

Lecture 11: The sticky-price monetary model cont'd.

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- Note typo in lecture 1: Equation 39 should read

$$F'(K_2) = r$$

Solving systems of two differential equations: general case

- Simple homogenous linear system

$$\dot{x}_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2$$

- Stationary equilibrium: $(x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0) \rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_2 = 0$

- Define

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Recall that

$$\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22}$$

$$|A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

- Definition of stability:
 - The system is stable if for arbitrary initial values x_1 and x_2 tend to the stationary equilibrium as $t \rightarrow \infty$
 - The system exhibits *saddle path stability* if there is a unique convergent path to the steady state. That is; if the initial value of one of the variables is given, there is a unique initial value of the other variable consistent with the system converging to the stationary equilibrium as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- Mathematical conditions for stability
 - Iff $tr(A) < 0$ and $|A| > 0$ the system is stable
 - If $|A| < 0$ the system exhibits *saddle path stability*

- Consider now the non-linear system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}_1 &= \phi_1(y_1, y_2) \\ \dot{y}_2 &= \phi_2(y_1, y_2)\end{aligned}$$

- The *Jacobian* of the system is defined by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial y_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Conditions for (local) stability and saddle-point stability are the same as above except that we **replace the coefficient matrix with the Jacobian evaluated at the stationary state** (\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2) defined by $\phi_1(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2) = \phi_2(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2) = 0$

Solving the Dornbusch model

- Model

$$Y = C(Y) + X \left(\frac{SP^*}{P}, Y, Y^* \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{M}{P} = m(i, Y) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\dot{P}}{P} = \gamma(Y - \bar{Y}) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\dot{S}}{S} = i - i^* \quad (4)$$

- For given values of P and S , equations (1) and (2) define a temporary equilibrium for Y and i (IS-LM model)

$$Y = Y\left(\frac{SP^*}{P}, Y^*\right)$$

$$i = i\left(\frac{M}{P}, \frac{SP^*}{P}, Y^*\right)$$

- Substitute into Phillips curve (3) and UIP condition (4)

$$\frac{\dot{P}}{P} = \gamma \left(Y\left(\frac{SP^*}{P}, Y^*\right) - \bar{Y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\dot{S}}{S} = i\left(\frac{M}{P}, \frac{SP^*}{P}, Y^*\right) - i^*$$

- Compact notation

$$\dot{P} = \phi_1(P, S; P^*, Y^*)$$

$$\dot{S} = \phi_2(P, S; P^*, Y^*, M, i^*)$$

- To analyse the stability of the system we calculate the Jacobian (NOTE! EVALUATED IN THE STATIONARY EQUILIBRIUM $Y = \bar{Y}$ and $i = i^*$)

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial P} = \frac{\partial \dot{P}}{\partial P} = P \gamma \frac{dY}{dP} = -\gamma \frac{SP^*}{P} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial \dot{P}}{\partial S} = P \gamma \frac{dY}{dS} = \gamma \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} P^* > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial P} = \frac{\partial \dot{S}}{\partial P} = S \frac{di}{dP} = S \frac{M}{P^2} \frac{1}{m_i} \left(El_Y \left(\frac{M}{P} \right) \times El_{RY} - 1 \right) \begin{matrix} \leq \\ \geq \end{matrix} 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial \dot{S}}{\partial S} = S \frac{di}{dS} = -\frac{SP^*}{P} \frac{m_Y}{m_i} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} > 0$$

- The determinant of A is

$$\begin{aligned}
|A| &= \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial P} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial S} - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial S} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial P} \\
&= \gamma \frac{SP^*}{P} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} \frac{SP^* m_Y}{P m_i} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} \\
&\quad - \gamma \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} SP^* \left(\frac{m_Y SP^*}{m_i P^2} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} - \frac{M}{P^2 m_i} \right) \\
&= \gamma \frac{m_Y}{m_i} \left(\frac{SP^*}{P} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} \right)^2 - \gamma \frac{m_Y}{m_i} \left(\frac{SP^*}{P} \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \gamma \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} \frac{SP^* M}{P^2} \frac{1}{m_i} \\
&= \gamma \frac{X_R}{1 - C_Y - X_Y} \frac{SP^* M}{P^2} \frac{1}{m_i} < 0
\end{aligned}$$

- The system exhibits (local) saddle point stability: for a given initial value of P , we can always find an initial value S which gets us onto a path which approaches the steady state as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- The initial exchange rate is pinned down by assuming that S jumps immediately to this saddle path.

Phase diagram

- Recall stationary equilibrium

$$\dot{P} = 0 \Leftrightarrow Y\left(\frac{SP^*}{P}, Y^*\right) = \bar{Y}$$

$$\dot{S} = 0 \Leftrightarrow i\left(\frac{M}{P}, \frac{SP^*}{P}, Y^*\right) = i^*$$

- Slope of $\dot{P} = 0$ curve in (P, S) space

$$\left.\frac{dS}{dP}\right|_{\dot{P}=0} = -\frac{dY/dP}{dY/dS} = \frac{S}{P} > 0$$

- Slope of $\dot{S} = 0$ curve in (P, S) space

$$\left.\frac{dS}{dP}\right|_{\dot{S}=0} = -\frac{di/dP}{di/dS} \begin{matrix} \leq \\ \equiv \\ > \end{matrix} 0$$

- Baseline scenario (overshooting): $di/dP > 0 \rightarrow \dot{S} = 0$ is downward sloping

