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International Business Cycles
With and Without Frictions

Based on work by Kehoe and Perri

Anomalies in IRBC complete markets models

1) *The consumption anomaly*

Data	Model
$\text{Corr}(Y^{\text{us}} Y^{\text{eu}}) > \text{Corr}(C^{\text{us}} C^{\text{eu}})$	Opposite

2) *The inputs anomaly*

Data	Model
$\text{Corr}(\text{Inv}^{\text{us}} \text{ Inv}^{\text{eu}}) > 0$	Opposite

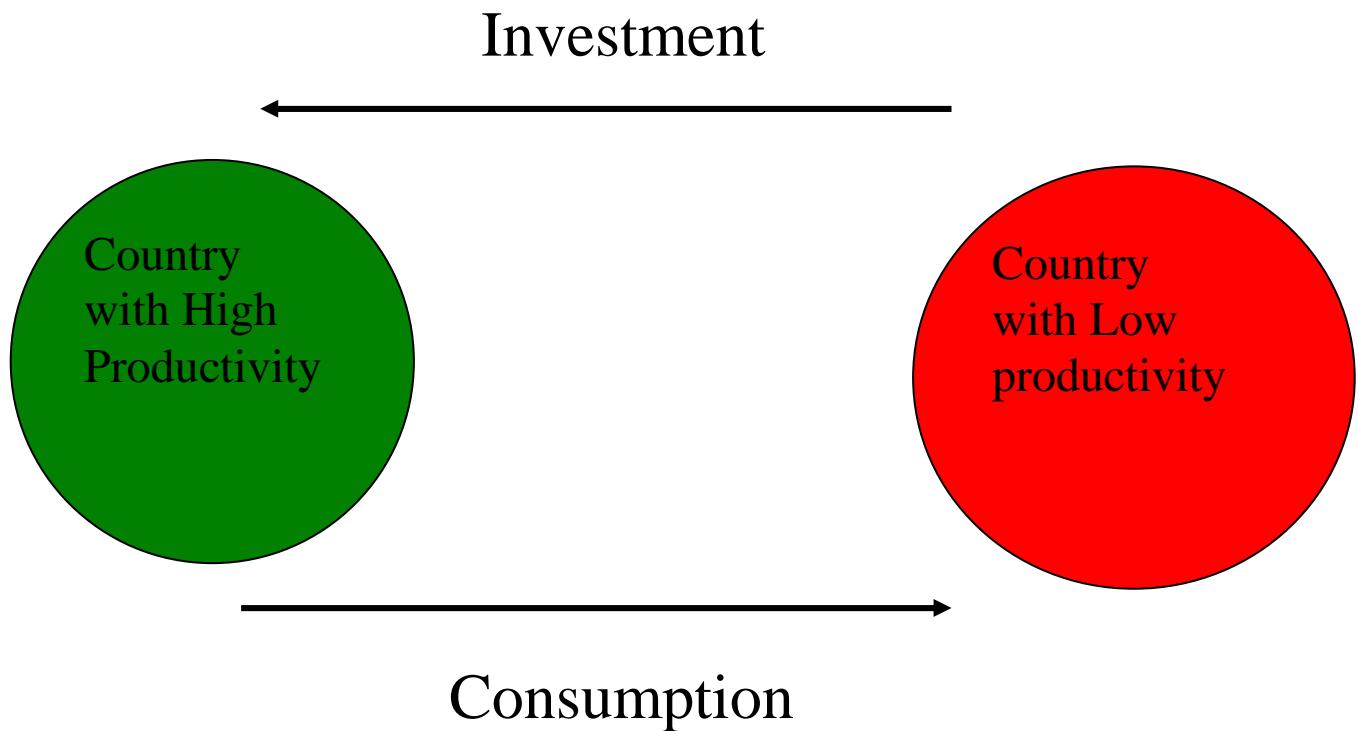
Data	Model
$\text{Corr}(\text{Emp}^{\text{us}} \text{ Emp}^{\text{eu}}) > 0$	Opposite

- **Objective of this paper:**
Develop a model that explains (1) and (2)

What causes the anomalies ?

- Key reason:
Assumption of complete International financial markets

Risk Sharing and Productive efficiency



Solution

Frictions in international capital markets

Exogenous or Endogenous ?

