

# ONLINE APPENDIX

## **Price setting in online markets: Basic facts, international comparisons, and cross-border integration**

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## APPENDIX A: 2011 THAILAND FLOODS

Our price comparison website provides a wealth of information about weekly price quotes for goods sold online. To explore how quickly firms adjust prices in response to shocks, we use a natural experiment that significantly affected prices and availability of hard drives: the 2011 flooding in Thailand.

The floods in Thailand started in late July 2011. By mid-October, they reached the capital, Bangkok. The floods did not recede until January 2012. As of December 2011, the World Bank had estimated US\$ 45 billion in damages for the Thai economy, mostly due to disruptions in manufacturing (US\$ 32 billion). More than 90% of all losses were borne by private owners.<sup>1</sup>

As Thailand hosts major hard-drive producers, the floods took their toll on hard-drives production and prices. For example, Western Digital (WD), the leading manufacturer, had over 60% of its capacity in the affected region. Appendix Figure A1 shows the extent of damages to a WD factory that produces hard drives. Western Digital's Thailand Plant suspended operation on October 21, 2011. Nidec, which produces 75% of hard drive motors—an essential part of hard drives—also had to shut down.<sup>2</sup> This natural disaster created a major shortage of hard drives on the market.

We use our data to study the effects of the flood on prices and availability of hard drives. First, for each good-seller-country price line, we calculate weekly changes in the price. Second, we calculate the average (log) price change for each manufacturer, country, and week. We consider two groups of manufacturers: i) WD and ii) other major brands (Fujitsu, Seagate, Samsung, Toshiba, and Hitachi). While other major brands had significant presence in Thailand, their direct loss due to the flood was less dramatic than WD's. Third, we cumulate weekly average price change starting in July 2011 to show the combined effect of price changes over time. The cumulative change is normalized to start at zero in July 2011. Finally, for each week, country, and group of manufacturers, we calculate the number of price quotes. This number combines the number of hard-drive models and the number of sellers.<sup>3</sup> Appendix Figure A2 shows the time series of weekly price changes, cumulative price change (since July 2011), and the number of price quotes.

While there was a significant inventory of hard drives before the flood, the flood led to a dramatic increase in the price of hard drives. The top panel of Appendix Figure A2 shows that the price of hard drives increased significantly within a week after the floods affected production facilities of WD and other major producers. The cumulative increase in the price of WD hard drives reached nearly 40 percent by the end of November 2011 (see the middle row). Prices for hard drives from other manufacturers also increased quickly and considerably—although the increase was smaller than the increase for WD hard drives—as there is some substitutability across hard drives, and other manufacturers were less affected by the flood. Shortly after the floods, the number of price quotes on our price comparison website declined by more than 50 percent. These dynamics are consistent with rapidly declining inventories of hard drives. The patterns are similar for the U.S. and Canada.

In summary, our findings suggest that price quotes are updated reasonably quickly on the price comparison website. Thus, our price data are suitable for the analysis of pass-through, etc., in the context of exchange rate fluctuations.

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<sup>1</sup>Source:

<http://www.worldbank.or.th/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/EASTASIAPACIFICEXT/THAILANDEXTN/0,,contentMDK:23067443~pagePK:141137~piPK:141127~theSitePK:333296,00.html>

<sup>2</sup>Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/242913/thai\\_floods\\_hit\\_q4\\_hard\\_drive\\_production\\_says\\_research\\_firm.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/242913/thai_floods_hit_q4_hard_drive_production_says_research_firm.html)

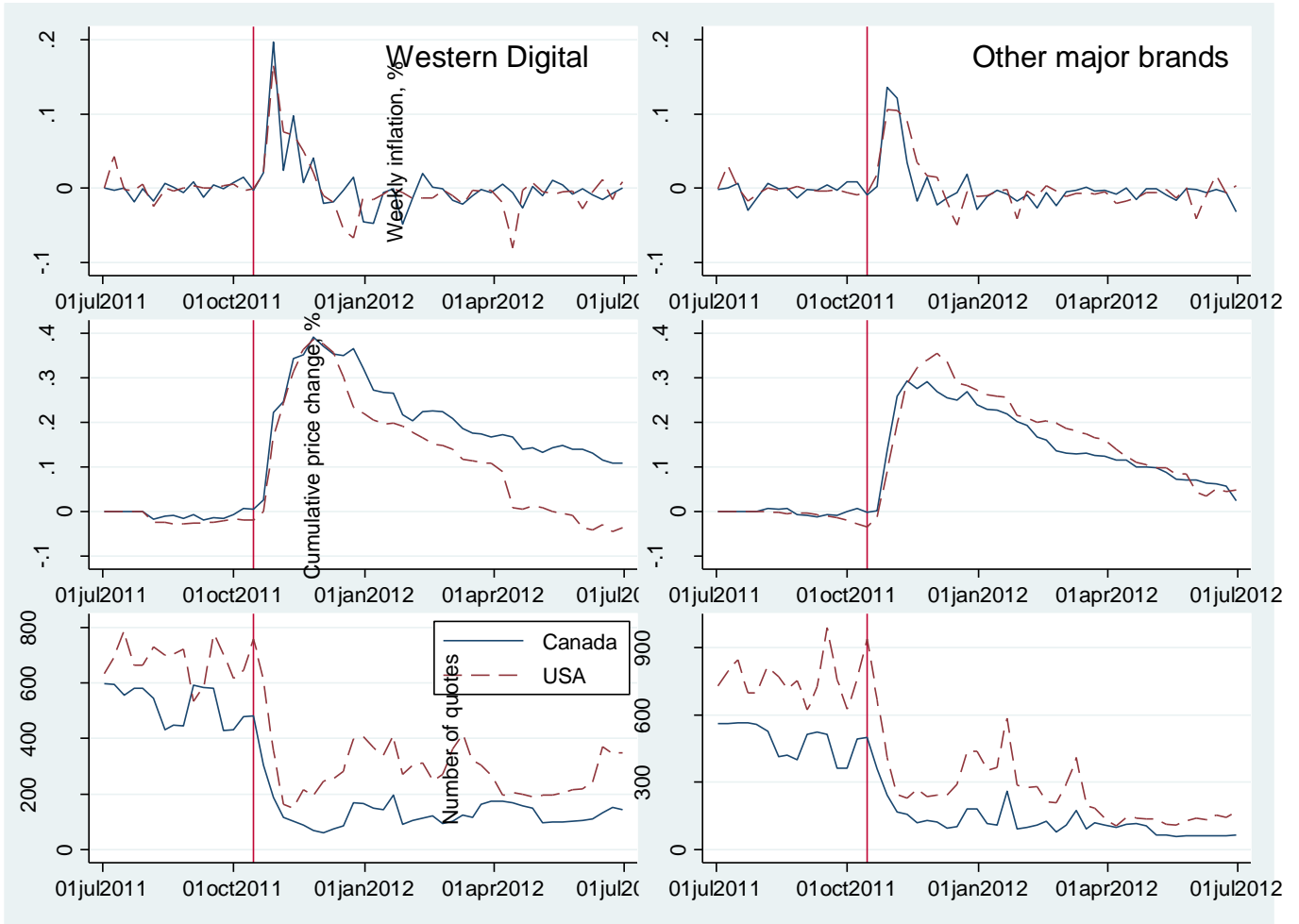
<sup>3</sup> Results are similar if we use the number of sellers, the number of quotes per seller, or the number of quotes per good.

**Appendix Figure A1. Flooded Western Digital facility in Thailand, 2011**



Source: New York Times, Nov. 6, 2011

**Appendix Figure A2. Price change and the number of sellers**



Notes: The vertical line shows the time when WD closed its production facility in Thailand. The left column shows results for Western Digital (WD). The right column shows results for *Other major brands*, which includes Fujitsu, Seagate, Samsung, Toshiba, and Hitachi. The top row shows the time series of weekly average price changes for each group of manufacturers. The middle row shows the cumulative change in the price of hard drives using weekly average price changes shown in the top row. The bottom row shows the number of price quotes on a given week for a given manufacturer in a given country.

## APPENDIX B: UNIT ROOT AND COINTEGRATION IN CROSS-COUNTRY PRICE DIFFERENTIALS

The main specification (1)-(2) in the paper assumes that price differentials  $D_{it} \equiv \log(P_{it}^{US}/P_{it}^{CA})$  are non-stationary and co-integrated with the nominal exchange rate  $EX_t$ . This assumption motivates the error-correction specification where we estimate pass-through from a cointegration vector and the speed of price adjustment from how quickly price differentials return to equilibrium levels given by the cointegration vector.

Testing for unit roots and cointegration in the context of panel data, where shocks are correlated cross-sectionally presents special challenges as the standard panel-data unit root tests, assume that cross-sections are independent. This assumption is clearly violated in our case. Furthermore, standard panel-data unit root tests may be not particularly informative in practice because the null hypothesis is too restrictive: e.g., the null of *all* cross-sections have a unit root vs. the alternative that some cross sections do not have a unit root. To address this challenge, we use the insight of Bai and Ng (2004) to develop a procedure for a joint test of unit root and cointegration in panel data where dependence in the cross-section is allowed.

In a nutshell, the Bai-Ng approach amounts to extracting common factors  $\mathbf{F}_t$  from  $D_{it}$  and then testing if  $\mathbf{F}_t$  have unit roots. That is, the considered data generating process is given by  $D_{it} = \Lambda_i \mathbf{F}_t + u_{it}$ , where  $\Lambda_i$  is a vector of loadings on  $\mathbf{F}_t$ . By construction,  $\mathbf{F}_t$  are the common components across  $D_{it}$ , which is akin to cointegration. If  $f_t$ , a part of  $\mathbf{F}_t$ , has a unit root, then  $D_{it}$  have a common stochastic trend  $f_t$  (and thus  $D_{it}$  are not stationary), and  $D_{it}$  are cointegrated with  $f_t$ . While Bai and Ng (2004) do not give a structural interpretation to extracted  $\mathbf{F}_t$ , we have a natural candidate for  $\mathbf{F}_t$ : the nominal exchange rate  $EX_t$ .

To implement the Bai-Ng approach, we proceed as follows. First, we extract the common component in  $D_{it}$ . While Bai and Ng (2004) use the covariance matrix of first differences of  $D_{it}$  to extract  $\Delta f_t$  (using principal component analysis) and then cumulate the series to  $f_t = \sum_{s=0}^t \Delta f_s$ , we use the approach suggested in Pesaran (2006, 2007). That is, we project  $D_{it}$  on the full set of weekly dummies and estimate  $\bar{D}_t = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N D_{it}$ , which provides us with a measure for  $f_t$ . The key advantage of the Pesaran approach to extracting a common factor is that it does not require us to have non-missing series for  $D_{it}$  for all cross-sections. In other words, one may have a sample of goods where spells of  $D_{it}$  do not necessarily overlap. This is useful in our case because there is a significant turnover of goods in the sample and few goods are sold continuously between 2008 and 2013. Note that we can identify  $f_t$  only up to a scale, but this is not material as the space spanned by  $f_t$  is the same irrespective of the scaling coefficient.

Second, we test if  $\bar{D}_t$  and  $EX_t$  have unit roots. Note that although  $\bar{D}_t$  is estimated, Bai and Ng (2004) show that one can ignore sampling uncertainty in the estimate when the number of cross-sections is large, which is true in our case.

Third, conditional on having unit roots in both series, we test if  $\bar{D}_t$  and  $EX_t$  are cointegrated. If true (i.e.,  $\bar{D}_t - \phi EX_t$  is stationary for some  $\phi$ ), then one may interpret the common component  $\bar{D}_t$  as a proxy for  $EX_t$  as the difference between the two in the cointegration vector is stationary. In other words, if  $\bar{D}_t$  is the common stochastic trend in  $D_{it}$ , then  $EX_t$  captures the same stochastic trend.

The extracted common component  $\bar{D}_t$  and  $EX_t$  are highly correlated ( $\rho = 0.77$ ) and track each other closely (Appendix Figure B1). Both series exhibit behavior typical for series with stochastic trends. Consistent with the visual inspection of the data, Appendix Table B1 shows that the extracted common component  $\bar{D}_t$  has a unit root. So does the nominal exchange rate  $EX_t$ . The last row in the

table documents that  $\bar{D}_t$  and  $EX_t$  are cointegrated: the residual in the estimated cointegration vector, which is estimated by the OLS, is stationary as we can reject the null of a unit root in the residual at 1% level.

We conclude that our error-correction specification (1)-(2) is appropriate in our context.

