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Abstract

Currently, the national accounts in most countries use two formats for presentation: matrices for the Input-Output tables and T-accounts for the transactions of institutional sectors. This paper demonstrates that presently available national accounts can easily be transformed into a National Accounts Matrix (NAM). This may improve both the transparency and the analytic usefulness of the complete set of accounts.

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1. Introduction

As in many other countries, the set of detailed tables in the annual national accounts publication of the Netherlands currently contains two formats for presentation: 1) T-accounts for the incomes, expenditures, capital and financial transactions of institutional sectors, and 2) input-output matrices for information on the flow of goods and services and on the structure of production costs [Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek, 1992].

In the T-accounts for institutional sectors, input-output figures are lacking, as these data are more usefully classified by industry branches and product groups. Therefore, in a sequence of accounts for institutional sectors the supply and use of goods and services and the production process are only shown at an aggregate level.

On the other hand the input-output tables and supply and use tables lack an overview of some important economic processes, such as (re)distribution of income, capital transactions and financial transactions. Both the sequence of accounts and the supply and use tables fulfil a specific function in the national accounts. In addition to this, it is expedient to present the whole system of national accounts in one framework. Such a framework takes the form of a matrix, partly because supply and use tables can only be included in this form. Besides, a matrix presentation offers the possibility of choosing the most relevant economic unit and the most relevant classification of units in each account of the system. As in reality various types of unit are involved in different economic processes, in this way the relation between various types of transactions in the economy can be traced better.

Let us take an example to illustrate this. If Dutch households start to buy more bicycles, the production of bicycles in our country will probably rise. This may mean that production workers in bicycle factories work overtime and thus earn more money. This money ends up in their household's purse and subsequently these households may purchase

more goods and services. In this example the extra consumption of a certain type of good (bicycles) therefore leads to more production by certain industries (e.g. metal products manufacturing and trade), by which higher incomes result for some categories of employees (e.g. manual workers), which in turn leads to higher incomes for some groups of households (among others the group whose main source of income is compensation of employees from the private sector). Four types of unit are thus involved in this series of transactions: a product, an establishment unit, an employee and a household.

The national accounts matrix traces this money flow and records both the paying and the receiving party for each transaction. This registration of transactions also has advantages for certain modelling analyses based on the national accounts.

2. A consolidated matrix presentation

Transactions in the economy are shown at a meso level in table 4. Before discussing this table we give an overview of the structure of the matrix as this appears from tables 1 to 3. These tables contain a consolidated matrix presentation of the national accounts and serve to provide an insight in the inter-relations among the values of macro-economic aggregates in 1987, 1988 and 1989, respectively. In this way the connections between the main domestic and national indicators, such as gross domestic product (GDP), net national income (NNI), disposable income and the current external balance can be read directly from each of these tables.¹⁾ By way of illustration we shall now discuss table 3. The structure of this table is exactly the same as that of tables 1 and 2.

The rows contain the receipts recorded by origin, and the columns the payments by destination. Obviously the totals of the rows (receipts) and the columns (payments) are equal. If an account results in a balancing item, this will usually be in the column of the account concerned. This balancing item is then equal to the sum of the row minus the other items in the column. For example, GDP is the balancing item of the production account (account 2 in the table) and equals production (row 2) minus intermediate consumption (see column 2). The matrix roughly follows the standard accounts scheme of the revised SNA up to and including the financial accounts.²⁾

The first row and column show the goods and services account. Macro-estimates for the year 1989 for the supply and use of goods and services, measured in purchasers' prices, are recorded here. The first row presents the various categories of use of goods and services: intermediate consumption, final consumption expenditure, changes in

1) In the tables all main macro-aggregates are in a thick outlined box.

2) This table is rather similar to the aggregate Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) presented in the revised System of National Accounts [United Nations, 1992: table XX.4]. Refer also to Keuning [1991].

Table 1. An aggregate National Accounts Matrix for the Netherlands (1987, milliard guilders)

ACCOUNT	1. Goods and services		2. Production		3. Generation of income		4. Primary distribution of income		5. Secondary distribution of income		6. Use of income		7. Capital		8. Gross capital formation		9. Destination of new fixed capital formation		10. Type of fixed capital formation		11. Financial		12. Financial		13. Rest of the world		14. Rest of the world		Total									
	Classification	Products	Industries	Intermediate consumption	Primary input cat.	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Industries	Industries	Prod. assets	Fin. assets	Fin. assets	Exports (f.o.b.)	Compensation of employees from the rest of the world	Property income from the rest of the world	Current taxes and current transfers from the rest of the world	Capital transfers from the rest of the world	Capital formation	Capital formation	Capital formation	Capital formation		Use at purchasers' prices								
1. Goods	Trade and transport margins	0.0	404.3																																			
2. Production	Output at basic prices	806.3																																				
3. Generation of income	Primary Input categories																																					
4. Primary distribution of income	Product at basic prices																																					
5. Secondary distribution of income	Taxes less subsidies on products	37.7																																				
6. Use of income	Net National Income at basic prices																																					
7. Capital	Consumption of fixed capital																																					
8. Gross capital formation	Net National Income at basic prices																																					
9. Destination of new fixed capital formation	Industries																																					
10. Type of fixed capital formation	Produced assets																																					
11. Financial	Net National Income at basic prices																																					
12. Financial	Imports (c.i.f.)																																					
13. Rest of the world	Current																																					
14. Rest of the world	Capital																																					
Total	Supply at purchasers' prices	1051.6																																				

*) Including acquisition less disposals of land.