- Exogenous incomplete markets
Restricts the menu of tradable assets
Can solve (1) but not (2)
- Endogenous incomplete markets
Asset Markets unrestricted but
debt constrained
 - Contracts can be enforced only through exclusion from credit market
 - Every allocation has to make every country in every state at least as happy as in autarky
- Results
Endogenous incomplete can solve (1) and (2)

OUTLINE

- Model Economies
 - Complete Markets
 - Enforcement
 - Bond
- Solution
- Parameter Values
- Findings
- Decentralization

The economy

- Two countries: $i = 1, 2$. One Good
- Finitely many events s_t
- $s^t = (s_0, \dots, s_t)$ is an history
- $\pi(s^t) = t_0$ probability of s^t
- Immobile labor, mobile capital
- Preferences:
$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} \beta^t \pi(s^t) U(c_i(s^t), l_i(s^t))$$
- Technology: CRS

$$F(k_i(s^{t-1}), A_i(s^t)l_i(s^t))$$

- $A_i(s^t)$ is a country specific technology shock

- Capital Accumulation Equation

$$k_i(s^t) = (1 - \delta)k_i(s^{t-1}) + x_i(s^t)$$

- World Resource Constraint

$$\sum_i c_i(s^t) + x_i(s^t) \leq \sum_i F(k_i(s^{t-1}), A_i(s^t)l_i(s^t))$$

Note: $k_i(s^{t-1})$ is capital in place in i

at the beginning of t

Complete Markets allocation

Max weighted sum of utilities

s.t.

World resource constraint

Enforcement constraints

$$\sum_{r=t}^{\infty} \sum_{s^r} \beta^{r-t} \pi(s^r | s^t) U(c_i(s^r), l_i(s^r)) \geq V^i(k_i(s^{t-1}), s^t)$$
$$i = 1, 2 \quad \forall s^t$$

where the value of Autarky is

$$V^i(k_i(s^{t-1}), s^t) = \max \sum_{t=r}^{\infty} \sum_{s^r} \beta^t \pi(s^r | s^t) U(c_i(s^r), l_i(s^r))$$

s.t. closed economy BC

$$c_i(s^r) + k_i(s^r) \leq F(k_i(s^{r-1}), A_i(s^r)l_i(s^r)) + (1-\delta)k_i(s^{r-1})$$

- Idea behind enforcement constraints

Efficient Allocations with enforcement constraints

Allocations $\{c_i(s^t), l_i(s^t), k_i(s^t)\}$, that solve

$$\max \lambda_1 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} \beta^t \pi(s^t) U(c_1(s^t), l_1(s^t)) + \\ \lambda_2 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} \beta^t \pi(s^t) U(c_2(s^t), l_2(s^t))$$

Subject to:

- Resource Constraint $\forall s^t$
- Enforcement Constraints $\forall s^t \quad i = 1, 2$

Non standard D.P. problem

A little bit of algebra

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \lambda U(c_t, l_t) + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \mu_t \left[\sum_{r=t}^{\infty} \beta^{r-t} U(c_t, l_t) - V(k_t) \right] \quad (\text{L1})$$

Where $\beta^t \mu_t$ is the multiplier of date t enforcement constraint

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \lambda U(c_t, l_t) + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \mu_t \sum_{r=t}^{\infty} \beta^{r-t} U(c_t, l_t) - \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \mu_t \beta^t V(k_t) \quad (\text{L2})$$

$$\lambda U(c_0, l_0) + \lambda \beta U(c_1, l_1) + \lambda \beta^2 U(c_2, l_2) + \cdots + \lambda \beta^t U(c_t, l_t) + \cdots$$

$$\mu_0 U(c_0, l_0) + \mu_0 \beta U(c_1, l_1) + \mu_0 \beta^2 U(c_2, l_2) + \cdots + \mu_0 \beta^t U(c_t, l_t) + \cdots$$

$$\mu_1 \beta U(c_1, l_1) + \mu_1 \beta^2 U(c_2, l_2) + \cdots + \mu_1 \beta^t U(c_t, l_t) + \cdots$$

$$\mu_2 \beta^2 U(c_2, l_2) + \cdots + \mu_2 \beta^t U(c_t, l_t) + \cdots$$

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$$\mu_t \beta^t U(c_t, l_t) + \cdots$$

$$-\mu_0 V(k_0) - \mu_1 \beta V(k_1) - \mu_2 \beta^2 V(k_2) - \cdots - \mu_t \beta^t V(k_t) - \cdots$$