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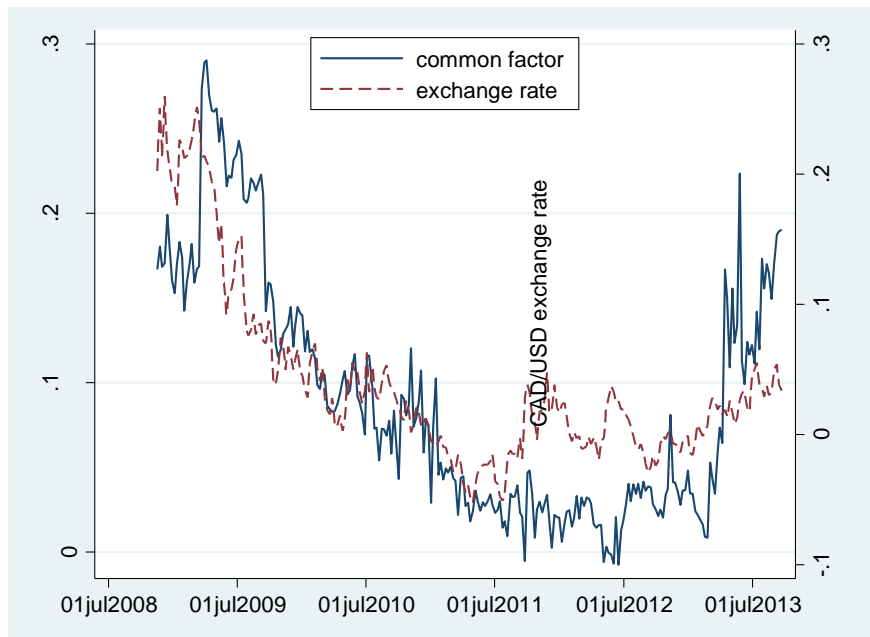
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**Appendix Table B1. Phillips-Perron test for unit root**

Variable	Test statistic	p-value
Common component, $\bar{D}_t$	-6.470	0.398
CAD/USD exchange rate (log), $EX_t$	-5.584	0.142
Residual of the estimated cointegration vector: $\bar{D}_t - 0.805EX_t$	-28.160	0.004

Notes: The null hypothesis of the test is that a series has a unit root. The number of lags in the test is set at 12.

**Appendix Figure B1. Common component in price differentials and the nominal exchange rate.**



Notes: The figure plots time series for the common component  $\bar{D}_t$  (left axis) and the CAD/USD exchange rate (log; right axis).

## APPENDIX C: MONTE CARLO EXPERIMENT

This appendix examines the potential role of measurement errors in affecting our estimates of pass-through and the speed of price adjustment.

Suppose that the data-generating process is described by the following system of equations:

$$EX_t = EX_{t-1} + u_t, \quad (C.1)$$

$$\Delta P_{it} = \beta(P_{t-1} - \alpha EX_{t-1}) + b_1 \Delta EX_{t-1} + b_2 \Delta P_{i,t-1} + e_{it}, \quad (C.2)$$

where  $i$  and  $t$  index goods and time, respectively,  $EX_t$  is the exchange rate,  $P_{it}$  is the relative price of good  $i$  in country A relative to country B, and  $u_t$  and  $e_{it}$  are uncorrelated at all leads and lags. Coefficient  $\alpha$  measures the long-term pass-through of the exchange rate. Coefficient  $\beta$  measures the speed of adjustment.

We estimate  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  using a two-step procedure. In the first step, we estimate  $\alpha$  as a part of the cointegration vector:

$$P_{it} = \alpha EX_t + \epsilon_{it}. \quad (C.3)$$

The error in this regression  $\epsilon_{it}$  is interpreted as the deviation from equilibrium. In the second step, we estimate  $\beta$  using the following specification

$$\Delta P_{it} = \beta \hat{\epsilon}_{it} + b_1 \Delta EX_{t-1} + b_2 \Delta P_{i,t-1} + error. \quad (C.4)$$

Although  $\hat{\epsilon}_{it}$  is a generated regressor, econometric theory shows that one can use standard inference for  $\beta$  in regression (4) because the estimate of  $\alpha$  is superconsistent.

To assess the quantitative importance of measurement errors for the estimates of  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ , we run the following Monte Carlo experiment. We calibrate parameters of DGP in equations (C.1)-(C.2) to match estimates in the data. Specifically, our empirical estimates are such that  $b_1 = -0.189$ ,  $b_2 = 0.104$ ,  $\alpha = 0.7$ ,  $\beta = -0.162$ . The root mean squared error in regression (C.3) is 0.014, so we set  $\sigma_u = 0.014$ . The root mean squared error in regression (C.4) is 0.0867, so we set  $\sigma_e = 0.085$ .

To model idiosyncratic shocks, we assume that the observed relative price is equal to the true relative price plus measurement error (idiosyncratic shock):

$$P_{it}^* = P_{it} + \eta_{it}, \quad (C.5)$$

where the measurement error is classical. To calibrate the size of measurement error, we use validation data generously provided by Alberto Cavallo. Specifically, we calculate the standard deviation of the log difference between the price reported on the price comparison website and the price reported on the seller website. To scale the size of the measurement error, we calculate the standard deviation of log prices for goods in our validation sample. The ratio of these two standard deviations is 0.0838. The standard deviation of log relative prices in our data is 0.163. Thus, we calibrate the size of measurement error at  $\sigma_\eta = 0.163 * 0.0838 = 0.0137$ . In simulations, we also explore larger values of  $\sigma_\eta$ .

In our simulations, we set sample size to  $N = 20,000$  and  $T = \{100, 250, 400\}$ . With  $T = 250$ , the sample size mimics what we have in the data. For each parameterization, we generate 500 histories (the burn-in period is set to  $T$ ), estimate system (C.3)-(C.4), and report results in Appendix Table C1.

We find that the estimate of  $\alpha$  is insensitive to the size of the measurement error as the error only appears on the left hand side of equation (C.3). While the size of the error can influence the estimate of  $\beta$ , the size of the bias in the base case is small: the estimate of  $\beta$  decreases from -0.162 to -0.166. If we double the size of the error, the estimate decreases further to -0.167, but the difference continues to be small. It takes implausibly large measurement errors to tangibly move the estimate of  $\beta$ .

We conclude that idiosyncratic shocks such as measurement errors are unlikely to determine the fast speed of price convergence in online markets.

**Appendix Table C1. Bias in the estimated pass-through and the speed of price adjustment**

Size of measurement error $\eta$	T=100				T=250				T=400			
	$\hat{\alpha}$		$\hat{\beta}$		$\hat{\alpha}$		$\hat{\beta}$		$\hat{\alpha}$		$\hat{\beta}$	
	mean	st.dev.	mean	st.dev.	mean	st.dev.	mean	st.dev.	mean	st.dev.	mean	st.dev.
0 (no error)	0.632	0.071	-0.162	0.00045	0.669	0.039	-0.162	0.00028	0.681	0.025	-0.162	0.00022
$\sigma_\eta$	0.638	0.066	-0.166	0.00044	0.676	0.028	-0.166	0.00029	0.681	0.025	-0.166	0.00022
$2\sigma_\eta$	0.633	0.072	-0.170	0.00046	0.672	0.032	-0.170	0.00029	0.681	0.025	-0.170	0.00023
$3\sigma_\eta$	0.638	0.073	-0.174	0.00048	0.673	0.030	-0.174	0.00031	0.681	0.025	-0.174	0.00023
$4\sigma_\eta$	0.634	0.087	-0.178	0.00047	0.672	0.032	-0.178	0.00030	0.681	0.025	-0.178	0.00024
$5\sigma_\eta$	0.632	0.071	-0.182	0.00051	0.673	0.030	-0.178	0.00030	0.681	0.025	-0.182	0.00025
$6\sigma_\eta$	0.638	0.066	-0.186	0.00050	0.672	0.032	-0.186	0.00031	0.681	0.026	-0.186	0.00025
$7\sigma_\eta$	0.632	0.071	-0.190	0.00053	0.673	0.030	-0.190	0.00033	0.681	0.025	-0.190	0.00026
$8\sigma_\eta$	0.638	0.065	-0.193	0.00053	0.672	0.031	-0.193	0.00032	0.681	0.027	-0.194	0.00026
$9\sigma_\eta$	0.632	0.071	-0.198	0.00054	0.673	0.029	-0.198	0.00034	0.681	0.025	-0.198	0.00027
$10\sigma_\eta$	0.638	0.066	-0.201	0.00055	0.672	0.032	-0.201	0.00034	0.681	0.027	-0.201	0.00027



## APPENDIX D: DATA DESCRIPTION

In this appendix, we provide additional details about the properties of our dataset. We highlight five aspects of the data. First, our data are dominated by “online-only” sellers. Second, most price quotes are supplied by large stores. Third, we describe the business model of the price comparison platform. Fourth, we discuss how we validate the quality of our data. Fifth, we clarify criteria for selecting product categories.

**Types of sellers:** Appendix Table D1 presents shares for three types of sellers: online-offline sellers (e.g., Walmart, Dell); online-only sellers (e.g., Amazon.com); and marketplace sellers (e.g., Amazon marketplace or Ebay). To classify the sellers into these groups, we *manually* examined every store in the list of stores in our sample and determined into which group each store belongs. In some cases, we could not establish the nature of the sellers because they were merged with other sellers, or they exited the market. Most likely, not-classified type sellers are marketplace-type, but we cannot confirm this. Appendix Figure D1 shows the dynamics of the shares.

The dominant seller type is online-only, and the share of online-only sellers has been increasing over time with the rise of Amazon and similar sellers (see Figure 1 below). Online-offline sellers are common in Canada but less so in the U.S., and marketplace-type sellers have only a modest share in our sample.

The low share of marketplace sellers reflects the fact that we filter out observations that sell goods that are refurbished or used. We exclude used/refurbished goods because then the issues of quality comparison become acute, and we may be comparing “apples” and “oranges”. Many marketplace sellers (esp. on eBay) sell used goods, and so they get excluded. We also filter out observations that i) do not provide price quote on the price comparison website and instead post “see website” or ii) specify that the good is not currently available (e.g., out of stock or needs a pre-order). Finally, we filter out price spells with less than four observations because we use pricings moments such as the frequency of price changes, and four observations is the minimum to calculate such statistics. Again, this filter removes many marketplace sellers because they often appear only for one week or a few weeks.

**Size distribution:** Online retail has many stores that sell only a handful of goods; however, the market is dominated by large stores. The top 5 percent of sellers by size account for 90 percent of price quotes in our data (see Figure 2 for the distribution). This outsized importance of large sellers is also evident in other data for e-commerce. For example, Gorodnichenko, Sheremirov and Talavera (2014) use a representative sample of goods listed on a leading PCW/shopping platform (these data are not scraped; the dataset is provided by the platform directly and thus the quality of the data is extremely high) and document that large online stores (sell more than 100 goods) account for 80 percent of clicks (a proxy for quantities sold) in the U.S. and U.K. Thus, the focus on large sellers may be desirable as it covers price quotes that are most relevant for consumers.

**Business model:** To provide a sense of where price comparison websites stand relative to each other, we use reports compiled by CPC Strategy, an e-commerce consultancy and market research firm. The time series shown in Appendix Figure D3 document that Google Shopping had no cost of listing or per click until 2012. In contrast, our price comparison website (one of the listed platforms) and other main competitors were charging a fee per click consistently in our sample period so that the quality of price quotes was likely to be higher than the quality on Google Shopping. Indeed, incorrect/missing listings not only fail to bring revenue to a seller but also have a direct cost to the seller. Our price comparison website consistently charged between \$0.35 and \$1.15 per click depending on the product category (the website does not charge per listing during the sample period). Thus, there is great pressure to list only current, competitive prices on the price comparison website. In our sample period, the platform did not charge regular customers (that is, merchants with an e-commerce website) per listing. To serve small-scale sellers, our shopping

platform introduced a “storefront” program to target marketplace-type customers. Sellers in this program pay no listing fee for the first 100 products listed and a \$0.25 service fee on all items afterward. In addition to the listing fee, sellers in this program pay a commission of \$1.50 + 9% of the purchase price.

Appendix Figure D4 documents that while Google Shopping is the dominant platform now, other platforms continue to generate significant revenue and traffic. Their conversation rates are somewhat lower than Google’s, but the magnitudes are quite close.