An unanticipated permanent increase in the money supply

- New stationary equilibrium $Y = \bar{Y}$ and $i = i^*$:
 - R and Y will be unchanged
 - If R is unchanged, M/P must be unchanged
 - Hence; the percentage increase in P and S is equal to the percentage increase in M in the long run
- The model satisfies long-run monetary neutrality

- Graphical analysis

- The $\dot{S} = 0$ curve shifts to the right

$$\left. \frac{dS}{dM} \right|_{\dot{S}=0, P \text{ constant}} = -\frac{di/dM}{di/dS} > 0$$

- The $\dot{P} = 0$ locus is unaffected (aggregate demand is independent of the money supply)
- The exchange rate jumps immediately to the new saddle path

- Overshooting result:
 - Exchange rate jumps immediately to the new saddle path
 - Depreciation increases Y and the demand for money
 - Since domestic prices are sticky M/P increases and i falls (since we have assumed that $El_Y \left(\frac{M}{P} \right) \times El_R Y < 1$)
 - Negative interest differential must be offset by $\dot{S}/S < 0$ which can only happen if the exchange rate initially increases above its new long-run equilibrium value (i.e., overshoots the final effect)
 - The initial depreciation of the exchange rate produces excess demand for goods causes prices to increase.
 - Y and i then fall back to their original equilibrium levels
- Key assumption generating overshooting result: exchange rates and asset markets adjust fast relative to goods markets.

- Is overshooting a general result?

- No! If $El_Y \left(\frac{M}{P} \right) \times El_{RY} > 1$

- the $\dot{S} = 0$ locus is upward sloping

- note that $\dot{P} = 0$ locus is steeper than the $\dot{S} = 0$ locus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dP} \Big|_{\dot{P}=0} - \frac{dS}{dP} \Big|_{\dot{S}=0} &= \frac{S}{P} - \frac{\frac{m_Y SP^*}{m_i P^2} \frac{X_R}{1-C_Y-X_Y} - \frac{M}{P^2} \frac{1}{m_i}}{\frac{m_Y P^*}{m_i P} \frac{X_R}{1-C_Y-X_Y}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{S m_Y P^*}{P m_i} \frac{X_R}{P} \frac{1}{1-C_Y-X_Y} - \frac{m_Y SP^*}{m_i P^2} \frac{X_R}{1-C_Y-X_Y} + \frac{M}{P^2} \frac{1}{m_i}}{\frac{m_Y P^*}{m_i P} \frac{X_R}{1-C_Y-X_Y}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{M}{P}}{m_Y P^* \frac{X_R}{1-C_Y-X_Y}} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

- we get ‘undershooting’ (i.e., the initial jump in the exchange rate is smaller than the long-run change following an unanticipated permanent increase in the money supply)

- Some additional points
 - Permanent nominal shocks (e.g., shocks to the money supply) do **not** affect the real exchange rate in the long-run

 - Permanent real shocks (e.g., shocks to foreign output) do affect the real exchange rate in the long run

Empirical evidence

- Model is consistent with a high correlation between nominal and real exchange rates
- Model is consistent with observed real appreciations and high real interest rates observed after large (dramatic) monetary tightenings

- Famous paper (recommended reading!) Meese, R. and K. Rogoff (1983): Empirical exchange rate models of the seventies. Do they fit out of sample?, *Journal of International Economics*, vol 14 3–24
 - Analyse out of sample forecast performance of monetary models of exchange rate determination (including the flexible-price model and the Dornbusch model) and time-series models
 - For major nominal exchange rates against the US dollar (dollar/pound, dollar/mark, dollar/yen + trade weighted dollar exchange rates), the structural models are outperformed by a random walk model at one to twelve month horizons
 - Result holds even if forecasts are based on the actual realised values of future explanatory variables
- Structural models may outperform random walk at longer horizons (two to three years)

Table 1
Root mean square forecast errors.^a

Model:		Random walk	Forward rate	Univariate autoregression	Vector autoregression	Frenkel-Bilson ^b	Dornbusch-Frankel ^b	Hooper-Morton ^b
Exchange rate	Horizon							
\$/mark	1 month	3.72	3.20	3.51	5.40	3.17	3.65	3.50
	6 months	8.71	9.03	12.40	11.83	9.64	12.03	9.95
	12 months	12.98	12.60	22.53	15.06	16.12	18.87	15.69
\$/yen	1 month	3.68	3.72	4.46	7.76	4.11	4.40	4.20
	6 months	11.58	11.93	22.04	18.90	13.38	13.94	11.94
	12 months	18.31	18.95	52.18	22.98	18.55	20.41	19.20
\$/pound	1 month	2.56	2.67	2.79	5.56	2.82	2.90	3.03
	6 months	6.45	7.23	7.27	12.97	8.90	8.88	9.08
	12 months	9.96	11.62	13.35	21.28	14.62	13.66	14.57
Trade-weighted dollar	1 month	1.99	N.A.	2.72	4.10	2.40	2.50	2.74
	6 months	6.09	N.A.	6.82	8.91	7.07	6.49	7.11
	12 months	8.65	14.24	11.14	10.96	11.40	9.80	10.35

^aApproximately in percentage terms.

^bThe three structural models are estimated using Fair's instrumental variable technique to correct for first-order serial correlation.

R.A. Meese and K. Rogoff, Exchange rate models of the seventies

$$\text{root mean square error} = \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{N_k-1} [F(t+s+k) - A(t+s+k)]^2 / N_k \right\}^{1/2}, \quad (3c)$$