Let $M_{t-1} = \lambda + \mu_0 + \dots + \mu_{t-1}$ $M_{-1} = \lambda$

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \{ M_{t-1} U(c_t, l_t) + \mu_t [U(c_t, l_t) - V(k_t)] \} \quad (\text{L3})$$

Lagrangean:

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} \sum_i \beta^t \pi(s^t) [M_i(s^{t-1}) U(c_i(s^t), l_i(s^t)) + \mu_i(s^t) [U(c_i(s^t), l_i(s^t)) - V_i(k_i(s^{t-1}), s^t)]]$$

plus resource constraint terms.

Weights

$$M_i(s^t) = M_i(s^{t-1}) + \mu_i(s^t)$$

$$M_i(s^{-1}) = \lambda_i.$$

F.O.C.

$$\frac{U_c^1(s^t)}{U_c^2(s^t)} = \frac{M_2(s^t)}{M_1(s^t)}, \quad (c_i(s^t))$$

$$-\frac{U_l^i(s^t)}{U_c^i(s^t)} = F^i(s^t), \quad (l^i(s^t))$$

$$U_c^i(s^t) = \beta \sum_{s^{t+1}} \pi(s^{t+1}|s^t) \quad (k^i(s^t))$$

$$\left[\frac{M_i(s^{t+1})}{M_i(s^t)} U_c^i(s^{t+1}) [F_k^i(s^{t+1}) + 1 - \delta] - \frac{\mu_i(s^{t+1})}{M_i(s^t)} V_1^i(s^{t+1}) \right]$$

$$\sum_{r=t}^{\infty} \sum_{s^r} \pi(s^r|s^t) \beta^{r-t} U^i(s^r) \geq V^i(s^t) \quad (\mu^i(s^t))$$

plus complementary slackness conditions.

Multipliers' normalization

$$v_i(s^t) = \frac{\mu_i(s^t)}{M_i(s^t)}$$

$$M_i(s^t) = \frac{M_i(s^{t-1})}{1 - v_i(s^t)}$$

$$z(s^t) = \frac{M_2(s^t)}{M_1(s^t)} \quad \text{Relative weight of 2}$$

$$z(s^t) = \frac{(1 - v_1(s^t))}{(1 - v_2(s^t))} z(s^{t-1}).$$

- F.O.C.

$$\frac{U_c^1(s^t)}{U_c^2(s^t)} = z(s^t), \quad (c_i(s^t))$$

- Reduce risk sharing

$$-\frac{U_l^i(s^t)}{U_c^i(s^t)} = F_2^i(s^t), \quad (l_i(s^t))$$

$$U_1^i(s^t) = \beta \sum \pi(s^{t+1}|s^t) \quad (k_i(s^t))$$

$$\left[\frac{U_1^i(s^{t+1})}{1 - v_i(s^{t+1})} [F_1^i(s^{t+1}) + 1 - \delta] - \frac{v_i(s^{t+1})}{1 - v_i(s^{t+1})} V_1^i(s^{t+1}) \right]$$

- Reduce Productive Efficiency

Plus enforcement constraints and complementary slackness

- F.O.C. Interpretation

Model Solution

State : $S_t = (z(s^{t-1}), k_1(s^{t-1}), k_2(s^{t-1}), A_1(s_t), A_2(s_t))$

Find stationary decision rules

$c_i(S_t), l_i(S_t), k_i(S_t), v_i(S_t)$

that satisfy:

F.O.C., Resource Constraint, Enforcement Constraints,

Complementary Slackness

Solution Method

- Grid over the state space and piecewise bi-linear approximation of value functions and policy functions
- Backward Recursion from $t=T$