**Validation:** To validate the quality of our data, we group categories of goods in our sample of quotes from the price comparison website (PCW) to match category-level consumer price indices (CPI) constructed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Specifically, we make the following groupings:

- *Television* uses CPI sub-index “RA01 Televisions” for the BLS series and covers the following categories on PCW: Plasma/LCD TV.
- *Photographic equipment* uses CPI sub-index “R18 Cameras or other photographic equipment, excluding film” for the BLS series and covers the following categories on PCW: SLR lenses, 35mm SLR lens accessories, camcorders, camcorder accessories, camcorder batteries power, digital cameras, dedicated flashes, tripods, bags/cases.
- *Computer and periphery* uses CPI sub-index “EE01 Personal computers and peripheral equipment” for the BLS series and covers the following categories on PCW: desktop, hard drives, hubs, keyboards, laptops, laptop memory, modems, motherboards, network adapters, power supplies, processors-retail-box, scanners, UPSs, webcams.
- *Software* uses CPI sub-index “EE02 Computer software and accessories” for the BLS series and covers the following categories on PCW: anti-virus software, database management software, engineering/home design software, financial/legal software, flash memory, graphics/publishing software, miscellaneous programming software, office suites software, security software, storage media, system utilities, windows operating system, computer games.
- *Calculators* uses CPI sub-index “E15 Calculators, typewriters, or other information-processing equipment” for the BLS series and covers the following categories on PCW: calculators.
- *Audio equipment* uses CPI sub-index “RA051 Audio Components, Radios, Tape Recorders/Players, and Other Equipment” for the BLS series and covers the following categories on PCW: headphones, microphones-headsets, mp3-players, speakers.

Appendix Figure D5 shows that price indices constructed on our data follow price indices published by the BLS closely. Thus, while there are certainly potential errors in our data and some moments may be affected, results based on aggregate moments of the data (e.g., pass-through) are unlikely to be materially affected by such errors.

**Selection of goods and categories:** We used the following criteria to choose categories in 2008 when we started the project. First, the four main categories of goods in our sample were the most popular ones at the time. According to the estimates of the U.S. Census Bureau<sup>1</sup>, 30% of revenue in e-commerce retail in 2008-2009 was generated by categories we cover (computer hardware, computer software, electronics and appliances, office equipment, and supplies). Second, we wanted to cover goods where having sellers in the U.S. and Canada was common. For some categories such as clothes, furniture, etc., it is a tangible restriction because many of these goods are local (e.g., flip-flops for Californians) and are branded or sold exclusively in one country. Third, we had

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.census.gov/econ/estats/2013/all2013tables.html>, Historical Table 5.

to select categories where goods have an identifier akin to the universal product code (UPC) because we need to link goods over time and across countries. For some categories (e.g., furniture, toys, food), this restriction was a barrier in earlier years because the coding was missing or not sufficiently detailed to ensure that good ID is unique. For example, a bed may have MPN (manufacturer product number) of “613”, but this number can be used for other goods by another manufacturer. Fourth, we did not want to cover books, CDs, and DVDs because these goods are unusual in many respects: the market is dominated by Amazon, and prices tend to be extremely sticky.

As of 2008, our platform had fewer categories than it has now. The platform shifted some subcategories over time. To ensure consistency of our data, we collected the same set of product categories as we had in 2008.

While the selection of categories is not random, we believe it represents a large fraction of retail e-commerce. As we already mentioned, these goods accounted for a third of retail e-commerce in 2008-2009. The share declined to 20% in 2013 as other categories of good penetrated e-commerce. Gorodnichenko, Sheremirov, and Talavera (2014) also document that these goods are very popular in terms of the number of goods sold and the number of clicks.

As we discuss in the paper, we apply several filters to improve the quality of the data used in estimation of pass-through and the speed of price adjustment. The distribution of pricing moments is similar across the full and estimation samples (Appendix Table D3). We also find that the distribution of prices for goods selected into the estimation sample is similar to the distribution of prices for the full sample (Appendix Figure D6). Thus, draws into the estimation sample appear to be distributed in a balanced fashion.

**Appendix Table D1. Composition of stores.**

Seller type	Canada	USA	Pooled
Offline-online	11.53	3.21	7.00
Online only	78.05	76.21	77.05
Marketplace	-	1.52	0.83
Not classified	10.42	19.06	15.13
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

**Appendix Table D2. Largest sellers in the sample.**

U.S.		Canada	
Name	Goods/week	Name	Goods/week
1 TheNerds.net	5,754	Agile Electronics	22,698
2 Rakuten.com	5,595	PC-Canada	7,053
3 NextWarehouse.com	5,208	Cendirect.com	5,612
4 SeaBoom.com	4,429	OnHop	5,317
5 TechLoops.com	4,218	Mostly Digital	5,131
6 CompSource Inc.	3,018	FrontierPC.com	4,656
7 LACC.com	3,016	Ashlin.ca	4,426
8 ValleySeek Store	3,012	DirectDial Canada	3,888
9 PROVANTAGE	2,657	Computer Valley	3,632
10 TigerDirect	1,903	Comtron	3,457
11 TechOnWeb.com	1,900	B&H Photo Video	3,267
12 Dell	1,730	Newegg.ca	2,916
13 PCNation.com	1,636	Can Leaf Mart	2,641
14 PC Connection	1,555	100DIRECT	2,638
15 Datavision	1,443	Shark Systems	2,538
16 TheTwisterGroup.com	1,392	TigerDirect.ca	2,375
17 HardwareNation.com	1,184	Dell E&A	1,497
18 Amazon.com	1,026	Amazon.ca	1,287
19 CtiStore	920	Canada Computers	1,027
20 CompUSA	793	Expansys CA	970
21 CostCentral.com	782	SoftwareMedia	876
22 B&H Photo-Video	744	newoemtoners.com	752
23 Mwave.com	712	beDirectT	717
24 iUnitek	710	PCCZone	700
25 Kingston	683	SIG Electronics	682
26 Memory4Less.com	631	LuComputers	633
27 pcRUSH.com	581	IT Yuda	278
28 J&R	568	iBuyOfficeSupply.ca	273
29 Newegg.com	555	Computer Systems Centre	239
30 California Computer	548	SonicElectronix	198
31 SoftwareMedia.com	538	Dytronix	163
32 ServerSupply.com	516	Dell.ca	160
33 Amazon.com Marketplace	498	BuyOnlineNow.ca	143
34 Unistorage	410	Scionex Systems	140
35 Directron	400	Lenovo	137
36 VioSoftware.com	392	RoyalDiscount	132
37 Gemini Computers	390	Canon Canada	127
38 CDW.com	367	KooyaComputers.ca	111
39 OutletPC.com	347	MDG Computers Canada Inc.	91
40 Compvest	337	ITFactory.ca	91

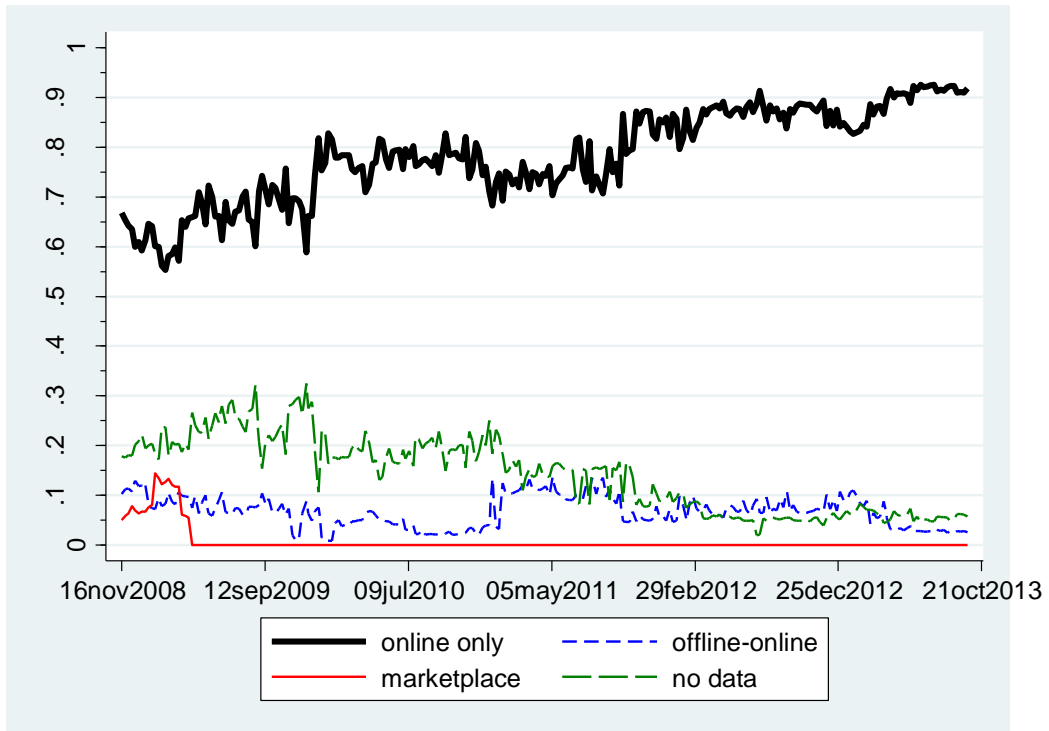
Notes: The table provide median (across weeks) number of goods by seller for largest sellers on the price comparison website.

**Appendix Table D3. Pricing moments for the full and estimation sample.**

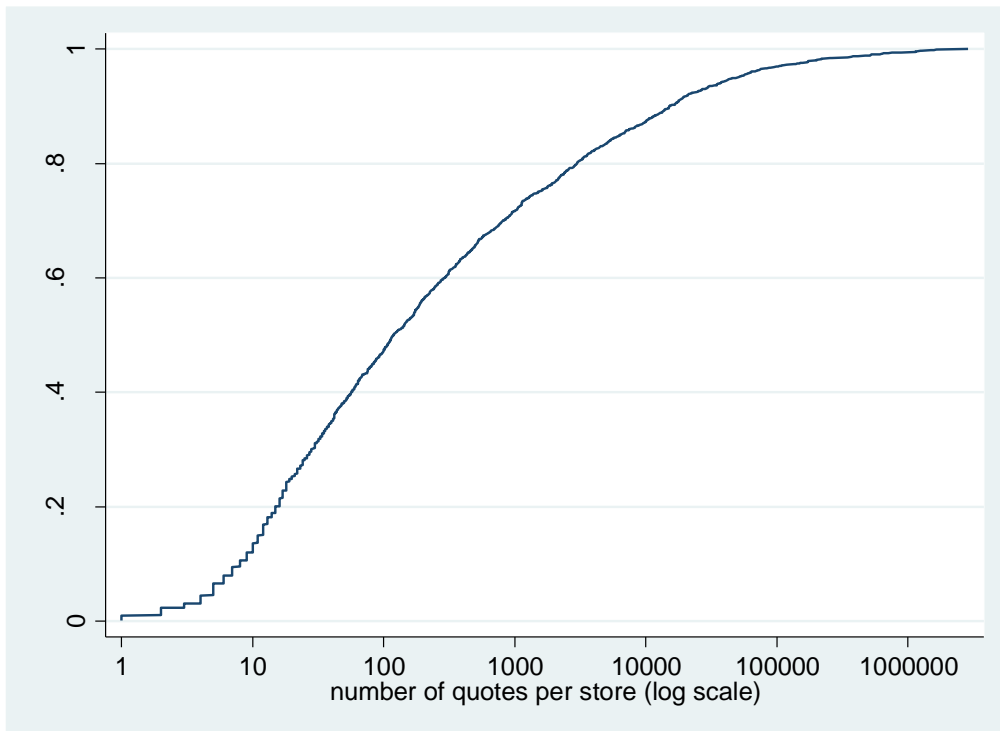
Moment	U.S.A.		Canada	
	Estimation sample	Full sample	Estimation sample	Full sample
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Mean price	5.30	5.20	5.21	5.14
Average cross-sectional st.dev. log price	0.16	0.16	0.12	0.12
Average freq. of price changes	0.22	0.23	0.38	0.39
Average absolute size of price change	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05
Average turnover of sellers	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.89
Average seller rating	4.46	4.47	4.30	4.28
Number of sellers	5.40	5.84	3.29	4.02

Notes: The table reports pricing moments for the full sample and the estimation sample (i.e., data after applying filters).