Table 2. An aggregate National Accounts Matrix for the Netherlands (1985, milliard guilders)

1. Goods and services	2. Production		3. Generation of income		4. Primary distribution of income		5. Secondary distribution of income		6. Use of income		7. Capital		8. Gross capital formation		9. Destination of new fixed capital formation		10. Type of fixed capital formation		11. Financial		12. Financial		13. Rest of the world		14. Rest of the world		Total
	Classification	Products	Industries	Primary input cat.	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Industries	Industries	Prod. assets	Fin. assets	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Capital	Capital	Use at purchasers' prices	
2. Production of income	Industries	Output at basic prices 842.6	Intermediate consumption 425.1	Primary input cat.																						Output at basic prices 842.6	
3. Generation of income	Primary input categories		Gross Domestic Product at basic prices 417.5	Value added tax not handed over to the government 1.2																						Generated income 419.9	
4. Primary distribution of income	Institutional sectors	Taxes less subsidies on products 36.9		Net National Income at basic prices 366.3	Property income 155.4																					Quid-pro-quo income 593.6	
5. Secondary distribution of income	Institutional sectors			Net National Income at market prices 402.7	Current taxes on income, wealth etc and current transfers 347.9																					Secondary income 763.4	
6. Use of income	Institutional sectors			Net Disposable Income 401.2																						Disposable income 401.2	
7. Capital	Institutional sectors *)			Consumption of fixed capital 61.2																						Capital transfers 401.2	
8. Gross capital formation																										Gross capital formation 129.9	
9. Destination of new fixed capital formation	Industries																									Gross fixed capital formation 97.7	
10. Type of fixed capital formation	Produced assets																									Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 99.9	
11. Financial	Institutional sectors																									Gross fixed capital formation 97.4	
12. Financial	Financial assets																									Landing of the nation 209.6	
13. Rest of the world	Current	Imports (c.i.f.) 222.4		Compensation of employees to the rest of the world 1.2	Property income to the rest of the world 35.5																					Current payments to the rest of the world 257.0	
14. Rest of the world	Capital	Supply at purchasers' prices 1103.9		Allocation of generated income 642.6	Destination of quid-pro-quo income 593.6																					Capital payments to the rest of the world 266.3	
Total																										Capital receipts from the rest of the world 60.9	

*) Including acquisition less disposals of land.

inventories, gross fixed capital formation and exports (fob). For the economy as a whole the balance of paid and received trade and transport margins always equals zero. This figure is thus put in cell (1,1), i.e. the intersection of row 1 with column 1. These margins do play a role in a more detailed overview of the economy (see table 4 below).

The first column shows the supply: every product is either produced by a domestic industry (cell 2,1) or imported (cell 13,1). The output of establishment units is given in basic prices, i.e. excluding product-related indirect taxes (VAT, excise, etc.) less subsidies. In this valuation the production of for example food, alcohol and tobacco is given exclusive of charged trade and transport costs. The taxes less subsidies on products are part of the government's primary income - see row 4. The sum of the amounts in the first column corresponds with the total supply, measured in purchasers' prices. In this way the totals of the first row and the first column are equal by definition.

The second row and column contain the production account. The connection between the first and second account is the output of industries (cell 2,1). In the second column the input costs are recorded. These consist of intermediate consumption of goods and services produced domestically and imported plus the primary input categories, which add up to the value added. In the valuation chosen here the total of value added corresponds with GDP at basic prices. The first two rows and columns together form the consolidated supply and use tables, albeit that in the supply tables the rows and columns are reversed.

The third row and column show the generation of income account. Here a number of primary input categories are distinguished (wages and salaries, operating surplus, etc.). GDP is transferred from the column of the production account to this account, subsequently increased by the wage bill earned abroad by resident employees (cell 3,13) and reduced by the compensation of employees paid to non-residents (cell 13,3). The VAT paid by the consumer to the seller, but not transferred by the seller to the tax authorities is part of both the output value and GDP at basic prices. This is really an implicit government subsidy in favour of the

operating surplus/mixed income of the establishment units involved. This is shown in cell (3,3). After booking the consumption of fixed capital on the capital account a new balancing item remains, between GDP and NNI. This balancing item is mainly relevant in a more detailed table. Here it is called net national generated income (NNGI) - see the third column.