$t \geq T$: No enforcement constraints

A bond economy

- Agents' problem

$$\max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} \beta^t \pi(s^t) U(c_i(s^t), l_i(s^t)) \quad i = 1, 2$$

s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} & c_i(s^t) + x_i(s^t) + q(s^t)b_i(s^t) \\ \leq & w(s^t)l_i(s^t) + r_i(s^t)k_i(s^{t-1}) + b_i(s^{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$k_i(s^t) = (1 - \delta)k_i(s^{t-1}) + x_i(s^t)$$

$$-\bar{b} \leq b_i(s^t) \leq \bar{b}$$

$b_i(s^t)$ = uncontingent bond maturing at time $t + 1$

$q(s^t)$ = price of bond

- Market clearing

$$b_1(s^t) + b_2(s^t) = 0.$$

Parameter values

- Preferences

$$U(c, l) = \frac{(c^\gamma(1-l)^{1-\gamma})}{(1-\sigma)}_{1-\sigma}$$

$$\underline{\beta = 0.99} \quad \gamma = 0.34 \quad \underline{\sigma = 2.0}$$

- Technology

$$F(k, Al) = k^\alpha (Al)^{1-\alpha}.$$

$$\alpha = 0.36$$

$$k' = (1 - \delta)k + x$$

$$\delta = 0.025$$

- Process for Shocks

- Backus, Kehoe, Kydland (without capital):

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log A_{1t+1} \\ \log A_{2t+1} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \log A_{1t} \\ \log A_{2t} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_{1t+1} \\ \varepsilon_{2t+1} \end{vmatrix}$$

with

$$a_2 = a_3 = 0.088$$

$$a_1 = a_4 = 0.906$$

- Kolmann (with capital)

$$a_2 = a_3 = 0$$

$$a_1 = a_4 = .95$$

- VAR(1) → 9 States MARKOV CHAIN

Decentralization of the efficient allocation

with enforcement constraints

Country 1 private agents

- Budget constraint

$$\begin{aligned} & c_1(s^t) + k_1(s^t) + \sum_{s^{t+1}} q(s^t, s_{t+1}) b_1(s^t, s_{t+1}) + T_1(s^t) \\ = & (r_1(s^t) + 1 - \delta)(1 - \tau_1^k(s^t)) k_1(s^{t-1}) \\ & + w_1(s^t) l_1(s^t) + b_1(s^t) \chi(b_1(s^t), s^t, s_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Country 1 Government

- Tax on payments to foreigners

$$\chi(b_1(s^t), s^t, s_{t+1}) = \begin{cases} (1 - \tau_1^b(s^t, s_{t+1})) & \text{if } b_2(s^t) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } b_2(s^t) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Capital tax & Lump sum transfers

$$\tau_1^k(s^t) \quad T_1(s^t)$$

Sustainable equilibrium

Agents are competitive

Governments are not competitive

- Sequential optimality of governments
- Sequential optimality of private agents
- Market equilibrium

Proposition:

Autarky: Worst sustainable equilibrium.

Proposition:

Any allocation that satisfies:

- *Enforcement constraints*
- *Resource constraint*

is sustainable.

We focus on equal weights, efficient outcomes.

Bond taxes and multipliers

Planner

$\forall s^{t+1}$ in which C1 constraint is binding:

$$\frac{U_c^1(s^{t+1})}{U_c^2(s^{t+1})} = [1 - \nu_1(s^{t+1})] \frac{U_c^1(s^t)}{U_c^2(s^t)}$$

Equilibrium

$\forall s^{t+1} : b_1(s^t, s^{t+1}) < 0$

$$\frac{U_c^1(s^{t+1})}{U_c^2(s^{t+1})} = [1 - \tau_1(s^{t+1}, s^t)] \frac{U_c^1(s^t)}{U_c^2(s^t)}$$

If C1 constraint is binding in s^{t+1} :

C1 is a debtor in s^{t+1} and

in s^t C1 tax payments to foreigners in s^{t+1}

Set

$$\tau_1(s^{t+1}, s^t) = \nu_1(s^{t+1})$$

Intuition

Capital tax and multipliers

Planner

$$U_c^i(s^t) = \beta \sum \pi(s^{t+1}|s^t)$$

$$\left[\frac{U_c^i(s^{t+1})}{1 - v_i(s^{t+1})} [F_k^i(s^{t+1}) + 1 - \delta] - \frac{v_i(s^{t+1})}{1 - v_i(s^{t+1})} V_k^i(s^{t+1}) \right]$$

Equilibrium

$$U_c^i(s^t) = \beta \sum \pi(s^{t+1}|s^t)$$

$$U_c^i(s^{t+1}) [F_k^i(s^{t+1}) + 1 - \delta] (1 - \tau_k^1(s^t))$$

If C1 constraint is binding for some s^{t+1} :