**Appendix Figure D1. Dynamics of the types of sellers.**



**Appendix Figure D2. Distribution of quotes by store size.**

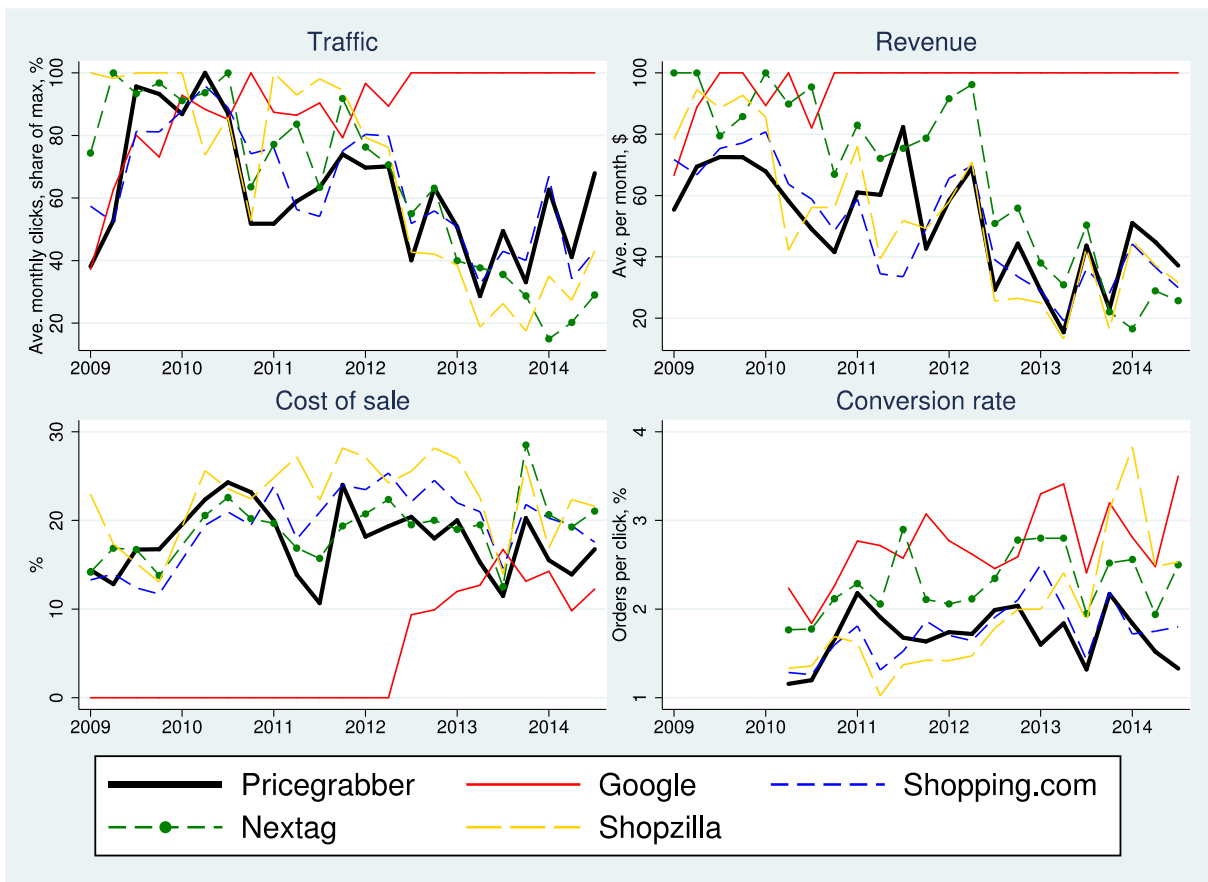


Notes: The figure shows cumulative distribution for the number of price quotes by store size, which is measures the number of quotes per store. The horizontal axis is on log scale.

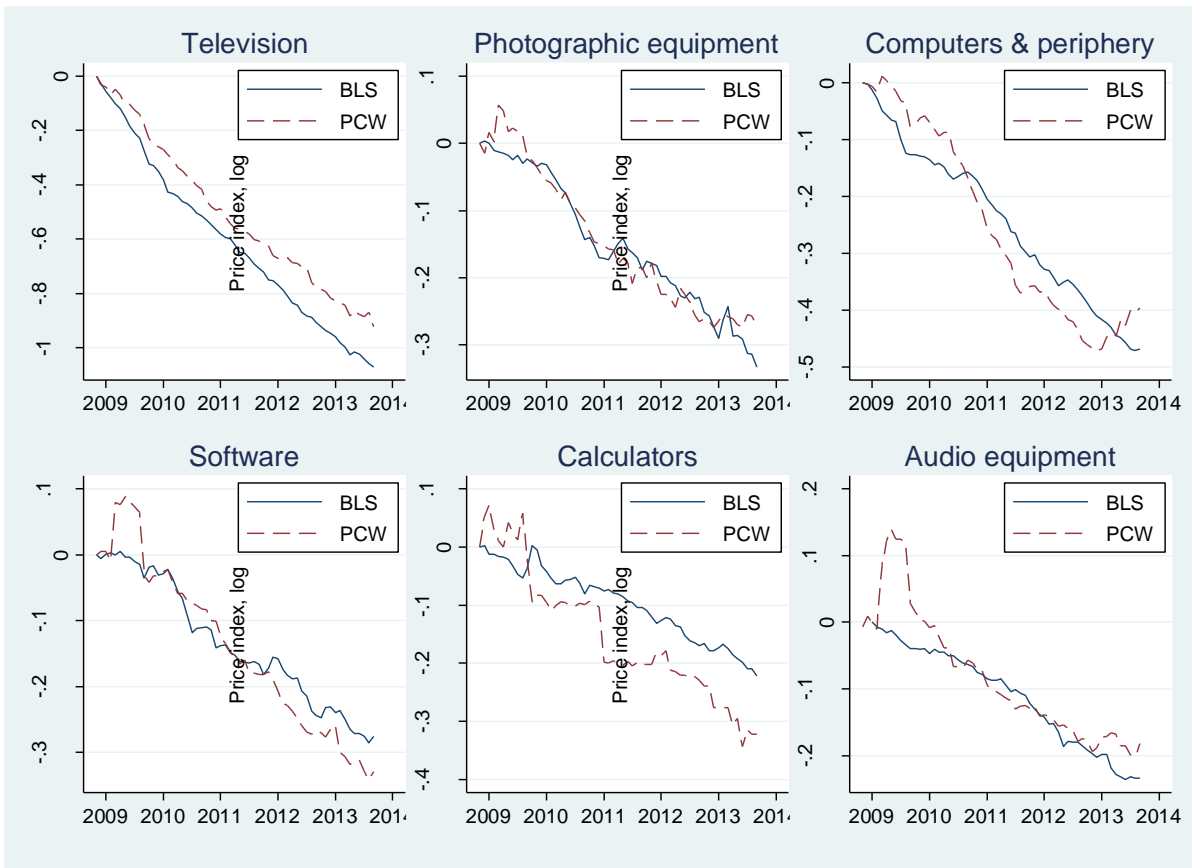
**Appendix Figure D3. Cost of sales by price comparison website.**



**Appendix Figure D4. Comparison of price comparison websites**

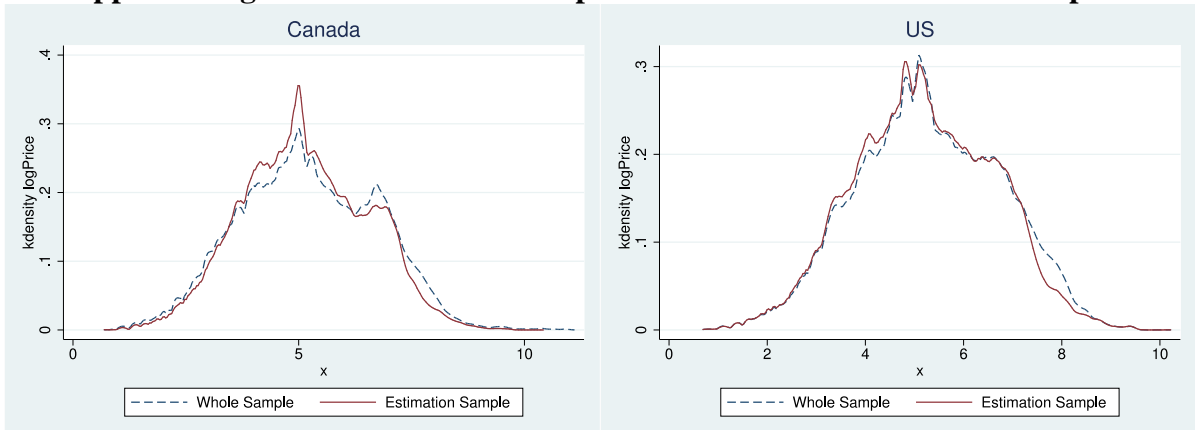


**Appendix Figure D5. Cost of sales by price comparison website.**



Notes: The figure plots time series of (log) price indices for selected categories of goods. The blue, solid line shows series from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The red, dashed line show series constructed from price quotes on the price comparison website (PCW). Each series is normalized to zero at the start of the sample.

**Appendix Figure D6. Distribution of prices in the full and estimation samples.**



Notes: The figures show kernel densities for the distribution of prices (Epanechnikov kernel with optimal width). Log price is on the horizontal axis.



## APPENDIX E: APPLE PRODUCTS

In a prominent study, Cavallo et al. (2014) examine properties of online prices for four major sellers. While three sellers are in fashion/clothing industry, one of the sellers is Apple, which has a coverage of goods similar to what we have in our data. Cavallo et al. (2014) scrape price quotes directly from the websites of the manufacturers (in contrast, we scrape price quotes from a price comparison website). Recently, Cavallo et al. (2014) made their data publicly available. Fortunately, their dataset has a description of products so that we can merge the two datasets and, hence, shed additional light on properties of online prices and reconcile some differences in the results. First, we use this alternative source of information from Cavallo et al. to validate the quality of our data. Second, we explore differences (if any) in the behaviour of prices of “generic” and “branded” goods.

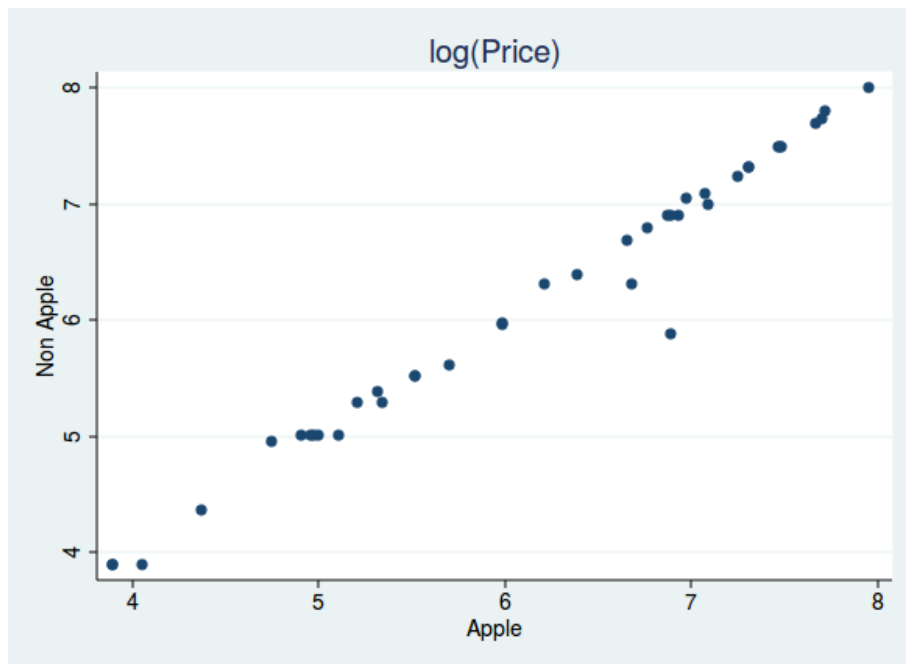
Using the description of goods and manufacture product numbers (MPNs), we identify exact matches in the Cavallo et al. data and our data. For example, MPN “MA623” and other information indicate that the product is “Apple iPod touch”. Likewise, MPN “M9179L” and other information indicate that the product is “Cinema HD Display LCD Monitor, M9179”. We matched 40 products exactly. The types of goods matched across the two dataset is fairly broad and ranges from iPods to monitors to iMacs to batteries. For each matched pair, we calculate the average price over the period where our data overlap with the Cavallo et al. data. Appendix Figure E1 shows that the correlation between the level of prices across the datasets is extremely high ( $\rho = 0.98$ ). Because price data are consistent across the two datasets, we conclude that the quality of our data is reasonably high.

While the average prices are very similar across goods, the dynamics of price adjustment is different. Prices on Apple store tend to be much more inflexible than prices on the price comparison website. Appendix Figure E2 plots price paths for Mac Mini Core i7 2.0GHz (MPN MC936) sold on Apple store and via the price comparison website. The price on the Apple store website was fixed for over a year (from mid 2011 to mid 2012), while price quotes on the price comparison website had a series of price cuts so that the duration of price spells is considerably shorter in our data than in the price data scraped from the Apple store website. However, even these more flexible prices are fairly rigid when compared to similar but “generic” products.

