

Monetary-Fiscal-Capital Account Interactions in Small Open Economies

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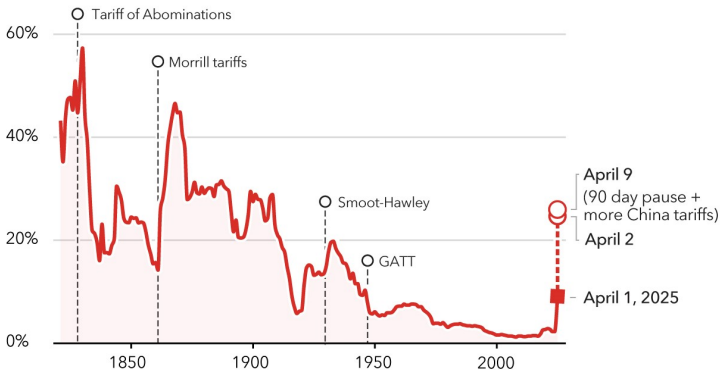
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Highest US Tariff Rate in a Century

US tariffs are highest in a century, global tariffs are also rising sharply

Effective average tariff rate, United States



Source: IMF, World Bank

Motivation

- Trade policy (tariffs) are at the center of current policy discussion
- Consensus is that tariffs will be inflationary. What's the story?

$$P_t = \left[(1 - \gamma)P_{Ht}^{1-\theta} + \gamma((1 + T)P_{Ft})^{1-\theta} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

- What about P_{Ht} ?
- GE effects of higher tariffs include:
 - how households respond, how firms respond
 - how M and F policies respond
- We are missing a clear transmission mechanism between trade policy and M-F policies

Motivation

- Tariffs are just another form of **capital account policy**

$$KA = -CA$$

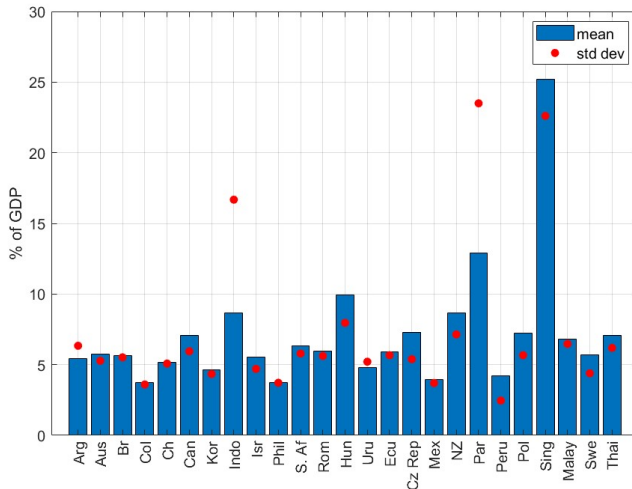
- **KA policies**: broad type of policies related to the flow of capitals in and out of the country
e.g. capital controls, FX interventions, capital account regulations
- A MFK framework of price determination useful to understand π and ER dynamics under a very broad class of policies
- Well-established welfare consequences of price instability
Benigno and Woodford, [2003](#); De Paoli, [2009](#); Gali and Monacelli, [2005](#)

Capital Account Policies in EMEs

- EME have a long history of high price instability often related to government policies (see Kehoe and Nicolini, [2022](#) for LatAm)
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Volatile Capital Flows in EMEs

Figure: Capital Flows as % of GDP (1991-2023)



Notes: Figure shows absolute change in the country's net foreign asset position (excluding reserves).

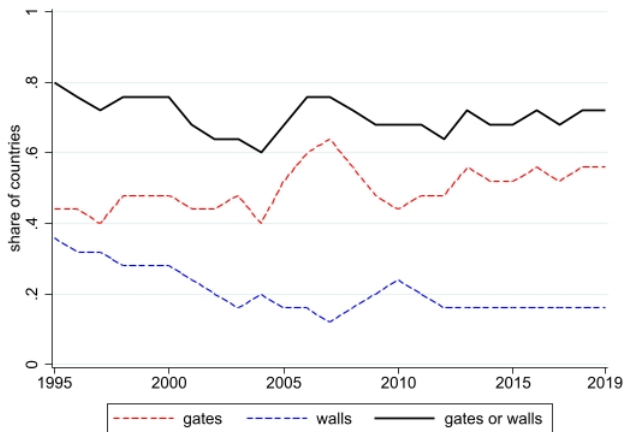
Source: Milesi-Ferretti, 2022

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- KA policies are extensively and intensively used in EMEs

Capital Account Policies in EMEs

Figure: Share of 'Gates' and 'Walls' (1995-2019)



Notes: Share of 'Gates' and 'Walls' using the capital account openness index in Fernández et al., 2015.