C1 tax or subsidize capital income s^{t+1}

Intuition

TABLE I
PARAMETER VALUES

Experiments		Parameters
Baseline Experiments		
	Preferences	$\beta = .99, \sigma = 2, \gamma = .36$
	Technology	$\alpha = .36, \delta = .025$
	Productivity shocks	$a_1 = .95, a_2 = 0$ $\text{var}(\varepsilon_1) = \text{var}(\varepsilon_2) = .007^2, \text{corr}(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = .25$
Sensitivity Experiments		
	Adjustment costs ^a	$\phi = .6$
	High persistence	$a_1 = .99, a_2 = 0$
	High spillover	$a_1 = .85, a_2 = .15$
	BKK	$a_1 = .906, a_2 = .088$

^a In the other sensitivity analysis experiments, the adjustment cost parameter in the bond economy is set to match the relative volatility of investment in the data.

BUSINESS CYCLE STATISTICS: BASELINE PARAMETERS

Statistic	Data	Economy with				
		No Adjustment Costs			Adjustment Costs	
		Complete Markets	Bond	Enforcement	Complete Markets	Bond
<i>Volatility</i>						
% Standard deviations						
GDP	1.72 (.20)	2.01	1.94	1.33	1.37	1.34
Net Exports/GDP	0.15 (.01)	13.04	12.42	0.06	0.36	0.33
% Standard deviations relative to GDP						
Consumption	0.79 (.05)	0.19	0.21	0.28	0.27	0.29
Investment	3.24 (.17)	25.23	25.06	3.04	3.42	3.24
Employment	0.63 (.04)	0.56	0.54	0.50	0.52	0.49
<i>Domestic Comovement</i>						
Correlations with GDP						
Consumption	0.87 (.03)	0.90	0.93	0.93	0.90	0.94
Investment	0.93 (.02)	0.07	0.08	0.99	0.95	0.95
Employment	0.86 (.03)	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
Net Exports/GDP	-0.36 (.09)	0.06	0.06	0.27	-0.02	-0.05
<i>International Correlations</i>						
Home and Foreign GDP	0.51 (.13)	-0.46	-0.43	0.25	0.09	0.12
Home and Foreign Consumption	0.32 (.17)	0.28	0.13	0.29	0.77	0.62
Home and Foreign Investment	0.29 (.17)	-0.99	-0.99	0.33	-0.17	-0.09
Home and Foreign Employment	0.43 (.11)	-0.58	-0.53	0.23	-0.15	-0.04