Using data from the price comparison website, we calculate basic pricing moments for identified Apple products and non-Apple products sold in the same product category. For example, prices for Apple’s iPods are compared to prices of other MP3 players. Appendix Table E1 documents that Apple prices tend to be stickier, have fewer sales, and show much less cross-sectional price dispersion. As a result, one may expect that adjustment of prices may be more incomplete and sluggish for Apple product than for non-Apple products.

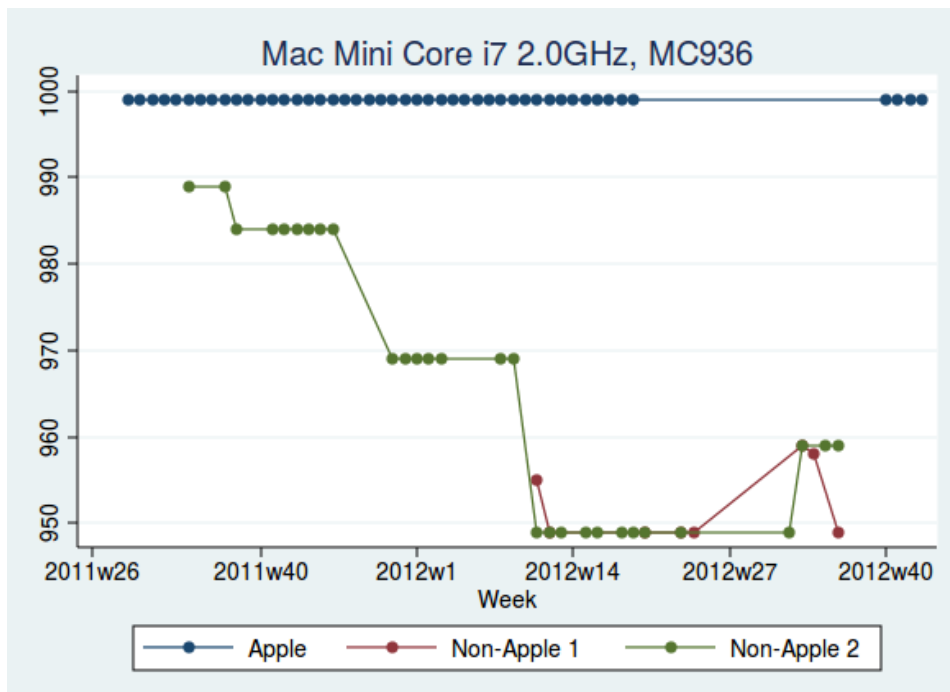
This conjecture is confirmed in Appendix Table E2. The estimated pass-through for Apple products is close to 0.2, while the non-Apple counterpart is between 0.7 and 0.8. Likewise, the speed of price adjustment is smaller for Apple products than for non-Apple products, although the difference is not as large as one observes for pass-through. We conclude that differences between results in Cavallo et al. (2014) and our results are likely to arise from differences in the coverage of goods (specifically, “branded” vs “generic”) and our focus on online-only sellers (rather than on online-offline sellers).

**Appendix Figure E1. Comparison of average prices in Cavallo et al. (2014) and price comparison website.**



Notes: The horizontal axis shows the average price on the Apple store. The vertical axis shows the average price on the price comparison website. Each point corresponds to a unique product manufactured by Apple.

**Appendix Figure E2. Price paths for a selected product**



Notes: The figure plots time series of prices for Apple’s Mac Mini Core i7 2.0Ghz (MPN MC936). Prices are scraped from Apple store and from a price comparison website. The horizontal axis shows calendar time (weeks). The vertical axis shows the price in US dollars.

**Appendix Table E1. Selected pricing moments for Apple and non-Apple products**

	Non-Apple products		Apple products	
	mean	st.dev.	mean	st.dev.
Price changes				
Frequency, per week	0.341	(0.143)	0.147	(0.100)
Median abs. size	0.057	(0.043)	0.065	(0.068)
Sales				
Frequency	0.028	(0.032)	0.008	(0.018)
Mean abs. size	0.045	(0.066)	0.066	(0.066)
Cross-sectional distribution of prices				
St.dev. log(Price)	0.061	(0.072)	0.029	(0.050)
IQR log(Price)	0.078	(0.120)	0.036	(0.089)
Number of goods	8,692		117	

Notes: moments are calculated on data from the price comparison website.

**Appendix Table E2. Price adjustment for Apple and non-Apple products.**

	Non-Apple products			Apple products		
	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>Panel A: Pass-through</b>						
Mean Price	0.778 (0.052)	0.775 (0.051)	0.722 (0.047)	0.277 (0.111)	0.243 (0.124)	0.223 (0.061)
Median Price	0.791 (0.055)	0.788 (0.053)	0.727 (0.049)	0.274 (0.106)	0.233 (0.119)	0.187 (0.066)
Minimum Price	0.777 (0.042)	0.774 (0.038)	0.609 (0.038)	0.334 (0.119)	0.290 (0.146)	0.353 (0.073)
N obs	314,076			2,462		
<b>Panel B: Speed of Adjustment</b>						
Mean Price	-0.066 (0.004)	-0.066 (0.004)	-0.179 (0.008)	-0.089 (0.020)	-0.091 (0.020)	-0.185 (0.046)
Median Price	-0.074 (0.004)	-0.074 (0.004)	-0.187 (0.007)	-0.090 (0.020)	-0.091 (0.020)	-0.192 (0.045)
Minimum Price	-0.056 (0.004)	-0.057 (0.004)	-0.177 (0.006)	-0.107 (0.029)	-0.109 (0.029)	-0.234 (0.051)
N obs	236,561			1,789		

Notes: *Non-Apple products* includes only goods in the categories where *Apple products* are present (desktops, flat panel LCD monitors, hard-drives, laptops, mp3 players). Panel A reports the estimated pass-through,  $\alpha$  in specification (1). Panel B reports the estimated speed of adjustment,  $\beta$  in specification (2). Driscoll and Kraay (1998) standard errors are in parentheses. See the note for Table 4 for more details.

## APPENDIX F: ADDITIONAL TABLES

**Appendix Table F1. Descriptive statistics for gross prices that include taxes and shipping costs.**

	Mean	St.Dev.	Median	P25	P75	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>Panel A: Mean prices</b>						
Relative exchange rate	0.067	0.190	0.051	-0.027	0.144	996,033
Real exchange rate	0.067	0.191	0.053	-0.026	0.147	996,033
<b>Panel B: Median prices</b>						
Relative exchange rate	0.071	0.191	0.054	-0.022	0.147	996,125
Real exchange rate	0.072	0.192	0.056	-0.021	0.151	996,125
<b>Panel C: Minimum prices</b>						
Relative exchange rate	0.117	0.243	0.082	-0.008	0.230	996,146
Real exchange rate	0.118	0.243	0.082	-0.008	0.231	996,146

Notes: Relative exchange rate is calculated as  $\log(P_{it}^{CA}/P_{it}^{US})$  where  $i$  and  $t$  index goods and weeks, respectively,  $P^{CA}$  is the price in Canada, and  $P^{US}$  is the price in the U.S. The real exchange rate is calculated as  $\log(EX_t^{-1} \times P_{it}^{CA}/P_{it}^{US})$  where  $EX_t$  is the nominal CAD/USD exchange rate. P25 and P75 in columns (4) and (5) show 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the statistics indicated in the first column. The sample of goods is the same as in Table 2. See text for further details.

**Appendix Table F2. Pass-through and the speed of price adjustment for gross and net prices.**

<b>Panel A: Pass-through</b>				
	Gross Prices		Net Prices	
	Good Fixed effects	N	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Mean Price	0.195 (0.097)	996,033	0.227 (0.105)	996,056
Median Price	0.200 (0.086)	996,125	0.240 (0.094)	996,038
Minimum Price	0.249 (0.113)	996,146	0.276 (0.102)	996,165

<b>Panel B: Speed of Adjustment</b>				
	Gross Prices		Net Prices	
	Good Fixed effects	N	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Mean Price	-0.270 (0.018)	815,279	-0.258 (0.017)	815,519
Median Price	-0.290 (0.017)	814,640	-0.278 (0.016)	814,567
Minimum Price	-0.305 (0.023)	813,822	-0.292 (0.021)	814,399

Notes: The table presents estimates of pass-through and the speed of price adjustment for gross prices (net price + shipping/handling costs) in column (1). The specification reported in the table corresponds to column (3) in Table 4. Column (3) presents results for net prices where the estimation sample of goods is identical to the sample in column (1). All data are at weekly frequency. Driscoll and Kraay (1998) standard errors are in parentheses.

**Appendix Table F3. Pass-through and the speed of price adjustment for gross and net prices, monthly frequency.**

<b>Panel A: Pass-through</b>				
	Gross Prices		Net Prices	
	Good Fixed effects	N	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Mean Price	0.386 (0.140)	277,914	0.419 (0.148)	277,921
Median Price	0.390 (0.127)	277,916	0.429 (0.137)	277,915
Minimum Price	0.637 (0.196)	277,936	0.652 (0.186)	277,923

<b>Panel B: Speed of Adjustment</b>				
	Gross Prices		Net Prices	
	Good Fixed effects	N	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Mean Price	-0.389 (0.034)	219,989	-0.376 (0.033)	220,091
Median Price	-0.429 (0.034)	219,909	-0.416 (0.033)	219,929
Minimum Price	-0.446 (0.044)	219,501	-0.438 (0.043)	219,503

Notes: The table replicates results of Appendix Table F2 on data aggregated to monthly frequency (instead of weekly). See notes to Appendix Table F2 for more details.

**Appendix Table F4. Pass-through and the speed of price adjustment, net prices, monthly frequency.**

	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Panel A: Pass-through</b>				
Mean Price	0.894 (0.150)	0.791 (0.132)	0.723 (0.116)	486,456
Median Price	0.869 (0.151)	0.767 (0.135)	0.707 (0.123)	486,461
Minimum Price	0.762 (0.087)	0.672 (0.062)	0.648 (0.055)	486,475
<b>Panel B: Speed of Adjustment</b>				
Mean Price	-0.099 (0.011)	-0.111 (0.011)	-0.264 (0.013)	390,145
Median Price	-0.115 (0.011)	-0.128 (0.011)	-0.288 (0.015)	389,967
Minimum Price	-0.114 (0.008)	-0.130 (0.008)	-0.292 (0.017)	389,506

Notes: The table replicates the results of **Error! Reference source not found.** on data aggregated to monthly frequency (instead of weekly). See notes to Table 4 for more details.

**Appendix Table F5. Pass-through and the speed of price adjustment, large stores (top 10 percent).**

	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Panel A: Pass-through</b>				
Mean Price	0.989 (0.096)	0.829 (0.082)	0.712 (0.074)	1,406,723
Median Price	0.953 (0.099)	0.787 (0.085)	0.682 (0.079)	1,406,756
Minimum Price	0.870 (0.072)	0.660 (0.045)	0.588 (0.041)	1,406,814
<b>Panel B: Speed of Adjustment</b>				
Mean Price	-0.077 (0.005)	-0.087 (0.006)	-0.191 (0.011)	1,079,612
Median Price	-0.085 (0.005)	-0.095 (0.005)	-0.203 (0.010)	1,079,471
Minimum Price	-0.083 (0.006)	-0.092 (0.006)	-0.195 (0.010)	1,079,293

Notes: The table replicates the results of **Error! Reference source not found.** on data constrained to stores with the largest number of goods per store (top 10 percent). See notes to **Error! Reference source not found.** for more details.



**Appendix Table F6. Pass-through and the speed of price adjustment by type of store.**

	Online-only stores			Online-offline stores		
	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Mean Price	0.769 (0.091)	0.662 (0.086)	0.594 (0.080)	0.949 (0.084)	0.900 (0.051)	0.853 (0.044)
Median Price	0.793 (0.093)	0.684 (0.087)	0.624 (0.083)	0.956 (0.084)	0.908 (0.051)	0.863 (0.044)
Minimum Price	0.608 (0.071)	0.474 (0.061)	0.441 (0.058)	1.075 (0.077)	1.022 (0.052)	0.977 (0.050)
N obs	1,566,189			48,320		
Mean Price	-0.056 (0.004)	-0.063 (0.005)	-0.147 (0.006)	-0.034 (0.010)	-0.050 (0.011)	-0.163 (0.020)
Median Price	-0.064 (0.004)	-0.072 (0.004)	-0.160 (0.006)	-0.035 (0.010)	-0.051 (0.011)	-0.167 (0.021)
Minimum Price	-0.059 (0.004)	-0.068 (0.004)	-0.152 (0.005)	-0.060 (0.017)	-0.084 (0.019)	-0.246 (0.039)
N obs	1,228,732			15,267		

Notes: The table replicates the results of **Error! Reference source not found.** on data constrained to stores that sell only online (columns 1-3) and that sell both online and offline (columns 4-6). See notes to **Error! Reference source not found.** for more details.