Account 4 describes the primary distribution of income for the institutional sectors. These receive the NNGI from the generation of income account and also property income from abroad (cell 4,13). Property income transactions that do not involve the rest of the world change only the composition, not the size of national income (cell 4,4). In this account the government receives the product-related indirect taxes less subsidies and in cell (4,10) some levies which are directly connected to investment in housing and buildings. Other taxes less subsidies on production belong to the part of NNGI which falls to the government (see cell 4,3). To get NNI, property income paid to abroad must be deducted. This is done in column 4. The national income is valued at market prices.

Subsequently, the secondary distribution of income account (account 5) records the redistribution of earned national income by means of unrequited income transfers (taxes on income, wealth, etc., social contributions and benefits and other current transfers), some of which again flow to and from abroad - see cells (5,13) and (13,5). Obviously in the Netherlands considerable amounts are involved in the redistribution of incomes among institutional sectors - compare, for example, the amount in cell (5,5) with that in (5,4). The balancing item of row and column 5 corresponds with the net disposable national income.

The use of income is shown in account 6. Disposable income resulting from the secondary income distribution is spent on final consumption expenditure and net saving in column 6.

The row of the capital account for domestic sectors (account 7) records gross capital incomes: consumption of fixed capital, net saving

and unrequited capital transfers (legacy duties, investment subsidies, etc.) received from other sectors and from abroad. The column gives capital outlays: capital transfers paid to other sectors and to abroad, the balance of acquisitions and disposals of land (which equals zero at the macro level), and gross capital formation. This results in the balancing item net lending of the nation.

To get a better insight in the dynamics of the economy a detailed overview of the investments in fixed assets is important. For this reason a number of separate accounts is included in this matrix, mainly distinguished by a different classification. In these accounts too the purpose of the matrix is to demonstrate the connection between various types of transactions.

To illustrate this, let us take another look at the example of the increased demand for bicycles. In the example cited above it was assumed that the extra production of bicycles was realized by means of working overtime. However, it is just as conceivable that the management of the enterprise under which the bicycle establishment falls decides to use retained earnings (i.e. saving) to expand the production capacity of the bicycle factory. This might mean that the construction of a new assembly plant is necessary. In other words: a non-financial enterprise invests in a certain establishment unit (the bicycle factory), which leads to the acquisition of a certain type of produced asset (buildings, specific machines) which in turn leads to a demand for various goods and services (construction, construction-technical advice, metal products etc.), by which the production in the various industries concerned (construction industry, construction-technical consultancy bureaus, etc.) as well as imports might increase. This results in the generation of additional income and so forth.

Showing these flows in the Netherlands' NAM involves two problems. First, although the present national accounts contain estimates of total fixed capital formation per sector and per industry of destination, it is not known exactly which sector invests in which industry. Secondly, only for newly available capital goods the destinations are known.

For these reasons the matrix also comprises a so-called dummy account for gross capital formation (account 8). This is an account which is not divided into several rows and columns, even in a detailed presentation. On the row of this account is the total fixed capital formation per sector, as resulting from the capital account for the institutional sectors. The column shows the changes in inventories in cell (1,8), investment in fixed assets which are new for the Netherlands, specified by industry of destination, in cell (9,8) and sales of existing fixed assets, in as far as these are purchased by households for consumption purposes or exported, in cell (10,8).

The destination of fixed capital formation is described in account 9. The row shows the investment in fixed assets per industry and in the column this is specified by type of produced asset.

The investment per type of asset (buildings, transport equipment, machinery, etc.) is given in account 10. In the row it is broken down into sales of existing fixed assets on the one hand and fixed capital formation of new assets per industry of destination on the other; in the column it is shown by product group.

In summary, it can be said that this presentation enables a linkage of fixed capital formation per institutional sector as shown in the capital account and fixed capital formation per product group as shown in the supply and use tables. To realize this objective completely it is intended to specify investments per sector also by industry of destination in the future. In that case, the dummy account 8 can be deleted.

Row and column 11 comprise the financial account for the institutional sectors. The balancing item net lending which results from the capital account is ideally the same as the balance of the financial account. Therefore, by way of exception, the balancing item of this account is shown in the row and not in the column. Apart from a statistical discrepancy, this balancing item corresponds with the changes in assets (cell 12,11) less the changes in liabilities (cell

11,12). The latter concerns taking on new liabilities such as the negotiation of new loans, share emissions, etc. less the paying off of existing debts. The changes in assets concerns the net acquisition of financial assets (among other things by acquiring bonds, lending money or buying shares). The sale of existing financial assets is recorded here with a minus sign.

The twelfth row and column of this matrix record which financial assets and liabilities have been created or traded in the period under review, including such transactions with the rest of the world.

The current account of the balance of payments is shown in row and column 13. This account is set up from the viewpoint of the rest of the world; current receipts from the rest of the world are recorded in the column and current payments to the rest of the world in the row. The current external balance of the Netherlands with the rest of the world is seen from a Dutch viewpoint here. This means that it is booked on the row of the current account for the rest of the world and in the column of the capital account for the rest of the world, instead of the other way around. If there is a deficit on the (Dutch) current account, a negative amount would be recorded here.