My Paper

→ In this paper I study:

1. How capital account policies interact with monetary and fiscal policies in a SOE
2. What these interactions mean for the effects of government policies on inflation and exchange rates

→ MFK framework is extension of closed economy M-F interactions framework in Cochrane, [1998](#); Leeper, [1991](#); Woodford, [1994](#) to a SOE

Today's Agenda

→ New 'capital account dominance' regime (Regime K) where KAP targets RER:

① Implications for π and ER dynamics

- KAP is sole policy source of inflation and ER surprises
- Higher interest rates fail to lower current π and raise future π (Sargent and Wallace, 1981)
- Well-anchored inflation expectations depend on stable path of external debt

② Regime K carries over to other KA policy instruments (tariffs, FXI)

- RER depreciation policies are **contractionary** ($\pi < 0$)
- M-F policies consistent with RER depreciation policies are **higher real interest rates and higher taxes**

→ [If time] 'OE monetary dominance' regime

① π targeting in EME requires **joint support** from F and KA policies

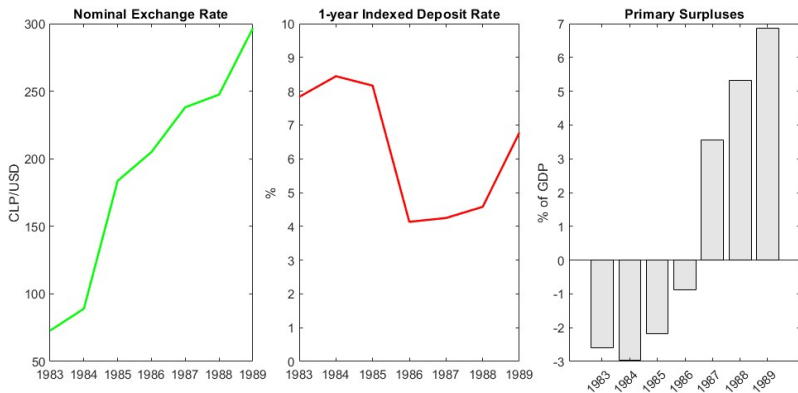
Case of Chile

Chile in the 1980s

- After severe financial crisis and recession in 1982, growth was low, capital inflows dried up, and the RER had appreciated sharply
- The focus of government policies was to foster export-led growth by depreciating the RER
- Implemented so-called ‘PPP rule’
 - Nominal devaluations announced (‘tablita’) based on inflation differentials between the US and Chile to be as close as possible to PPP i.e. $Q_t = 1$
- Capital account was heavily regulated by the government

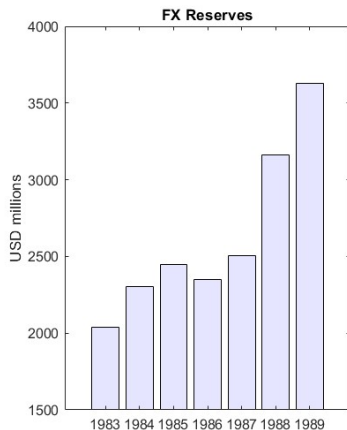
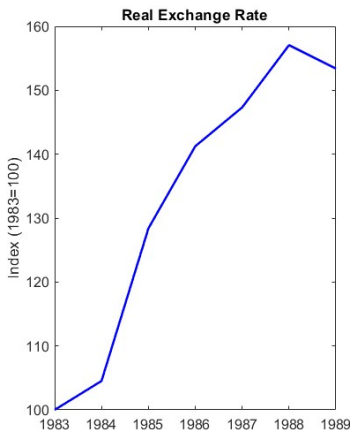
Chile in the 1980s – Empirical Evidence