**Appendix Table F7. Pass-through and the speed of price adjustment, regular prices.**

	No Fixed effects	Type Fixed effects	Good Fixed effects	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Panel A: Pass-through</b>				
Mean Price	0.887 (0.103)	0.751 (0.092)	0.663 (0.083)	1,725,138
Median Price	0.872 (0.104)	0.738 (0.093)	0.658 (0.087)	1,725,184
Minimum Price	0.793 (0.067)	0.661 (0.047)	0.618 (0.044)	1,725,211
<b>Panel B: Speed of Adjustment</b>				
Mean Price	-0.064 (0.004)	-0.072 (0.004)	-0.155 (0.008)	1,386,187
Median Price	-0.074 (0.004)	-0.083 (0.004)	-0.171 (0.008)	1,385,728
Minimum Price	-0.070 (0.003)	-0.078 (0.003)	-0.161 (0.007)	1,385,782

Notes: The table replicates the results of **Error! Reference source not found.** on regular prices that exclude sales. Sales are identified with filters as in Nakamura and Steinsson (2008). See notes to **Error! Reference source not found.** for more details.

## APPENDIX G: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Appendix Table G1. Descriptive statistics for standard deviation log(Price).

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.184	0.111	21	0.103	0.059	21
AV accessories	0.110	0.051	2,838	0.207	0.060	2,726
Antivirus software	0.187	0.095	20	0.183	0.139	20
Audio cables	0.275	0.178	100	0.364	0.189	100
Audio video utilities	0.149	0.114	73	0.094	0.062	72
Bags cases	0.158	0.091	91	0.147	0.129	82
Binoculars	0.256	0.116	35	0.169	0.098	34
Calculators	0.163	0.113	61	0.167	0.095	61
Camcorder accessories	0.220	0.122	24	0.130	0.073	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.282	0.154	25	0.193	0.128	25
Camcorders	0.125	0.090	227	0.087	0.054	225
Cases	0.106	0.068	344	0.135	0.066	340
Cash registers pos equipment	0.085	0.052	214	0.087	0.082	212
Computer games	0.489	0.316	47	0.261	0.201	32
Database management software	0.116	0.054	56	0.057	0.070	56
Dedicated flashes	0.169	0.108	23	0.079	0.026	22
Desktop computers	0.047	0.023	497	0.047	0.019	487
Digital cameras	0.109	0.084	538	0.081	0.040	532
Engineering and home design software	0.187	0.163	9	0.103	0.063	8
Financial and legal software	0.218	0.263	10	0.177	0.172	9
Flash memory	0.180	0.093	966	0.249	0.144	949
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.080	0.074	757	0.070	0.028	753
GPS	0.116	0.072	156	0.129	0.073	156
Graphics and publishing software	0.122	0.097	606	0.120	0.096	581
Hard drives	0.110	0.071	1,629	0.143	0.085	1,622
Headphones	0.200	0.135	263	0.203	0.180	258
Hubs	0.094	0.078	715	0.129	0.081	714
Keyboards	0.121	0.069	526	0.159	0.084	522
Laptop memory	0.145	0.071	2,422	0.174	0.112	2,378
Laptops	0.052	0.026	549	0.043	0.019	547
Microphones and headsets	0.162	0.071	73	0.215	0.137	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.171	0.125	99	0.074	0.084	97
Modems	0.159	0.170	89	0.183	0.148	89
Motherboards	0.093	0.081	648	0.091	0.073	642
Mp3 players	0.143	0.089	131	0.139	0.104	128
Network adapters	0.121	0.119	240	0.217	0.158	240
Office suites software	0.187	0.129	76	0.143	0.121	72
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.108	0.068	164	0.088	0.034	158
Portable device accessories	0.195	0.127	262	0.237	0.173	248
Power supplies	0.101	0.065	423	0.124	0.070	417
Processors in retail box	0.063	0.049	520	0.129	0.087	516
Projection screens	0.166	0.037	3,402	0.185	0.044	3,401
Projectors	0.086	0.070	604	0.086	0.053	599
SLR lenses	0.096	0.055	180	0.067	0.041	178
Scanners	0.067	0.044	614	0.082	0.052	614
Security software	0.093	0.079	117	0.160	0.089	115
Speakers	0.133	0.085	166	0.154	0.094	163
Storage media	0.172	0.124	806	0.258	0.171	799
System utilities software	0.110	0.101	49	0.111	0.081	23
TV accessories and mounts	0.143	0.103	92	0.152	0.088	89
Tripods	0.202	0.077	33	0.113	0.079	29
UPSS	0.067	0.039	661	0.101	0.051	658
Video cables	0.232	0.145	677	0.348	0.194	673
Webcams	0.151	0.099	72	0.146	0.087	68
Windows operating system software	0.135	0.132	153	0.101	0.090	153

**Appendix Table G2. Descriptive statistics for median log(Price).**

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	4.742	0.841	21	4.555	0.958	21
AV accessories	5.571	1.067	2,838	5.557	1.101	2,838
Antivirus software	4.531	1.125	20	4.410	1.085	20
Audio cables	2.960	0.845	100	3.020	0.747	100
Audio video utilities	5.069	0.789	73	4.984	0.798	73
Bags cases	4.528	0.994	91	4.383	0.979	91
Binoculars	4.767	0.678	35	4.741	0.649	35
Calculators	3.677	0.968	61	3.324	0.986	61
Camcorder accessories	4.656	0.770	24	4.493	0.838	24
Camcorder batteries power	4.494	0.371	25	4.210	0.349	25
Camcorders	5.859	0.832	227	5.749	0.814	227
Cases	4.952	0.856	344	4.849	0.858	344
Cash registers pos equipment	5.182	0.682	214	5.161	0.674	214
Computer games	2.930	0.801	47	2.688	1.058	47
Database management software	6.811	1.706	56	6.672	1.720	56
Dedicated flashes	5.546	0.723	23	5.388	0.675	23
Desktop computers	6.802	0.524	497	6.712	0.492	497
Digital cameras	5.503	0.674	538	5.385	0.659	538
Engineering and home design software	5.405	1.461	9	5.436	1.307	9
Financial and legal software	5.174	1.048	10	5.034	1.041	10
Flash memory	3.677	0.873	966	3.643	0.835	966
Flat panel and LCD monitors	5.974	0.839	757	5.887	0.832	757
GPS	5.386	0.623	156	5.266	0.644	156
Graphics and publishing software	5.903	1.017	606	5.802	0.981	606
Hard drives	5.223	0.749	1,629	5.147	0.685	1,629
Headphones	4.054	0.964	263	3.791	1.067	263
Hubs	6.357	1.697	715	6.236	1.678	715
Keyboards	4.173	0.698	526	4.087	0.697	526
Laptop memory	4.481	0.900	2,422	4.366	0.845	2,422
Laptops	6.803	0.617	549	6.729	0.581	549
Microphones and headsets	3.908	0.885	73	3.724	0.887	73
Miscellaneous programming software	7.027	1.154	99	6.826	1.167	99
Modems	4.198	1.319	89	4.160	1.223	89
Motherboards	5.163	0.671	648	5.106	0.677	648
Mp3 players	4.402	0.769	131	4.363	0.756	131
Network adapters	5.045	1.302	240	4.892	1.244	240
Office suites software	5.450	0.640	76	5.262	0.632	76
Plasma and LCD televisions	6.695	0.764	164	6.585	0.720	164
Portable device accessories	3.547	0.982	262	3.564	0.916	262
Power supplies	4.899	0.859	423	4.804	0.820	423
Processors in retail box	6.141	0.911	520	5.946	0.818	520
Projection screens	6.718	0.663	3,402	6.739	0.655	3,402
Projectors	6.946	0.720	604	6.847	0.715	604
SLR lenses	6.634	0.806	180	6.521	0.823	180
Scanners	5.741	0.887	614	5.651	0.870	614
Security software	3.962	1.167	117	3.880	1.056	117
Speakers	4.265	0.881	166	4.172	0.873	166
Storage media	3.643	1.093	806	3.419	1.138	806
System utilities software	5.893	1.763	49	5.834	1.798	49
TV accessories and mounts	5.027	0.772	92	4.877	0.722	92
Tripods	5.143	1.005	33	4.999	1.011	33
UPSS	6.137	1.141	661	6.021	1.147	661
Video cables	3.129	0.866	677	3.091	0.776	677
Webcams	4.117	0.674	72	4.010	0.671	72
Windows operating system software	6.095	1.094	153	5.967	1.108	153

**Appendix Table G3. Descriptive statistics for frequency of price change, per week.**

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.266	0.214	21	0.111	0.070	21
AV accessories	0.363	0.093	2,838	0.042	0.089	2,838
Antivirus software	0.294	0.184	20	0.171	0.108	20
Audio cables	0.206	0.103	100	0.135	0.052	100
Audio video utilities	0.321	0.160	73	0.193	0.110	73
Bags cases	0.290	0.291	91	0.124	0.097	91
Binoculars	0.564	0.215	35	0.139	0.049	35
Calculators	0.236	0.086	61	0.101	0.053	61
Camcorder accessories	0.353	0.234	24	0.169	0.113	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.309	0.177	25	0.192	0.078	25
Camcorders	0.342	0.203	227	0.291	0.154	227
Cases	0.322	0.152	344	0.212	0.093	344
Cash registers pos equipment	0.563	0.110	214	0.107	0.045	214
Computer games	0.268	0.164	47	0.150	0.091	47
Database management software	0.216	0.194	56	0.158	0.094	56
Dedicated flashes	0.262	0.212	23	0.128	0.067	23
Desktop computers	0.333	0.141	497	0.454	0.142	497
Digital cameras	0.280	0.167	538	0.307	0.132	538
Engineering and home design software	0.384	0.277	9	0.180	0.093	9
Financial and legal software	0.145	0.078	10	0.196	0.133	10
Flash memory	0.342	0.158	966	0.252	0.115	966
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.419	0.159	757	0.304	0.114	757
GPS	0.332	0.170	156	0.161	0.078	156
Graphics and publishing software	0.371	0.170	606	0.197	0.098	606
Hard drives	0.418	0.179	1,629	0.301	0.094	1,629
Headphones	0.237	0.180	263	0.119	0.082	263
Hubs	0.380	0.201	715	0.245	0.085	715
Keyboards	0.378	0.186	526	0.197	0.076	526
Laptop memory	0.500	0.186	2,422	0.357	0.118	2,422
Laptops	0.362	0.135	549	0.405	0.149	549
Microphones and headsets	0.281	0.128	73	0.167	0.069	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.289	0.202	99	0.240	0.143	99
Modems	0.376	0.186	89	0.205	0.080	89
Motherboards	0.353	0.169	648	0.265	0.098	648
Mp3 players	0.403	0.216	131	0.138	0.068	131
Network adapters	0.372	0.175	240	0.248	0.095	240
Office suites software	0.208	0.113	76	0.214	0.105	76
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.287	0.205	164	0.288	0.146	164
Portable device accessories	0.291	0.159	262	0.153	0.089	262
Power supplies	0.325	0.157	423	0.216	0.084	423
Processors in retail box	0.331	0.147	520	0.253	0.089	520
Projection screens	0.373	0.071	3,402	0.012	0.037	3,402
Projectors	0.317	0.185	604	0.262	0.110	604
SLR lenses	0.362	0.228	180	0.158	0.066	180
Scanners	0.514	0.175	614	0.173	0.099	614
Security software	0.311	0.114	117	0.126	0.095	117
Speakers	0.308	0.153	166	0.199	0.080	166
Storage media	0.241	0.137	806	0.166	0.084	806
System utilities software	0.148	0.159	49	0.092	0.123	49
TV accessories and mounts	0.413	0.246	92	0.135	0.080	92
Tripods	0.356	0.121	33	0.129	0.116	33
UPSS	0.356	0.149	661	0.245	0.070	661
Video cables	0.198	0.130	677	0.176	0.067	677
Webcams	0.316	0.148	72	0.237	0.087	72
Windows operating system software	0.290	0.169	153	0.221	0.096	153

Appendix Table G4. Descriptive statistics for median abs(dlog(Price)).

