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## Russia's domestic rail freight traffic analysis

In this paper, Russia's domestic trade carried by rail is analyzed. The dataset used is a complete record of all intra- and inter-regional shipments that covers a 5-year period from 2012 to 2016. Certainly, these data reflect only a part of the total domestic trade in the mentioned period, but the rail freight traffic accounts for a significant proportion of it and may represent important patterns. The internal trade of Russia is compared in the structure both with the export of the country and with the internal trade flows of the USA. The article also uses the "economic complexity" concept to identify goods in the Russia's domestic trade structure, which are located in the most profitable areas of the product space, suggesting that they can be the best contenders for entering the global market in terms of promoting export diversification and economic growth.

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