The capital account for the rest of the world (row and column 14) is also compiled from the viewpoint of the rest of the world.

3. A more detailed National Accounts matrix

Table 4 comprises a detailed national accounts matrix for 1989. Nearly all the cells in the previous table are now specified into submatrices and vectors. The structure of this matrix and the numbering of the accounts correspond exactly with those of the consolidated matrices. The figures in every submatrix of this table add up to the figures in the corresponding cells of table 3. In this way the interrelationships in a submatrix of this table can be seen within the wider framework of the general, macro-economic picture.

As noted earlier, several classifications are used in this table. First of all, 23 product groups are distinguished in the goods and services account, whereby the last four groups - trade and transport margins, fixed assets produced on own account, work-in-progress and existing fixed assets - in fact refer to specific use categories.

The treatment of trade and transport margins is apparent from the submatrix in the top left hand corner of this table. This submatrix is a specification of cell (1,1) in the previous table. On the row for these margins (1t), the margins on every group of goods and services in the column concerned are recorded. In the column for these margins, i.e. in cell (1t,1t), the total of the margin is recorded with a minus sign. This means that row 1t always adds up to zero. Column 1t shows the production value of these margins per industry in the rows of account 2. The total of these values corresponds with the total of the margins, which is recorded with a minus sign in row 1t. Therefore column 1t also adds up to zero and in this case too the equality of row and column total is guaranteed.

Sales of existing fixed assets are included in as far as these are purchased by households for consumption purposes (cell 1w,6e) or exported (cell 1w,13). These sales are shown in row vector (1w, 10) with a minus sign. The sum of this row therefore always equals zero and there is nothing in column 1w. This column has therefore been omitted here.

In the production account a classification by ten industries is used. This is a combination of the classification of economic activities in the input-output table. Just as in the input-output table, a category indirectly paid financial intermediation services is distinguished (2j). In this case the row is empty and in the column a positive intermediate consumption and a negative operating surplus are shown.

The generation of income account distinguishes four primary input categories.³⁾ The submatrix (3, 2) therefore specifies GDP at basic prices by these four categories and by ten industry classes. Total wages and salaries of Dutch nationals are obtained by increasing the sum of the elements in row vector (3a, 2) with the balance of wages and salaries received from and paid to abroad (cell 3a,13 and cell 13,3a). To get total operating surplus/mixed income in the economy, the VAT paid by the consumer but not handed over to the government by the collecting firm must be booked as an implicit government subsidy in favour of the operating surplus or mixed income of the establishment units concerned. This is shown in cell (3c,3d).

In the column of the generation of income account, the consumption of fixed capital per sector is booked directly on the capital account (vector 7, 3c), so that the current accounts yield net balancing items. The net operating surplus for financial intermediaries is negative (cell 4b,3c), as this is compensated by property income which is on balance positive - compare the total of the row vector (4b, 4) with that of the column vector (4, 4b).

The accounts for the primary and secondary distribution of income can best be shown per sector.⁴⁾ Submatrix (4, 4) does not specify the various types of transactions concerning property income (interest, dividends, etc.), but shows which sector has paid such incomes to which other sector. Similar transactions with abroad are shown in vectors

3) There are plans to distinguish wages and salaries and employers' social contributions by different groups of employees in the future.

4) A specification of the sector households by different socio-economic categories is very relevant in such a matrix. This is currently in progress.

Table 4. A more detailed National Accounts Matrix for the Netherlands (1988, mln gld)