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.018	0.038	21	0.052	0.030	20
AV accessories	0.010	0.018	2,838	0.045	0.084	721
Antivirus software	0.071	0.095	20	0.033	0.020	20
Audio cables	0.062	0.070	100	0.056	0.102	100
Audio video utilities	0.032	0.051	73	0.032	0.023	73
Bags cases	0.034	0.053	91	0.051	0.047	88
Binoculars	0.012	0.006	35	0.069	0.046	35
Calculators	0.059	0.059	61	0.080	0.098	61
Camcorder accessories	0.019	0.022	24	0.050	0.043	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.013	0.008	25	0.042	0.020	25
Camcorders	0.039	0.035	227	0.059	0.041	226
Cases	0.044	0.056	344	0.036	0.024	342
Cash registers pos equipment	0.014	0.004	214	0.025	0.024	212
Computer games	0.098	0.088	47	0.141	0.120	45
Database management software	0.027	0.018	56	0.028	0.018	56
Dedicated flashes	0.019	0.019	23	0.038	0.034	22
Desktop computers	0.019	0.022	497	0.017	0.009	497
Digital cameras	0.052	0.040	538	0.058	0.038	538
Engineering and home design software	0.032	0.019	9	0.086	0.135	9
Financial and legal software	0.138	0.305	10	0.063	0.066	10
Flash memory	0.047	0.054	966	0.053	0.044	963
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.021	0.015	757	0.022	0.020	757
GPS	0.035	0.036	156	0.055	0.037	156
Graphics and publishing software	0.019	0.020	606	0.024	0.028	587
Hard drives	0.031	0.030	1,629	0.039	0.022	1,627
Headphones	0.117	0.134	263	0.080	0.085	261
Hubs	0.037	0.065	715	0.025	0.020	715
Keyboards	0.037	0.043	526	0.040	0.030	526
Laptop memory	0.034	0.028	2,422	0.049	0.026	2,422
Laptops	0.019	0.015	549	0.017	0.014	549
Microphones and headsets	0.051	0.051	73	0.051	0.044	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.023	0.019	99	0.020	0.013	98
Modems	0.040	0.045	89	0.033	0.024	89
Motherboards	0.035	0.047	648	0.026	0.021	648
Mp3 players	0.030	0.052	131	0.047	0.031	127
Network adapters	0.031	0.039	240	0.032	0.033	240
Office suites software	0.033	0.025	76	0.036	0.033	74
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.059	0.047	164	0.034	0.024	164
Portable device accessories	0.050	0.057	262	0.062	0.069	255
Power supplies	0.042	0.033	423	0.036	0.033	420
Processors in retail box	0.022	0.022	520	0.033	0.051	520
Projection screens	0.007	0.006	3,402	0.095	0.142	969
Projectors	0.025	0.032	604	0.019	0.017	603
SLR lenses	0.016	0.008	180	0.046	0.033	179
Scanners	0.019	0.016	614	0.019	0.014	608
Security software	0.014	0.012	117	0.079	0.050	115
Speakers	0.042	0.038	166	0.050	0.036	165
Storage media	0.065	0.076	806	0.055	0.053	802
System utilities software	0.019	0.017	49	0.019	0.015	39
TV accessories and mounts	0.043	0.089	92	0.044	0.039	91
Tripods	0.020	0.033	33	0.076	0.064	31
UPSS	0.020	0.018	661	0.020	0.015	661
Video cables	0.075	0.073	677	0.044	0.033	677
Webcams	0.046	0.040	72	0.051	0.032	71
Windows operating system software	0.029	0.038	153	0.032	0.060	153

**Appendix Table G5. Descriptive statistics for synchronization of price changes.**

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.044	0.152	21	0.070	0.089	19
AV accessories	0.077	0.128	2,838	0.117	0.100	660
Antivirus software	0.335	0.253	20	0.192	0.069	20
Audio cables	0.172	0.122	100	0.090	0.075	100
Audio video utilities	0.238	0.171	73	0.131	0.089	72
Bags cases	0.069	0.102	91	0.097	0.103	79
Binoculars	0.014	0.045	35	0.071	0.086	34
Calculators	0.154	0.140	61	0.054	0.063	60
Camcorder accessories	0.078	0.100	24	0.123	0.084	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.081	0.109	25	0.140	0.083	25
Camcorders	0.163	0.156	227	0.235	0.149	223
Cases	0.276	0.207	344	0.167	0.092	338
Cash registers pos equipment	0.494	0.180	214	0.071	0.062	210
Computer games	0.195	0.203	47	0.094	0.083	26
Database management software	0.250	0.247	56	0.142	0.123	56
Dedicated flashes	0.060	0.105	23	0.104	0.055	20
Desktop computers	0.273	0.139	497	0.335	0.132	485
Digital cameras	0.155	0.130	538	0.245	0.136	529
Engineering and home design software	0.288	0.319	9	0.120	0.091	8
Financial and legal software	0.113	0.100	10	0.180	0.108	9
Flash memory	0.277	0.179	966	0.194	0.104	939
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.292	0.185	757	0.232	0.105	751
GPS	0.347	0.221	156	0.127	0.099	154
Graphics and publishing software	0.326	0.205	606	0.148	0.084	565
Hard drives	0.332	0.173	1,629	0.237	0.093	1,620
Headphones	0.130	0.164	263	0.099	0.113	252
Hubs	0.302	0.241	715	0.182	0.082	713
Keyboards	0.287	0.214	526	0.156	0.079	521
Laptop memory	0.424	0.185	2,422	0.296	0.127	2,373
Laptops	0.269	0.134	549	0.298	0.124	546
Microphones and headsets	0.242	0.158	73	0.118	0.058	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.239	0.235	99	0.211	0.145	95
Modems	0.294	0.235	89	0.146	0.076	89
Motherboards	0.310	0.210	648	0.196	0.099	641
Mp3 players	0.215	0.182	131	0.110	0.072	125
Network adapters	0.347	0.213	240	0.177	0.079	238
Office suites software	0.181	0.162	76	0.178	0.098	72
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.190	0.201	164	0.174	0.135	158
Portable device accessories	0.192	0.188	262	0.115	0.077	244
Power supplies	0.269	0.203	423	0.167	0.097	412
Processors in retail box	0.274	0.186	520	0.183	0.083	513
Projection screens	0.049	0.061	3,402	0.021	0.057	967
Projectors	0.245	0.208	604	0.199	0.098	596
SLR lenses	0.072	0.145	180	0.135	0.091	176
Scanners	0.457	0.210	614	0.126	0.082	608
Security software	0.170	0.161	117	0.173	0.097	114
Speakers	0.234	0.176	166	0.162	0.095	162
Storage media	0.227	0.144	806	0.120	0.078	792
System utilities software	0.097	0.175	49	0.075	0.092	23
TV accessories and mounts	0.248	0.230	92	0.095	0.071	86
Tripods	0.043	0.068	33	0.078	0.072	28
UPSS	0.332	0.190	661	0.188	0.063	656
Video cables	0.117	0.132	677	0.112	0.067	670
Webcams	0.196	0.152	72	0.206	0.089	68
Windows operating system software	0.237	0.177	153	0.176	0.096	153

Appendix Table G6. Descriptive statistics for number of sellers.

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	1.473	0.291	21	1.909	0.899	21
AV accessories	1.694	0.391	2,838	2.130	0.998	2,838
Antivirus software	1.895	1.450	20	3.832	2.191	20
Audio cables	2.007	0.724	100	2.470	0.759	100
Audio video utilities	2.190	1.058	73	3.424	1.893	73
Bags cases	1.570	0.498	91	2.347	1.369	91
Binoculars	1.428	0.812	35	2.176	0.942	35
Calculators	1.793	0.938	61	2.769	1.148	61
Camcorder accessories	1.925	0.909	24	2.264	0.819	24
Camcorder batteries power	2.189	0.893	25	2.778	0.862	25
Camcorders	2.520	1.275	227	3.109	2.100	227
Cases	2.426	1.296	344	3.470	1.352	344
Cash registers pos equipment	1.564	0.331	214	3.195	0.978	214
Computer games	1.513	0.650	47	1.919	1.261	47
Database management software	2.182	1.653	56	2.594	1.237	56
Dedicated flashes	1.820	0.628	23	2.664	1.383	23
Desktop computers	3.250	1.273	497	3.844	1.350	497
Digital cameras	2.506	1.184	538	3.349	1.984	538
Engineering and home design software	3.116	2.528	9	3.034	1.735	9
Financial and legal software	2.826	1.752	10	3.401	1.865	10
Flash memory	2.632	1.196	966	3.137	1.300	966
Flat panel and LCD monitors	2.975	1.514	757	4.022	1.342	757
GPS	2.883	1.484	156	4.392	2.152	156
Graphics and publishing software	2.985	1.629	606	4.519	2.743	606
Hard drives	3.010	1.268	1,629	4.837	2.425	1,629
Headphones	1.913	1.075	263	2.967	1.343	263
Hubs	2.406	1.082	715	5.985	2.819	715
Keyboards	2.493	1.302	526	3.755	1.415	526
Laptop memory	3.074	1.071	2,422	3.019	1.343	2,422
Laptops	3.512	1.218	549	4.277	1.721	549
Microphones and headsets	3.006	1.908	73	3.529	1.212	73
Miscellaneous programming software	2.617	2.100	99	3.885	3.296	99
Modems	2.316	1.246	89	3.440	1.274	89
Motherboards	2.959	1.480	648	3.241	1.244	648
Mp3 players	2.062	0.936	131	3.250	1.402	131
Network adapters	2.831	1.058	240	4.705	2.350	240
Office suites software	2.552	1.868	76	4.029	2.625	76
Plasma and LCD televisions	2.123	1.161	164	2.667	1.019	164
Portable device accessories	2.072	0.890	262	3.141	1.392	262
Power supplies	2.526	1.256	423	3.160	1.412	423
Processors in retail box	2.707	1.258	520	3.875	1.750	520
Projection screens	1.674	0.192	3,402	2.027	0.536	3,402
Projectors	2.918	1.444	604	4.381	2.043	604
SLR lenses	1.598	0.430	180	2.960	1.459	180
Scanners	2.126	1.106	614	4.397	1.923	614
Security software	1.555	0.687	117	2.458	1.646	117
Speakers	2.953	1.776	166	3.287	1.324	166
Storage media	2.625	0.997	806	4.344	2.322	806
System utilities software	1.431	0.736	49	1.640	1.288	49
TV accessories and mounts	1.920	0.943	92	3.586	2.016	92
Tripods	1.800	0.569	33	1.720	0.695	33
UPSS	2.949	1.306	661	4.901	1.890	661
Video cables	2.202	0.826	677	3.560	1.123	677
Webcams	2.371	1.406	72	4.000	1.732	72
Windows operating system software	2.160	1.158	153	3.445	1.888	153



Appendix Table G7. Descriptive statistics for stability of sellers.

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.948	0.021	21	0.882	0.055	21
AV accessories	0.950	0.035	2,838	0.928	0.033	2,838
Antivirus software	0.912	0.053	20	0.923	0.046	20
Audio cables	0.916	0.047	100	0.914	0.039	100
Audio video utilities	0.894	0.054	73	0.887	0.062	73
Bags cases	0.944	0.037	91	0.914	0.051	91
Binoculars	0.964	0.034	35	0.872	0.066	35
Calculators	0.906	0.048	61	0.934	0.037	61
Camcorder accessories	0.926	0.046	24	0.887	0.058	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.911	0.043	25	0.856	0.041	25
Camcorders	0.896	0.056	227	0.857	0.064	227
Cases	0.896	0.061	344	0.886	0.044	344
Cash registers pos equipment	0.893	0.041	214	0.928	0.035	214
Computer games	0.947	0.049	47	0.940	0.061	47
Database management software	0.915	0.067	56	0.928	0.055	56
Dedicated flashes	0.924	0.035	23	0.868	0.061	23
Desktop computers	0.860	0.057	497	0.856	0.058	497
Digital cameras	0.895	0.061	538	0.854	0.066	538
Engineering and home design software	0.906	0.091	9	0.867	0.069	9
Financial and legal software	0.908	0.058	10	0.881	0.087	10
Flash memory	0.864	0.059	966	0.891	0.045	966
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.871	0.058	757	0.871	0.047	757
GPS	0.884	0.066	156	0.857	0.054	156
Graphics and publishing software	0.885	0.063	606	0.905	0.052	606
Hard drives	0.857	0.061	1,629	0.848	0.050	1,629
Headphones	0.924	0.064	263	0.883	0.056	263
Hubs	0.889	0.072	715	0.887	0.039	715
Keyboards	0.888	0.054	526	0.890	0.045	526
Laptop memory	0.850	0.050	2,422	0.863	0.056	2,422
Laptops	0.848	0.062	549	0.846	0.062	549
Microphones and headsets	0.876	0.061	73	0.884	0.042	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.898	0.074	99	0.899	0.059	99
Modems	0.896	0.062	89	0.880	0.044	89
Motherboards	0.873	0.065	648	0.875	0.052	648
Mp3 players	0.914	0.061	131	0.888	0.046	131
Network adapters	0.873	0.052	240	0.878	0.036	240
Office suites software	0.912	0.050	76	0.908	0.054	76
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.902	0.060	164	0.869	0.058	164
Portable device accessories	0.905	0.057	262	0.906	0.051	262
Power supplies	0.889	0.054	423	0.891	0.047	423
Processors in retail box	0.889	0.052	520	0.869	0.044	520
Projection screens	0.966	0.029	3,402	0.894	0.035	3,402
Projectors	0.879	0.064	604	0.875	0.043	604
SLR lenses	0.943	0.032	180	0.837	0.047	180
Scanners	0.880	0.047	614	0.904	0.039	614
Security software	0.925	0.055	117	0.951	0.041	117
Speakers	0.882	0.058	166	0.874	0.047	166
Storage media	0.872	0.049	806	0.900	0.042	806
System utilities software	0.942	0.056	49	0.963	0.059	49
TV accessories and mounts	0.926	0.056	92	0.897	0.047	92
Tripods	0.936	0.055	33	0.885	0.062	33
UPSS	0.881	0.049	661	0.878	0.037	661
Video cables	0.911	0.049	677	0.918	0.032	677
Webcams	0.905	0.056	72	0.882	0.053	72
Windows operating system software	0.892	0.062	153	0.907	0.038	153