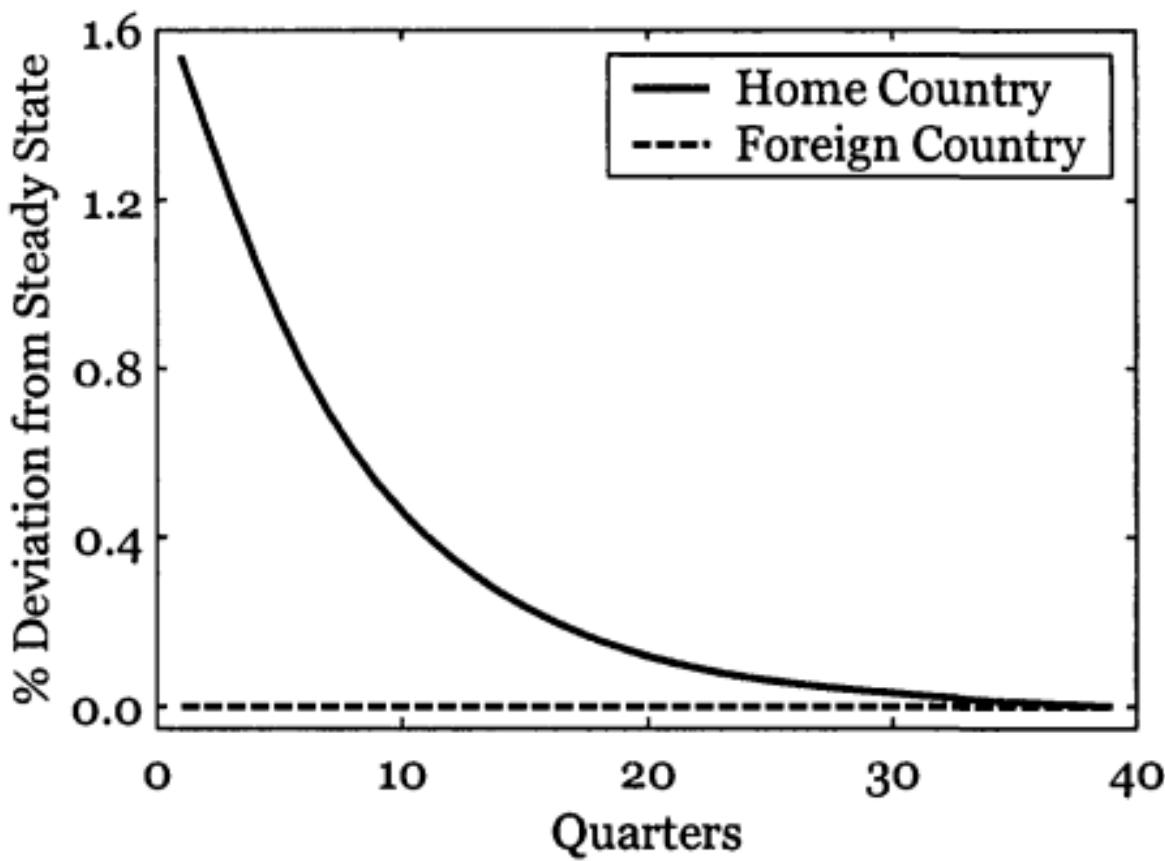
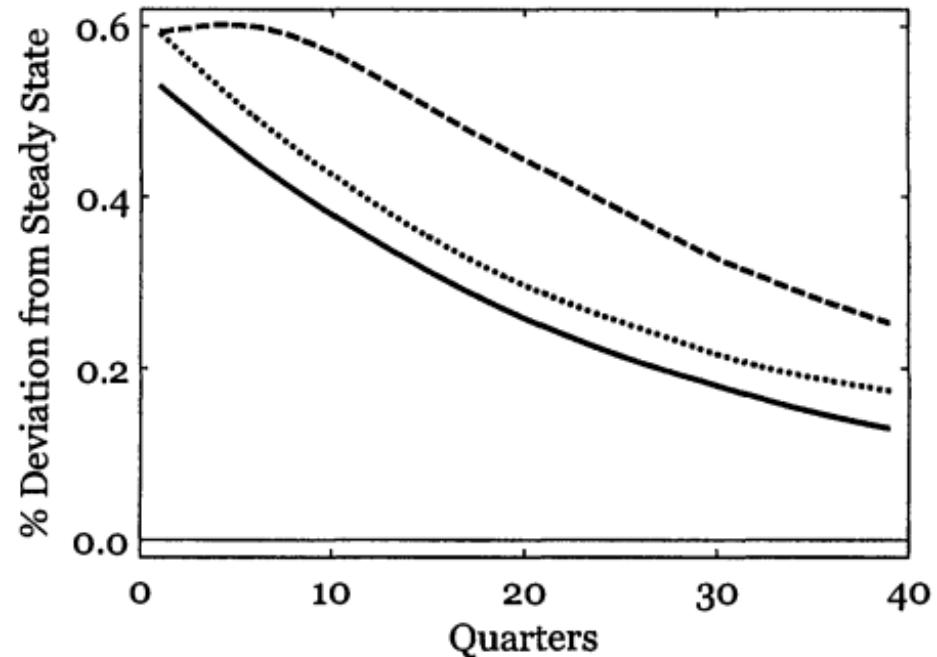


FIGURE 1.—Productivity shocks.