ACCOUNT		Code	1. Goods and services																
			1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1h	1i	1j	1k	1l	1m	1n	1o	1p	1q
1. Goods and services	Basic foods	1a																	
	Food, beverages and tobacco	1b																	
	Textiles, clothing and leatherwear	1c																	
	Wood and building materials	1d																	
	Paper, printing and publishing	1e																	
	Petroleum and petroleum products	1f																	
	Other chemical products	1g																	
	Metal and other manufacturing products	1h																	
	Transport equipment	1i																	
	Electricity, gas, water and coal	1j																	
	Construction	1k																	
	Hotels, restaurants and cafes	1l																	
	Repair of consumer goods	1m																	
	Transport and storage services	1n																	
	Communication services	1o																	
	Finance, business services and real estate	1p																	
	Government services and education	1q																	
Medical and social services	1r																		
Goods and services n.e.c.	1s																		
Trade and transport margins	1t	4703	18598	8918	8805	3878	2988	11272	24029	4847	173								
Fixed assets produced on own account	1u																		
Work-in-progress	1v																		
Existing fixed assets	1w																		
2. Production	Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	2a	26846	18216	152	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	26	0
	Mining and quarrying	2b	263	0	0	730	0	1387	0	0	0	13708	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Manufacturing	2c	20115	54402	8787	18042	25043	20175	50382	80304	18441	487	2803	0	0	2	2	1085	0
	Public utilities	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17823	0	0	0	0	0	530	0
	Construction	2e	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	63	47	0	70822	0	0	203	0	484	0
	Trade, hotels, restaurants, cafes and repair of consumer goods	2f	14	100	1080	271	318	0	289	3888	107	0	114	15058	8003	128	0	5053	0
	Transport, storage and communication	2g	0	14	0	1	110	0	0	0	440	0	182	31	223	31388	12388	805	0
	Other services and n.e.c. (except 2j)	2h	0	0	0	0	8374	0	0	18	0	0	0	784	71	55	8	117825	0
	Government and education	2i	8	78	0	0	213	0	0	18	132	0	1451	185	0	11	0	5122	88334
	Indirectly paid financial intermediation services	2j	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3. Generation of income	Wages and salaries	3a																
Employers' social contributions		3b																	
Operating surplus/mixed income (gross)		3c																	
Other taxes less subsidies on production		3d																	
4. Primary distribution of income	Non-financial corporations	4a																	
	Financial intermediaries	4b																	
	Insurance corporations and pension funds	4c																	
	Central and local government	4d	-263	5055	3778	1615	1211	8202	1889	5382	4506	1630	7282	1500	1056	-3088	10	-421	
	Social security funds	4e																	
Households (including unincorporated enterprises)	4f																		
5. Secondary distribution of income	Non-financial corporations	5a																	
	Financial intermediaries	5b																	
	Insurance corporations and pension funds	5c																	
	Central and local government	5d																	
	Social security funds	5e																	
Households (including unincorporated enterprises)	5f																		
6. Use of income	Non-financial corporations	6a																	
	Financial intermediaries	6b																	
	Insurance corporations and pension funds	6c																	
	General government	6d																	
	Households (including unincorporated enterprises)	6e																	
7. Capital	Non-financial corporations	7a																	
	Financial intermediaries	7b																	
	Insurance corporations and pension funds	7c																	
	Central and local government	7d																	
	Social security funds	7e																	
	Households (including unincorporated enterprises)	7f																	
	Acquisition less disposals of land	7g																	
8. Gross capital formation	8																		
9. Destination of fixed capital formation (new assets)	Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing	9a																	
	Mining and quarrying	9b																	
	Manufacturing	9c																	
	Public utilities	9d																	
	Construction	9e																	
	Trade, hotels, restaurants, cafes and repair of consumer goods	9f																	
	Transport, storage and communication	9g																	
	Operation of dwellings	9h																	
	Other services and n.e.c. (except 9h and 9j)	9i																	
Government and education	9j																		
10. Type of fixed capital formation	Dwellings and non-residential buildings	10a																	
	Civil engineering works	10b																	
	External transport equipment	10c																	
	Livestock	10d																	
	Machinery and other equipment	10e																	
	Transfer costs	10f																	
11. Financial (institutional) sectors	Non-financial corporations	11a																	
	Financial intermediaries	11b																	
	Insurance corporations and pension funds	11c																	
	Central and local government	11d																	
	Social security funds	11e																	
	Households (including unincorporated enterprises)	11f																	
12. Financial (financial) assets	Monetary gold and SDRs	12a																	
	Currency and deposits	12b																	
	Bills, bonds and shares (incl. other equities)	12c																	
	Other credits	12d																	
	Insurance technical reserves	12e																	
	Other accounts receivable, payable	12f																	
	Statistical discrepancy	12g																	
13. Rest of -14. the world	13. Current	13	17122	14584	13550	11678	8106	20785	28578	72584	21874	2584	10						
	14. Capital	14																	
TOTAL			88811	109055	40225	39017	47155	51428	82390	166322	48364	36187	82298	17358	13253	28727	12980	130640	89334

(4, 13) and (13, 4).

Product-related taxes less subsidies per product group are given on row 4d. These contribute to the primary income of the central and local government, which is transferred in the column to the secondary distribution of income account - see cell (5d,4d). As submatrix (5, 4) shows balancing items and no transactions, and as the classifications in accounts 4 and 5 are the same, this submatrix takes the form of a diagonal matrix. Submatrix (5, 5) shows which sector has paid direct taxes, social contributions, social benefits and other unrequited income transfers to which other sectors.

The sector classification in the use of income account is not exactly identical to the one in the two preceding accounts. As for each product group only the consumer expenditure of the general government - central and local government and social security funds - is known, these subsectors are combined. The disposable income of this sector therefore consists of the sum of the disposable incomes of the subsectors - see cells (6d,5d) and (6d,5e).

In the capital account these two subsectors are again distinguished and the savings for both are shown separately - see cells (7d,6d) and (7e,6d). Moreover a dummy row (7g) is included for the balance of acquisitions and disposals of land. This means that the intersection of this row and columns 7a-7f give the value of the land which every sector has bought on balance. As the rest of the world cannot buy or sell land by convention, the total of these balances always equals zero for the domestic sectors. Consequently there is nothing in column 7g and this column is omitted.