- MP: nominal devaluations and falling real rates
- FP: increasing surpluses



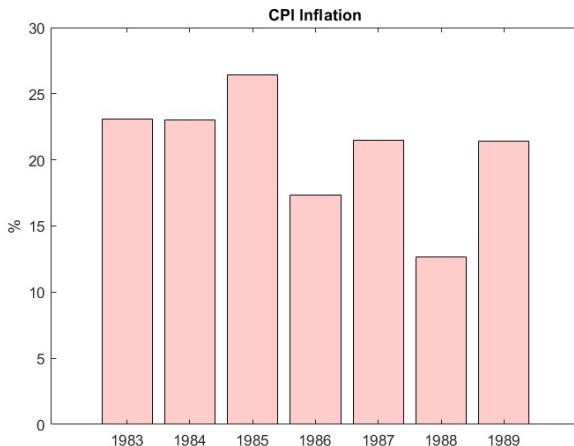
Chile in the 1980s – Empirical Evidence

- RER depreciated by 53% between end of 1983 and end of 1989
- FX reserves increased by 78% in USD (9.8% to 12.1% of GDP)



Chile in the 1980s – Empirical Evidence

- Inflation averaged 20% per year



Chile in the 1980s

- High π should create strong appreciation pressures on RER

$$Q_t = \frac{e_t P_t^*}{P_t}$$

- How was policy able to depreciate the NER by $\approx 30\%$ per year and keep inflation from spiraling?
- Did FX accumulation and higher fiscal surpluses play a role?
- MFK framework can help us understand this episode

Model

Model

- Simplified two-country SOE model
- 3 government policies (M, F, and KA) subject to a consolidated government budget constraint
- Economic environment:
 - 2 tradable goods (home and foreign)
 - 2 one-period nominal government bonds B_t, B_t^* (home and foreign)
 - HHs receive endowment y_t each period
 - HHs exhibit bias in consumption + unit trade elasticity:
$$C_t = C_{Ht}^{1-\gamma} C_{Ft}^\gamma \quad ; \quad P_t = P_{Ht}^{1-\gamma} P_{Ft}^\gamma$$
 - Domestic HH borrow from foreign markets at constant rate R^* and save in domestic government bonds with return R_t
 - Only sources of uncertainty are policy shocks

Government

- MP sets $\{R_t\}$ while FP sets $\{\tau_t\}$ and issues B_t
- I consider three different KAP instruments: (τ_t^c, T_t, A_t^*)
- Government consolidated budget constraint:

$$\underbrace{P_t \tau_t}_{\text{tax revenue}} + \underbrace{\frac{B_t}{R_t}}_{\text{bond issuances}} + \underbrace{\tau_t^c n f l_t}_{\text{K revenues}} = \underbrace{B_{t-1}}_{\text{government liabilities}} \quad (1)$$

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Households

- Representative household maximizes:

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(C_t)$$

subject to

$$P_{Ht}C_{Ht} + P_{Ft}C_{Ft} + \frac{B_{Ht}}{R_t} + e_t D_{t-1}^* = P_t(y_t - \tau_t) + \frac{e_t D_t^*}{R^*(1 + \tau_t^c)} + B_{Ht-1} \quad (4)$$

- B_{Ht} : domestic holdings of domestic government debt B_t
- D_t^* : external borrowing (in foreign currency)
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Current Account Condition

- The country's budget constraint (i.e current account condition):

$$\underbrace{\frac{B_{Ft}}{R_t} + \frac{e_t D_t^*}{R^*}}_{\text{foreign borrowing}} + \underbrace{\tau_t^c \frac{B_{Ft}}{R_t}}_{\text{K control revenues}} - \underbrace{(B_{Ft-1} + e_t D_{t-1}^*)}_{\text{foreign liabilities}} = \underbrace{P_{Ft} C_{Ft} - e_t P_{Ht}^* C_{Ht}^*}_{\text{trade deficit (M-X)}} \quad (6)$$

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Intertemporal Equilibrium Conditions

1. Intertemporal government solvency condition (IGBC):

$$\underbrace{\frac{B_{Ht-1} + B_{Ft-1}}{P_t}}_{\text{total outstanding gov liab}} = \tau_t + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (\tau_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})}_{\text{PV of gov surpluses}} \quad (9)$$

2. Intertemporal CA solvency condition (ICA):

$$\underbrace{\frac{B_{Ft-1} + e_t D_{t-1}^*}{P_t}}_{\text{total outstanding NFLs}} = tb_t + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (tb_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})}_{\text{PV of external surpluses}} \quad (10)$$

where $Krev_t = (\tau_{t-1}^c nfl_t, T_t M_t, -\frac{e_t \Delta A_t^*}{P_t})$

→ Connect equilibrium P_t and e_t to MFK policies

Intertemporal Equilibrium Conditions

- IGBC into GBC implies:

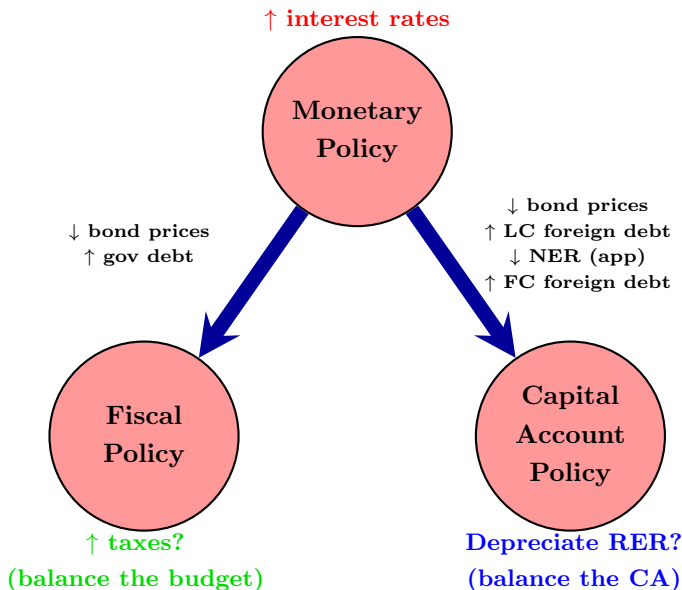
$$\underbrace{\frac{B_t}{R_t P_t}}_{\text{Market value of gov liab}} = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (\tau_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})}_{\text{PV of future gov surpluses}} \quad (11)$$

- ICA into CA condition implies:

$$\underbrace{\frac{B_{Ft}}{R_t P_t} + \frac{e_t D_t^*}{R^* P_t}}_{\text{Market value of NFLs}} = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (tb_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})}_{\text{PV of future external surpluses}} \quad (12)$$

- MP related to FP and KAP through market value of government debt
- MP related to KAP through market value of external debt

Example of Policy Interaction



3 Policy Regimes

Does FP raise taxes after a M tightening?

Does KAP let the RER depreciate after a M tightening?

→ 3 policy regimes emerge from answers to these questions:

- ① OE Monetary dominance: FP and KAP accommodate to MP (OE NK)
 - ② OE Fiscal dominance: MP and KAP accommodate to FP
 - ③ Capital Account dominance: MP and FP accommodate to KAP
- 1 and 2 are extensions of closed economy regimes (Blanchard, 2004; Leeper, 1991; Sargent and Wallace, 1981)
 - Focus on third (new) case where KA policy ‘dominates’

Capital Account Dominance w. K controls

- What is ‘Capital Account Dominance’?

- ⇒ When KAP sets $\{\tau_t^c\}$ to target the RER with no concern for CA solvency (‘active’ in Leeper, 1991)
- How? Usually RER adjusts to clear FX market (satisfy CA condition)
- But τ_t^c introduces a wedge between mg benefit and mg cost of foreign borrowing:

$$\underbrace{u'(C_t)Q_t}_{\text{utility of 1 unit of FC}} = (1 + \tau_t^c) \underbrace{R^* \frac{\beta}{\pi^*} \mathbb{E}_t [u'(C_{t+1})Q_{t+1}]}_{\text{PV of debt repayment utility cost}}$$

- K controls as a policy-based market segmentation (Gabaix and Maggiori, 2015)

Capital Account Dominance w. K controls

- If $u(C) = \log C$, equilibrium RER is:

$$\frac{Q_t}{Q} = \frac{z_{t,\infty} \frac{y_t}{y}}{1 + \frac{Q\gamma^* y^*}{y} (z_{t,\infty} \frac{y_t^*}{y^*} - 1)} \quad ; \quad z_{t,\infty} \equiv \mathbb{E}_t \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 + \tau_{t+j}^c) \quad (13)$$

- If KAP can (credibly) announce an arbitrary sequence $\{\tau_t^c\}$, it can effectively choose any Q_t
- e.g. KAP could choose a Q_t that doesn't (all else constant) satisfy CA condition
- Capital account policies used in EMEs showed to respond to this 'mercantilist' motive i.e. use KAP to undervalue the country's RER (Dooley et al., 2004; Jeanne, 2013; Korinek and Serven, 2016; Pasricha, 2022)

