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$x_i$ :	production level in economy sector <i>i</i>
coefficient of $x_i$ in jth row:	part of production that sector j needs from sector i
constant in jth row:	consumers' demand of products of sector i

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- sector 2: final metal products (cars etc.)
- sector 3: basic metal products and mining
- sector 4: basic nonmetal products and agriculture
- sector 5: energy
- sector 6: services
- sector 7: entertainment and miscellaneous products

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