Gross capital formation per sector is given on the dummy row 8 and gross fixed capital formation by industry of destination in the dummy column 8. This column also records: changes in inventories per product group - see vector (1, 8), and the purchases less sales of existing fixed assets, per type of asset - see vector (10, 8).

Investments by industry of destination are in account 9. Here roughly the same classification is followed as in the production account; an exception to this is that the operation of dwellings is shown separately (account 9h), while in this case no branch 'indirectly paid financial intermediation services' is needed. Submatrix (10, 9) shows the type of fixed capital formation in each industry. For this purpose six types of asset are distinguished in account 10. The relationship between the product group classification and these types of asset is apparent from submatrix (1, 10).

Account 11 shows the financial transactions per sector. Here the classification of accounts 4, 5 and 7 is followed. The balancing item net lending per sector is on the diagonal of submatrix (11, 7), while changes in financial assets and liabilities per sector and per type of financial asset are shown in submatrices (11, 12) and (12, 11). To this end, five types of financial assets plus two dummy accounts are distinguished in account 12: one dummy account for the balance of other accounts receivable or payable (e.g. on account of financially non-completed transactions) and one for the statistical discrepancy between the balancing item net lending and the balance of changes in financial assets and liabilities per sector. In both cases the row adds up to zero, so that no column is necessary.

The accounts for the rest of the world (13 and 14) are not subdivided. The connection between the two accounts is formed by the current external balance of the Netherlands with the rest of the world on an accrual basis (cell 13,14).

4. Some applications

In conclusion, we will briefly touch upon some of the applications of the NAM. First, it has already been stated that the aggregate tables yield a quick summary of the values of macro-economic variables and their interrelations. Evidently, the same applies if such tables do not contain annual values but rates of change between two successive years. This is shown in tables 5 and 6.⁵⁾

At a glance, it is clear from these tables that the Dutch economy grew faster in 1989 than in 1988. In fact, the percentage change of all balancing items other than net lending of the nation and the current external balance was larger in the most recent year. These exceptions were related to the much faster growth of gross capital formation in 1989 and to an acceleration of imports which surpassed that of exports in that year. These events may in fact be connected, as the detailed tables show that the imports of e.g. transport equipment declined in 1988, but increased relatively much more than total imports in 1989. If we compare the changes in GDP and NNI, it is evident that particularly the NNI growth was much more favourable in 1989. This is mainly due to the exceptional jump in property income from abroad in that year.

Other applications of the NAM concern all kinds of extended input-output analyses, as the NAM itself is in fact a supply and use table plus additional accounts for institutional sectors and such. This implies, for instance, that an analogous, but wider inverse matrix can be computed. In other words, the input-output model is then 'closed' with respect to some accounts [Miller and Blair, 1985: section 2.5].

The NAM for the Netherlands presented in this paper was compiled by putting existing national accounts data in a matrix format. This means that for almost any country similar NAMs can be compiled at short

5) These tables give the growth rates in nominal terms. In fact, it is also possible to compile a NAM at constant prices of a certain base year so that a similar table can be filled with real growth rates (cf. Keuning [1993, forthcoming]).

Table 5. Rates of change in aggregate transactions and balancing items for the Netherlands: 1987-1988 (%)