Price Level Determination in Regime K

- By targeting the RER, KAP also uniquely determines equilibrium P_t
- Intertemporal CA condition equates real NFLs to $PV(tb)$, then:

$$P_t = \frac{B_{Ft-1}}{PV(tb) - \frac{Q_t D_{t-1}^*}{P^*}} \quad (14)$$

- Usually $PV(tb)$ is endogenous. In Regime K,

$$PV(tb) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta^j \mathbb{E}_t \left(\underbrace{\frac{y_t - Q_t \gamma^* y_t^*}{y_{t+j} - Q_{t+j} \gamma^* y_{t+j}^*}}_{1/(1+r_{t+j})} z_{t,t+j-1} \underbrace{\frac{Q_{t+j} \gamma^* y_{t+j}^* - \gamma y_t}{1 - \gamma}}_{tb_{t+j}} \right), \quad z_{t,t-1} = 1$$

since $Q_t = Q(\{\tau_t^c\}) \forall t$

- One-time increase in τ_t^c **lowers** inflation through two channels:
 - ① higher $Q_t \rightarrow$ higher exports $\rightarrow$ lower C $\rightarrow$ lower π
 - ② higher $Q_t \rightarrow$ higher real interest rates $\rightarrow$ lower C $\rightarrow$ lower π

Capital Account Dominance w. Tariffs

- What is ‘Capital Account Dominance’ with tariffs?

⇒ When KA (trade) policy sets $\{T_t\}$ to target the RER

→ Tariffs also enter as a wedge on the foreign bond pricing equation (akin to a consumption tax):

$$u'(C_t)Q_t(1 + T_t)^{-\gamma} = R^* \frac{\beta}{\pi^*} \mathbb{E}_t [u'(C_{t+1})Q_{t+1}(1 + T_{t+1})^{-\gamma}]$$

→ If $u(C) = \log C$, equilibrium RER is

$$\frac{Q_t}{Q} = \frac{z_t \frac{y_t}{y}}{1 + \frac{Q\gamma^* y^*}{y} (z_t \frac{y_t^*}{y^*} - 1)} \quad ; \quad z_t \equiv \left(\frac{1 + T_t}{1 + T} \right)^\gamma \quad (15)$$

→ KA (trade) policy can use tariffs to choose any path $\{Q_t\}$ of the RER

Capital Account Dominance w. Tariffs

→ Price level is again pinned down by intertemporal CA:

$$P_t = \frac{B_{Ft-1}}{PV(tb) - \frac{Q_t D_{t-1}^*}{P^*}} \quad (16)$$

with $PV(tb)$ policy-determined

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Capital Account Dominance w. FXI

- What is ‘Capital Account Dominance’ with FXI?

- ⇒ When KAP uses FX reserves $\{A_t^*\}$ and KA restrictions to target the RER (Chile in 1980s)
- In Chile, policy consisted of scheduled nominal devaluations $\{\bar{e}_t\}$ and FX reserves $\{A_t^*\}$ to ‘defend’ the ER (+ regulated KA)
- Assume government completely closes KA ($B_{Ft} = D_t^* = 0$):

$$\bar{e}_t \underbrace{\left(\frac{A_t^*}{R^*} - A_{t-1}^* \right)}_{\Delta A_t^*} + \bar{e}_t D_{t-1}^* + B_{Ft-1} = \frac{e_t P^* \gamma^* y_t^* - \gamma P_t y_t}{1 - \gamma}$$

- No wedge in this case, but government still segments market by directly restricting K flows (could pair FXI with K controls to same effect e.g. Choi and Taylor, [2017](#))

Capital Account Dominance w. FXI

- Under these policies, the price level is pinned down by flow CA condition:

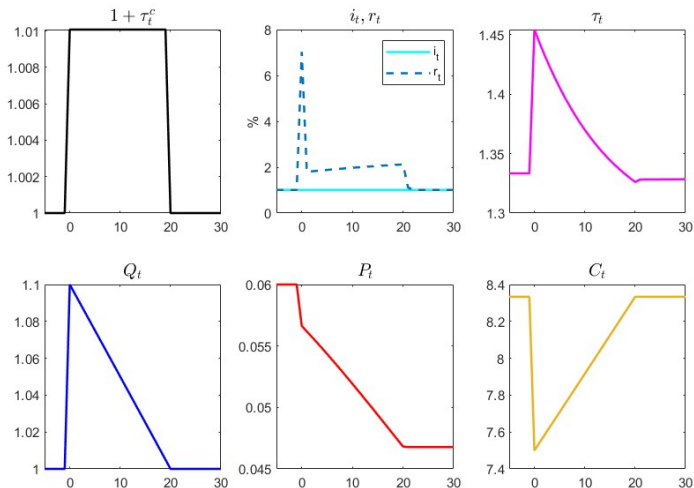
$$P_t = \frac{\bar{e}_t P_t^* \gamma^* y_t^* - (1 - \gamma)(\bar{e}_t \Delta A_t^* + \bar{e}_t D_{t-1}^* + B_{Ft-1})}{\gamma y_t}$$