**Appendix Table G8. Descriptive statistics for the frequency of sales, per week.**

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.037	0.042	21	0.011	0.019	21
AV accessories	0.021	0.018	2,838	0.007	0.026	2,838
Antivirus software	0.020	0.017	20	0.019	0.031	20
Audio cables	0.029	0.027	100	0.014	0.020	100
Audio video utilities	0.034	0.034	73	0.045	0.052	73
Bags cases	0.020	0.027	91	0.025	0.042	91
Binoculars	0.038	0.026	35	0.017	0.030	35
Calculators	0.029	0.028	61	0.029	0.040	61
Camcorder accessories	0.021	0.015	24	0.022	0.030	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.028	0.018	25	0.031	0.031	25
Camcorders	0.045	0.042	227	0.046	0.052	227
Cases	0.043	0.042	344	0.029	0.029	344
Cash registers pos equipment	0.042	0.021	214	0.018	0.029	214
Computer games	0.049	0.038	47	0.042	0.060	47
Database management software	0.017	0.025	56	0.018	0.036	56
Dedicated flashes	0.029	0.015	23	0.012	0.025	23
Desktop computers	0.029	0.030	497	0.029	0.026	497
Digital cameras	0.059	0.054	538	0.050	0.046	538
Engineering and home design software	0.034	0.033	9	0.060	0.100	9
Financial and legal software	0.010	0.017	10	0.015	0.020	10
Flash memory	0.033	0.033	966	0.024	0.029	966
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.026	0.021	757	0.030	0.030	757
GPS	0.049	0.041	156	0.027	0.034	156
Graphics and publishing software	0.026	0.028	606	0.027	0.037	606
Hard drives	0.030	0.030	1,629	0.028	0.025	1,629
Headphones	0.068	0.071	263	0.031	0.042	263
Hubs	0.025	0.028	715	0.033	0.027	715
Keyboards	0.044	0.035	526	0.032	0.031	526
Laptop memory	0.036	0.025	2,422	0.020	0.021	2,422
Laptops	0.030	0.028	549	0.024	0.025	549
Microphones and headsets	0.054	0.048	73	0.043	0.032	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.023	0.026	99	0.025	0.025	99
Modems	0.032	0.025	89	0.023	0.027	89
Motherboards	0.038	0.040	648	0.028	0.032	648
Mp3 players	0.031	0.037	131	0.036	0.036	131
Network adapters	0.029	0.024	240	0.027	0.023	240
Office suites software	0.024	0.030	76	0.026	0.023	76
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.050	0.062	164	0.028	0.039	164
Portable device accessories	0.028	0.032	262	0.029	0.034	262
Power supplies	0.043	0.035	423	0.031	0.034	423
Processors in retail box	0.029	0.025	520	0.026	0.025	520
Projection screens	0.001	0.007	3,402	0.005	0.026	3,402
Projectors	0.024	0.025	604	0.023	0.022	604
SLR lenses	0.035	0.023	180	0.016	0.020	180
Scanners	0.029	0.021	614	0.021	0.025	614
Security software	0.013	0.023	117	0.061	0.038	117
Speakers	0.048	0.045	166	0.038	0.038	166
Storage media	0.024	0.028	806	0.034	0.030	806
System utilities software	0.014	0.025	49	0.018	0.033	49
TV accessories and mounts	0.049	0.060	92	0.029	0.030	92
Tripods	0.023	0.016	33	0.015	0.026	33
UPSS	0.026	0.021	661	0.028	0.022	661
Video cables	0.028	0.038	677	0.020	0.026	677
Webcams	0.051	0.042	72	0.058	0.046	72
Windows operating system software	0.026	0.026	153	0.027	0.028	153

Appendix Table G9. Descriptive statistics for mean size of sales.

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.032	0.046	18	0.071	0.057	6
AV accessories	0.028	0.063	2,059	0.077	0.092	370
Antivirus software	0.057	0.046	13	0.108	0.137	12
Audio cables	0.159	0.175	74	0.128	0.155	49
Audio video utilities	0.056	0.061	53	0.057	0.045	55
Bags cases	0.077	0.121	58	0.088	0.069	37
Binoculars	0.028	0.028	32	0.080	0.072	12
Calculators	0.136	0.127	39	0.064	0.069	32
Camcorder accessories	0.051	0.069	21	0.077	0.071	10
Camcorder batteries power	0.082	0.123	25	0.124	0.134	16
Camcorders	0.103	0.088	184	0.092	0.055	158
Cases	0.084	0.095	273	0.069	0.050	241
Cash registers pos equipment	0.023	0.011	210	0.069	0.089	100
Computer games	0.276	0.261	39	0.120	0.114	21
Database management software	0.068	0.094	23	0.079	0.105	23
Dedicated flashes	0.045	0.053	20	0.089	0.056	7
Desktop computers	0.043	0.054	342	0.042	0.047	378
Digital cameras	0.112	0.089	422	0.086	0.064	426
Engineering and home design software	0.050	0.054	6	0.041	0.015	6
Financial and legal software	0.027	0.001	3	0.033	0.021	5
Flash memory	0.095	0.107	755	0.095	0.108	650
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.045	0.045	627	0.048	0.043	601
GPS	0.108	0.101	130	0.095	0.068	93
Graphics and publishing software	0.047	0.071	449	0.056	0.057	420
Hard drives	0.085	0.098	1,271	0.063	0.060	1,328
Headphones	0.200	0.203	212	0.123	0.146	146
Hubs	0.070	0.120	491	0.062	0.064	604
Keyboards	0.091	0.127	447	0.075	0.065	363
Laptop memory	0.042	0.052	2,123	0.071	0.082	1,621
Laptops	0.048	0.073	415	0.040	0.053	396
Microphones and headsets	0.112	0.100	67	0.087	0.109	59
Miscellaneous programming software	0.043	0.041	62	0.051	0.046	67
Modems	0.074	0.114	72	0.093	0.112	61
Motherboards	0.059	0.075	503	0.046	0.043	423
Mp3 players	0.091	0.098	103	0.074	0.077	89
Network adapters	0.079	0.130	209	0.086	0.097	202
Office suites software	0.102	0.170	44	0.095	0.108	57
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.089	0.068	103	0.067	0.062	94
Portable device accessories	0.134	0.159	167	0.107	0.145	148
Power supplies	0.084	0.081	358	0.067	0.060	294
Processors in retail box	0.069	0.113	399	0.063	0.086	390
Projection screens	0.040	0.098	169	0.188	0.299	177
Projectors	0.046	0.045	441	0.055	0.069	459
SLR lenses	0.031	0.027	170	0.066	0.058	106
Scanners	0.034	0.047	555	0.046	0.054	367
Security software	0.062	0.100	40	0.111	0.059	99
Speakers	0.104	0.091	140	0.081	0.056	119
Storage media	0.114	0.156	571	0.089	0.099	622
System utilities software	0.082	0.124	14	0.081	0.061	13
TV accessories and mounts	0.071	0.115	79	0.078	0.060	62
Tripods	0.058	0.057	33	0.066	0.024	12
UPSS	0.049	0.068	564	0.053	0.064	568
Video cables	0.154	0.208	392	0.100	0.118	397
Webcams	0.113	0.083	59	0.092	0.073	60
Windows operating system software	0.065	0.094	110	0.085	0.133	109

**Appendix Table G10. Descriptive statistics for the frequency of convenient prices.**

Category	Canada			US		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N
35mm SLR lens accessories	0.291	0.292	21	0.350	0.346	21
AV accessories	0.118	0.153	2,838	0.078	0.183	2,838
Antivirus software	0.190	0.171	20	0.210	0.170	20
Audio cables	0.066	0.097	100	0.085	0.122	100
Audio video utilities	0.368	0.255	73	0.380	0.258	73
Bags cases	0.184	0.227	91	0.211	0.244	91
Binoculars	0.334	0.245	35	0.366	0.249	35
Calculators	0.141	0.176	61	0.112	0.124	61
Camcorder accessories	0.230	0.167	24	0.278	0.227	24
Camcorder batteries power	0.309	0.241	25	0.183	0.124	25
Camcorders	0.400	0.235	227	0.504	0.278	227
Cases	0.284	0.192	344	0.211	0.181	344
Cash registers pos equipment	0.130	0.082	214	0.152	0.134	214
Computer games	0.108	0.134	47	0.193	0.254	47
Database management software	0.232	0.178	56	0.251	0.178	56
Dedicated flashes	0.393	0.280	23	0.484	0.271	23
Desktop computers	0.155	0.114	497	0.180	0.112	497
Digital cameras	0.411	0.235	538	0.456	0.252	538
Engineering and home design software	0.224	0.163	9	0.286	0.171	9
Financial and legal software	0.429	0.309	10	0.445	0.270	10
Flash memory	0.145	0.149	966	0.139	0.129	966
Flat panel and LCD monitors	0.216	0.142	757	0.203	0.143	757
GPS	0.405	0.234	156	0.441	0.208	156
Graphics and publishing software	0.286	0.183	606	0.331	0.219	606
Hard drives	0.270	0.177	1,629	0.234	0.147	1,629
Headphones	0.393	0.315	263	0.341	0.334	263
Hubs	0.193	0.151	715	0.188	0.111	715
Keyboards	0.176	0.146	526	0.167	0.150	526
Laptop memory	0.156	0.104	2,422	0.141	0.105	2,422
Laptops	0.193	0.145	549	0.271	0.154	549
Microphones and headsets	0.185	0.178	73	0.199	0.192	73
Miscellaneous programming software	0.251	0.191	99	0.326	0.206	99
Modems	0.162	0.129	89	0.137	0.139	89
Motherboards	0.302	0.199	648	0.190	0.139	648
Mp3 players	0.356	0.271	131	0.280	0.245	131
Network adapters	0.155	0.110	240	0.152	0.103	240
Office suites software	0.290	0.156	76	0.254	0.169	76
Plasma and LCD televisions	0.677	0.320	164	0.375	0.237	164
Portable device accessories	0.158	0.182	262	0.171	0.219	262
Power supplies	0.238	0.160	423	0.204	0.174	423
Processors in retail box	0.194	0.145	520	0.194	0.131	520
Projection screens	0.140	0.171	3,402	0.166	0.245	3,402
Projectors	0.263	0.202	604	0.369	0.168	604
SLR lenses	0.336	0.216	180	0.649	0.213	180
Scanners	0.173	0.113	614	0.192	0.133	614
Security software	0.127	0.143	117	0.130	0.145	117
Speakers	0.217	0.177	166	0.254	0.221	166
Storage media	0.107	0.107	806	0.106	0.109	806
System utilities software	0.332	0.323	49	0.264	0.332	49
TV accessories and mounts	0.294	0.286	92	0.334	0.252	92
Tripods	0.249	0.224	33	0.446	0.325	33
UPSS	0.193	0.120	661	0.174	0.086	661
Video cables	0.109	0.151	677	0.090	0.116	677
Webcams	0.212	0.163	72	0.179	0.155	72
Windows operating system software	0.298	0.204	153	0.296	0.185	153