ACCOUNT	Classification	1. Goods and services	2. Production	3. Generation of income	4. Primary distribution of income	5. Secondary distribution of income	6. Use of income	7. Capital	8. Gross capital formation	9. Destination of new fixed capital formation	10. Type of fixed capital formation	11. Financial	12. Financial	13. Rest of the world	14. Rest of the world	Total
		Products	Industries	Primary input cat.	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Changes in inventories	Industries	Prod. assets	Sectors	Fin. assets	Current	Capital	
1. Goods	Product groups	Trade and transport margins 0.0	Intermediate consumption 5.1				Final consumption expenditure 1.2		-173.3		Gross fixed capital formation 6.3			Exports (f.o.b.) 9.6		Use at purchasers' prices 5.0
2. Production	Industries	Output at basic prices 4.5														Output at basic prices 4.5
3. Generation of income	Primary input categories		Gross Domestic Product at basic prices 3.9	Not remitted value added tax -31.0										Compensation of employees from the rest of the world 0.0		Generated income 3.7
4. Primary distribution of income	Institutional sectors	Taxes less subsidies on products 3.2		Net National product income at basic prices 3.8	Property income 0.6						Value added tax on land etc. 15.1			Property income from the rest of the world 7.9		Quid-pro-quo income 3.0
5. Secondary distribution of income	Institutional sectors				Net National income at market prices 3.0	Current taxes on income, wealth etc and current transfers 3.1								Current taxes and current transfers from the rest of the world 39.2		Secondary income 3.5
6. Use of income	Institutional sectors					Net Disposable Income 3.2										Disposable income 3.2
7. Capital	Institutional sectors *)			Consumption of fixed capital 5.5			Net Saving 16.0	Capital transfers *) -10.5							Capital transfers from the rest of the world -7.8	Capital income 7.1
8. Gross capital formation								Gross capital formation 7.2								Gross capital formation 7.2
9. Destination of new fixed capital formation	Industries							Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 6.4								Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 6.4
10. Type of fixed capital formation	Produced assets							Purchases less sales of existing fixed assets 7.2	Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 6.4							Gross fixed capital formation 6.3
11. Financial	Institutional sectors							Net Lending of the Nation 59.2					Borrowing of the nation 72.4			Lending of the nation 71.6
12. Financial	Financial assets												Lending of the nation 71.6	Borrowing from the rest of the world 90.6		Increase in assets 71.6
13. Rest of the world	Current	Imports (c.i.f.) 7.1		Compensation of employees to the rest of the world 12.1	Property income to the rest of the world 14.6	Current taxes and current transfers to the rest of the world 27.9								Current External Balance 90.6		Current payments to the rest of the world 74.6
14. Rest of the world	Capital							Capital transfers to the rest of the world -9.5					Lending to the rest of the world 83.3		50.2	Capital payments to the rest of the world 10.4
Total		Supply at purchasers' prices 5.0	Input at basic prices 4.5	Allocation of generated income 3.7	Destination of quid-pro-quo income 3.0	Destination of secondary income 3.5	Expenditures 3.2	Capital outlays 7.1	Gross capital formation 7.2	Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 6.4	Gross fixed capital formation 6.3	Lending of the nation 71.6	Increase in liabilities 74.6	Current receipts from the rest of the world 10.4	Capital receipts from the rest of the world 77.9	

*) Including acquisition less dispose of land.

Table 8. Rates of change in aggregate transactions and balancing items for the Netherlands, 1988-1989 (%)

ACCOUNT	Classification	1. Goods and services	2. Production	3. Generation of income	4. Primary distribution of income	5. Secondary distribution of income	6. Use of income	7. Capital	8. Gross capital formation	9. Destination of new fixed capital formation	10. Type of fixed capital formation	11. Financial	12. Financial	13. Rest of the world	14. Rest of the world	Total
		Products	Industries	Primary input cat.	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Sectors	Industries	Prod. assets	Sectors	Fin. assets	Current	Capital		
Goods	Product groups	Trade and transport margins 0.0	Intermediate consumption 8.2				Final consumption expenditure 4.2		Changes in inventories 1863.0		Gross fixed capital formation 7.0			Exports (f.o.b.) 11.4		Use at purchasers' prices 8.0
Production	Industries	Output at basic prices 7.3														Output at basic prices 7.3
Generation of income	Primary input categories		Gross Domestic Product at basic prices 6.3	Not remitted value added tax 9.8										Compensation of employees from the rest of the world -5.9		Generated income 6.2
Primary distribution of income	Institutional sectors	Taxes less subsidies on products 3.0		Net National product income at basic prices 6.1	Property income 6.9						Value added tax on land etc. -5.9			Property income from the rest of the world 47.2		Quid-pro-quo income 8.8
Secondary distribution of income	Institutional sectors				Net National income at market prices 6.7	Current taxes on income, wealth etc and current transfers 0.5								Current taxes and current transfers from the rest of the world 2.6		Secondary income 3.8
Use of income	Institutional sectors					Net Disposable income 6.6										Disposable income 6.6
Capital	Institutional sectors *)			Consumption of fixed capital 7.2			Net Saving 20.5	Capital transfers *) -6.4							Capital transfers from the rest of the world 12.0	Capital income 11.4
Gross capital formation								Gross capital formation 12.1								Gross capital formation 12.1
Destination of new fixed capital formation	Industries							Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 7.0								Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 7.0
Type of fixed capital formation	Produced assets							Purchases less sales of existing fixed assets 14.3	Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 7.0							Gross fixed capital formation 6.9
Financial	Institutional sectors						Net Lending of the Nation 31.4						Borrowing of the nation -27.4			Lending of the nation -24.1
Financial assets												Lending of the nation -24.1			Borrowing from the rest of the world 8.8	Increase in assets -18.0
Rest of the world	Current	Imports (c.i.f.) 11.9		Compensation of employees to the rest of the world 5.0	Property income to the rest of the world 32.9	Current taxes and current transfers to the rest of the world 4.3									Current External Balance 31.5	Current payments to the rest of the world 15.0
Rest of the world	Capital							Capital transfers to the rest of the world 23.3					Lending to the rest of the world 13.3			Capital payments to the rest of the world 13.6
Total		Supply at purchasers' prices 8.0	Input at basic prices 7.3	Allocation of generated income 6.2	Destination of quid-pro-quo income 8.8	Destination of secondary income 3.8	Expenditures 6.6	Capital outlays 11.4	Gross capital formation 12.1	Gross fixed capital formation (new assets) 7.0	Gross fixed capital formation 6.9	Lending of the nation -24.1	Increase in liabilities -18.0	Current receipts from the rest of the world 15.0	Capital receipts from the rest of the world 13.6	