- KA policy can then choose the RER using $(\bar{e}_t, A_t^*)$:

$$Q_t = \frac{\bar{e}_t P_t^*}{P(\bar{e}_t, A_t^*)}$$

- Nominal devaluations + Reserve accumulation consistent with high π and depreciation of RER as in Chile in the 80s
- Reserves accumulation partially offset inflationary effect of nominal devaluation by creating expectations of higher taxes

Policy Experiment – Simulated Economy



Monetary Policy under Capital Account Dominance

- What is a consistent monetary policy in Regime K?
- Depreciation of RER (using τ_t^c, A_t^*, T_t) raises real interest rates:

$$\uparrow r_{t+1} \equiv \beta^{-1} \frac{C_{t+1}}{\downarrow C_t}$$

- Equilibrium MP ensures HHs are still willing to hold government debt
- It does so by adjusting i_t by less than 1-to-1 with inflation

$$\uparrow r_{t+1}^b = \downarrow i_t - \downarrow \downarrow \mathbb{E}_t \pi_{t+1}$$

$\implies$ ‘Passive’ MP equates the real return of gov bonds r_{t+1}^b to r_{t+1}

- ! If MP targets π and increases i_t by more than 1-to-1:

$$\downarrow r_{t+1}^b = \downarrow \downarrow i_t - \downarrow \mathbb{E}_t \pi_{t+1} < \uparrow r_{t+1}$$

Monetary Policy under Capital Account Dominance

- What are the effects of higher interest rates on π in Regime K?
- Higher R_t reduce bond prices and increase external indebtedness B_{Ft}, D_t^*

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{B_{Ft}}{P_{t+1}} + \frac{Q_{t+1} D_t^*}{P_{t+1}^*} \right]}_{\text{outstanding NFLs at } t+1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (tb_{t+j+1} + Krev_{t+j+1})$$

- $\{Q_t\}$ already pinned down by KA policy $\rightarrow PV(tb)$ fixed
 - Expected P_{t+1} (and e_{t+1}) rises to eliminate domestic and foreign WE $\rightarrow P_t$ unchanged as HH real wealth constant in eqm
- $\therefore$ Monetary tightening fails to reduce current inflation and **raises** future inflation (Sargent and Wallace, 1981)

Inflation Expectations in Regime K

- What drives π expectations in Regime K?
- From expression for eqm P_t can write:

$$\mathbb{E}_t[\hat{\pi}_{t+j}] = \mathbb{E}_t[\hat{b}_{Ft+j-1} + \hat{d}_{t+j-1}^*] - \mathbb{E}_t[\widehat{PV_{t+j}(tb)}], \quad \forall j \geq 1$$

- If KAP not expected to change after $t \implies \pi$ expectations linked one-to-one to path of external debt
- News about sustainability of external debt directly impact π expectations
- Anchored and stable inflation expectations under RER policies hinge on stable path of external debt

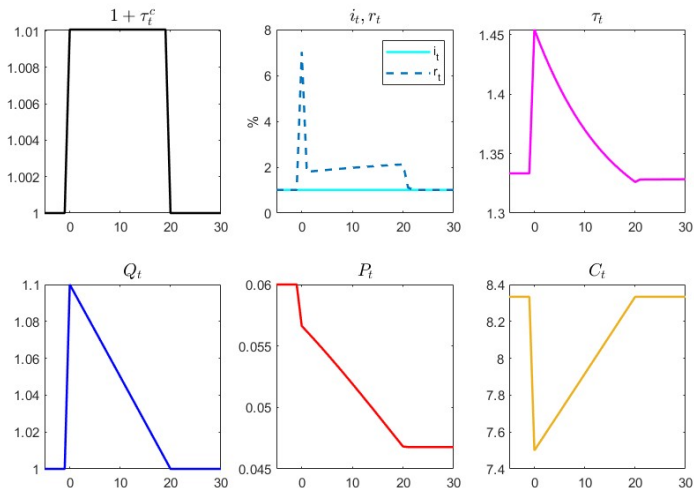
Fiscal Policy under Capital Account Dominance

