,890		

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## The COICOP clasification of commodities in the basket

The commodity basket composed for ČR by the Czech statistical office consists since 1999 of

790 (775) commodities structured into 47 groups (skupin) and 117 (105) cathegories (tříd)  
 12 divisions (oddílů),

<i>The 12 groups represents:</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>weights 1993</i>	<i>weights 1999</i>	<i>weights 2006</i>
	790	1000,00	1000,00	1000,00
1. <i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	163	260,62	197,57	162,63
2. <i>Alcoholic beverages, tobacco ,drugs</i>	16	66,47	79,24	81,72
3. <i>Clothing and footwear</i>	80	91,89	56,93	52,43
4. <i>Housing, water, electricity and other fuels</i>	58	141,42	236,40	248,29
5. <i>Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house</i>	96	75,39	67,92	58,05
6. <i>Health</i>	39	9,55	14,35	17,86
7. <i>Transport</i>	96	100,81	101,41	114,10
8. <i>Postal services and telecommunications</i>	21	8,89	22,54	38,73
9. <i>Recreation and culture</i>	113	99,58	95,53	98,66
10. <i>Education</i>	11	6,16	4,50	6,18
11. <i>Restaurants and hotels</i>	47	55,06	74,15	58,39
12. <i>Miscellaneous goods and services</i>	50	84,16	49,46	62,96

**COICOP:** *abbrev. from Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose*

## Conclusions I **factual consequences**

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- ❖ **The AIDS model** gives moderately good results. The explained variabilities of dependent variables measured by the  $R^2$  vary between 0,46 and 0,94 (*groups 9 and 1,4*, resp.). The DW coefficient suggests none or slightly negative residual autocorrelations, partly due to apparent seasonality in consumptions in some commodity groups. The number of significant variables have moved between 2 - 4 (with an exception of 4th group, in which 6 variables were significant). The price of the 4th group has no apparent effect on the consumptions, at all.
- ❖ **Prices of the 2nd divisions influence the relative expenditures within several commodity groups:** On the one hand, expenditures on this division, are not, perhaps surprisingly, influenced by the appropriate price development. This fact means that *consumption of tobacco and alcoholic drinks is intact by its own price*. On the other hand, increased money spent here are lacking for expenditures on dispensable goods (*divisions 3,5,9,11*), maintaining the consumption of the necessities (*food, expenditures on housing*) relatively intact.
- ❖ **Deflated income has** none or only a small apparent effect on some necessities such as *food, transport, posts and telecommunications*, but this is not true for other commodity groups, in which dispensable goods or services have occurred (*clothing and footwear, furnishings*). In some commodity groups (*housing, water and fuel, health, education*), this term has, perhaps strikingly, a negative sign, but this is explainable by the fact that prices (aggregated in ..... ) rose very steeply in these commodity groups.
- ❖ **The Rotterdam model** exhibits poorer results than the AIDS model, as can be seen from the  $R^2$  value for, with only two exceptions, this coefficient lies below 0,62. Only in groups 3 and 5, the fit is quite satisfactory. As to t-statistics, the modeling of at least four demand relations (with none or only one significant variable) can hardly be considered as successful.
- ❖ **The effects of the most differenced prices onto dependent variables are** quite irregular and less persuasive than in the AIDS model. The own-price elasticities are seldom significant, while some cross-price ones exhibit hardly expectably, despite very high t-values (particularly in the regressions for *furnishings etc.* and *postal services*). The most influential price variable is the differenced price of *transport* having an effect on seven demand variables but in some cases the appropriate regression coefficients have no expectable signs (considering the type of goods that can be regarded as substitutes to it)

## Conclusions II – methodological comments

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- ❖ The *Czech COICOP classification* maintained in a quarterly time series enables since 2000 (or some years before) to lead the econometric analysis of the expenditure/demand systems. The annual data are too short for such purpose. The monthly data (albeit available and sufficiently large) are worse to use due to considerable substitution effects in population behavior.
- ❖ Some sample data on expenditures and prices exhibit a remarkable seasonality. The seasonal adjustment of the data would bring the clearer view on the behavior of consumers.
- ❖ Expenditure systems such as *LES, Rotterdam, Addilog* and *AIDS* can be employed almost readily under the current state of the data samples. For implementation of (globally) flexible functional forms (*TRANSLOG, Generalized Leontief, Minflex Laurent, GEF* etc.), exhibiting many parameters there is not, at present, hope for rational ( if the whole COICOP structure is to be captured ).
- ❖ Only a part of expenditure schemes can be estimated by the means of standard econometric tools: The *LES, Rotterdam* (and with little additional supplement also *AIDS*) models can be estimated by the means of the linear regression analysis for they form a „classical“ SUR model structure. A little more troublesome is, e.g., SO-branch model.
- ❖ The quantitative analysis of the most of recently developed expenditure systems can be performed only with the help of advanced estimation techniques requiring, as a rule, a numerical iterative methods (FIML or some other method of nonlinear econometric analysis). Moreover, the up to now analyses have confined themselves usually only to 3-6 commodity groups, so the their settings into COICOP commodity classification is (as far as the author became acquainted) an open question.