*) Including acquisition less disposals of land.

notice. Note that if there is a transaction category for which only total receipts and payments of transactors are known but not who paid whom, this can always be solved by inserting a dummy account. In the present NAM for the Netherlands, for example, this concerns fixed capital formation, which cannot yet be cross-classified by institutional sector of origin and by industry of destination, although the row and column totals of such a submatrix are available (refer to account 8 in table 4; see also United Nations [1992: section XX.B.2 and table XX.3]). In addition, it does not pose a problem as the same amount of detail is not available for each account. In our case, this concerned e.g. the split of the general government sector into central and local government on the one hand and social security funds on the other; this separation could not be maintained in the use of income account (account 6 in table 4), but that did not imply that these subsectors had to be combined in all other accounts, for which sufficient information was available.

Although this NAM may be useful in its own right, it can also be seen as an intermediate stage towards a full-fledged Social Accounting Matrix (SAM).⁶⁾ That would involve two main extensions: a breakdown of the household sector into socio-economic subgroups and a breakdown of compensation of employees by types of employed person. Whereas the former subdivision is already foreseen in the central framework of the revised SNA, the latter specification might also require some priority in view of the relevance of an integrated analysis of labour markets on the one hand and markets for goods and services, assets, etc. on the other.

6) It is referred to the revised SNA's chapter on SAMs [United Nations, 1992: chapter XX], Pyatt and Round [1985] and Alarcón et al. [1991] for a more detailed treatment of the concepts, the construction and the applications of the SAM-framework.

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This paper studies the influence of fraud on macro-economic statistics, especially GDP. The term "fraud" is used as meaning unreporting or underreporting income (e.g. to the tax authorities). The conclusion of the analysis of growth figures is that a bias in the growth of GDP of more than 0.5% is very unlikely.
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It is argued that the structure of the SNA should be made more flexible. This can be achieved by means of a system of a general purpose core supplemented with special modules. This core is a fully fledged, detailed system of National Accounts with a greater institutional content than the present SNA and a more elaborate description of the economy at the meso-level. The modules are more analytic and reflect special purposes and specific theoretical views.
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Starting out from a definition of 'actual' transactions an inventory of all imputations and re-routeings in the SNA is made. It is discussed which of those should be retained in the core of a flexible system of National Accounts. Conceptual and practical questions of presentation are brought up. Numerical examples are given.
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The major problem in estimating the size of hidden income is that total income, reported plus unreported, is unknown. However, this is not the case with total interest income of households in the Netherlands. This makes it possible to estimate at least the order of magnitude of this part of hidden income. In this paper it will be shown that in 1977, 1979 and 1981 almost 50% of total interest received by households was concealed.

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- NA/41 The supply of hidden labour in the Netherlands: a model**, Kazemier, Brugt and Rob van Eck (1990).
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- NA/43 Valuation principles in supply and use tables and in the sectoral accounts**, Keuning, Steven J. (1991).
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- NA/46 An environmental module and the complete system of national accounts**, Boo, Abram J. De, Peter R. Bosch, Cor N. Gorter and Steven J. Keuning (1991).
A linkage between environmental data and the National Accounts is often limited to the production accounts. This paper argues that the consequences of economic actions on ecosystems and vice versa should be considered in terms of the complete System of National Accounts (SNA). One should begin with relating volume flows of environmental matter to the standard economic accounts. For this purpose, a so-called National Accounting Matrix including Environmental Accounts (NAMEA) is proposed. This is illustrated with an example.

- NA/47 Deregulation and economic statistics: Europe 1992**, Bos, Frits (1992).
The consequences of deregulation for economic statistics are discussed with a view to Europe 1992. In particular, the effects of the introduction of the Intrastat-system for statistics on international trade are investigated. It is argued that if the Statistical Offices of the EC-countries do not respond adequately, Europe 1992 will lead to a deterioration of economic statistics: they will become less reliable, less cost effective and less balanced.
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At present, the national accounts in most countries are compiled on the basis of concepts and classifications recommended in the 1968-UN-guidelines. In this paper, we trace the historical roots of these guidelines (e.g. the work by King, Petty, Kuznets, Keynes, Leontief, Frisch, Tinbergen and Stone), compare the subsequent guidelines and discuss also alternative accounting systems like extended accounts and SAMs.
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Since 1989-IV, the Dutch Central Bureau of Statistics has made preliminary estimates of quarterly macroeconomic figures at about 8 weeks after the end of the reference quarter. Since 1991-II, a preliminary or "Flash" estimate of GDP has been published. The decision to do so was based on a study comparing the Flash estimates and the regular Quarterly Accounts figures, which have a 17-week delay. This paper reports on a similar study with figures through 1991-III.
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