- What is a consistent fiscal policy in Regime K?
- Government must be intertemporally solvent for any equilibrium P_t, Q_t chosen by KAP:

$$\frac{B_{Ht-1} + B_{Ft-1}}{\downarrow P_t} = \tau_t + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \downarrow \Theta_{t+j} (\tau_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})$$

- Lower P_t raises real debt B_{t-1}/P_t , and higher real rates lower $PV(\tau)$
- First two cases, there is a Laffer curve on $Krev$ since higher τ_t^c, T_t reduce $nfl_t, M_t \implies$ fiscal effect limited
- Equilibrium fiscal policy raises taxes to make up for higher liabilities and lower PV of taxes

Policy Experiment – Simulated Economy



Fiscal Policy under Capital Account Dominance

- In case with FXI, K_{rev} is negative as KA policy needs to buy reserves
- Consistent FP unambiguously raises taxes to finance accumulation of reserves:

$$\frac{B_{Ht-1} + B_{Ft-1}}{\downarrow P_t} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \downarrow \Theta_{t+j} \left(\tau_{t+j} - \uparrow \frac{Q_{t+j} \Delta A_{t+j}^*}{P_{t+j}^*} \right)$$

- In Chile example, $\uparrow P_t$ and $Q_{t+1} > Q_t \implies \downarrow r_{t+1}$

$$\frac{B_{Ht-1} + B_{Ft-1}}{\uparrow P_t} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \uparrow \Theta_{t+j} \left(\tau_{t+j} - \uparrow \uparrow \frac{Q_{t+j} \uparrow \Delta A_{t+j}^*}{P_{t+j}^*} \right)$$

- Increase in FX purchases represented 1/3 of extra surpluses generated over 83-89 period (2.4% of 7.9% of GDP)

Consistent Monetary-Fiscal Policies

- Consistent monetary and fiscal policies under RER-depreciating policies are **contractionary**
 - MP allows for higher real interest rates
 - FP increases surpluses (taxes)
- EMEs experiences with such RER policies using K controls and FXIs usually spurred growth from boosting export sector
- RER policy using tariffs unlikely to have same effects (consumption tax)

Inflation Targeting in EMEs

- What is ‘OE Monetary Dominance’?
- When MP sets $\{R_t\}$ to target inflation with no concerns over GBC/CA
- Imposes restrictions on what equilibrium FP and KAP can be

$$\frac{B_t}{R_t P_t} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (\tau_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})$$
$$\frac{B_{Ft}}{R_t P_t} + \frac{e_t D_t^*}{R^* P_t} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \Theta_{t+j} (tb_{t+j} + Krev_{t+j})$$

- If MP raises interest rates:
 - **Fiscal** policy creates future surpluses to pay for higher government debt
 - **Capital account** policy creates higher future *trade* surpluses to pay for higher external debt
- Concept of policy ‘backing’ (Cochrane, [2011](#); Sims, [2005](#))

Inflation Targeting in EMEs

- When do higher interest rate lower inflation in EMEs?

Corollary 1

A monetary tightening lowers inflation on impact if and only if it is accompanied by a fiscal and KA tightening

- Fiscal and capital account backing are **necessary** conditions for the existence of an eqm where CB targets inflation
- Fiscal and Capital account policy behavior as central to success of π targeting (MP can't go-it-alone)
- Lack of either policy backing creates 'perverse' effects of MP (unchanged π_t and higher π_{t+1} after higher i_t)

Conclusion

- Framework of M-F-K interactions gives coherent story for GE effects of KA policies (K controls, tariffs, FXIs)
- M-F policies consistent with RER depreciation policies (e.g. to reduce trade deficits) have **contractionary** effects on π ($\uparrow r_{t+1}, \uparrow \tau_t$)
Other GE effects could partly offset this effect in richer model (e.g. higher MC for firms)
- Important policy implication for π targeting EMEs → FP and KAP both contractionary after interest rate hike to lower π
- Rising use of these policies in EMEs (and AEs) suggests a MFK framework increasingly useful for: i) interpreting macroeconomic data and ii) future policy design in the face of KA policy shocks