3a. Home Country



3b. Foreign Country

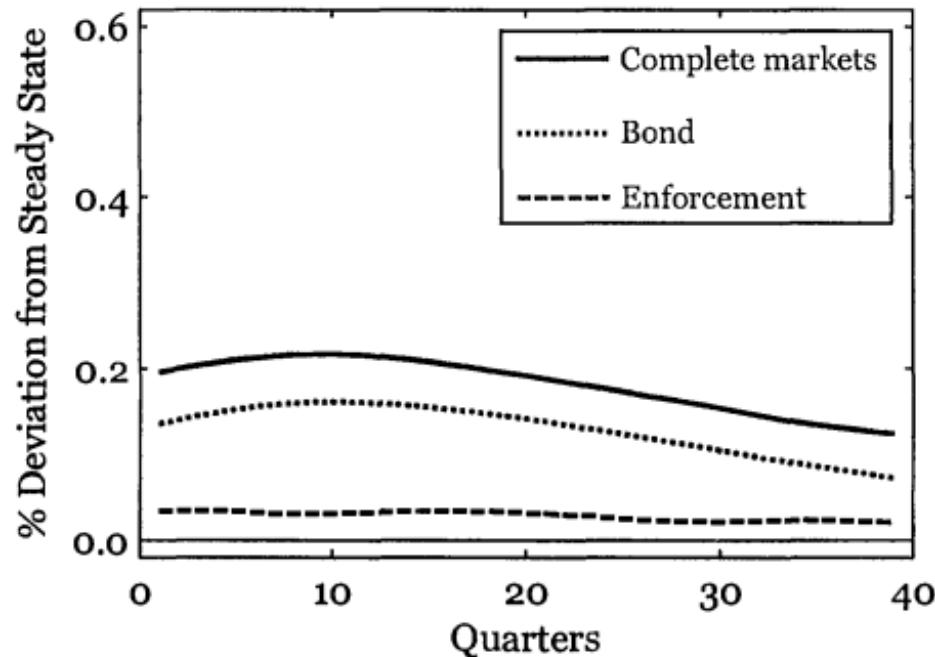
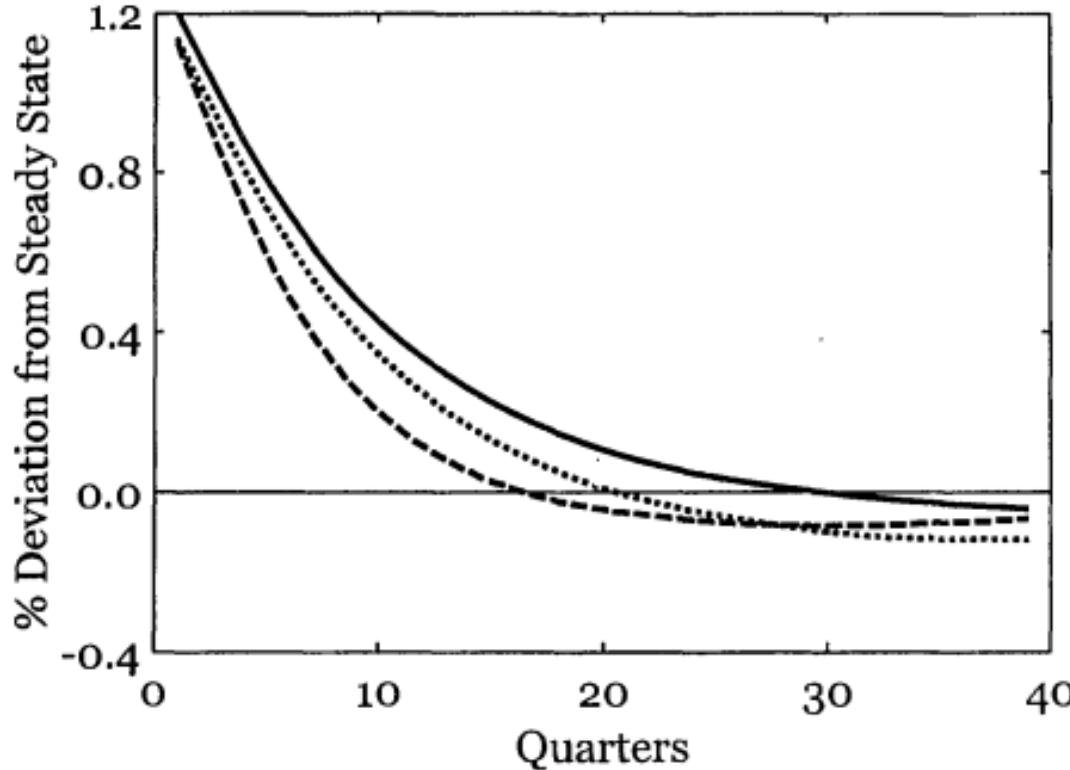


FIGURE 3.—Impulse responses to a home productivity shock—consumption.

5a. Home Country



5b. Foreign Country

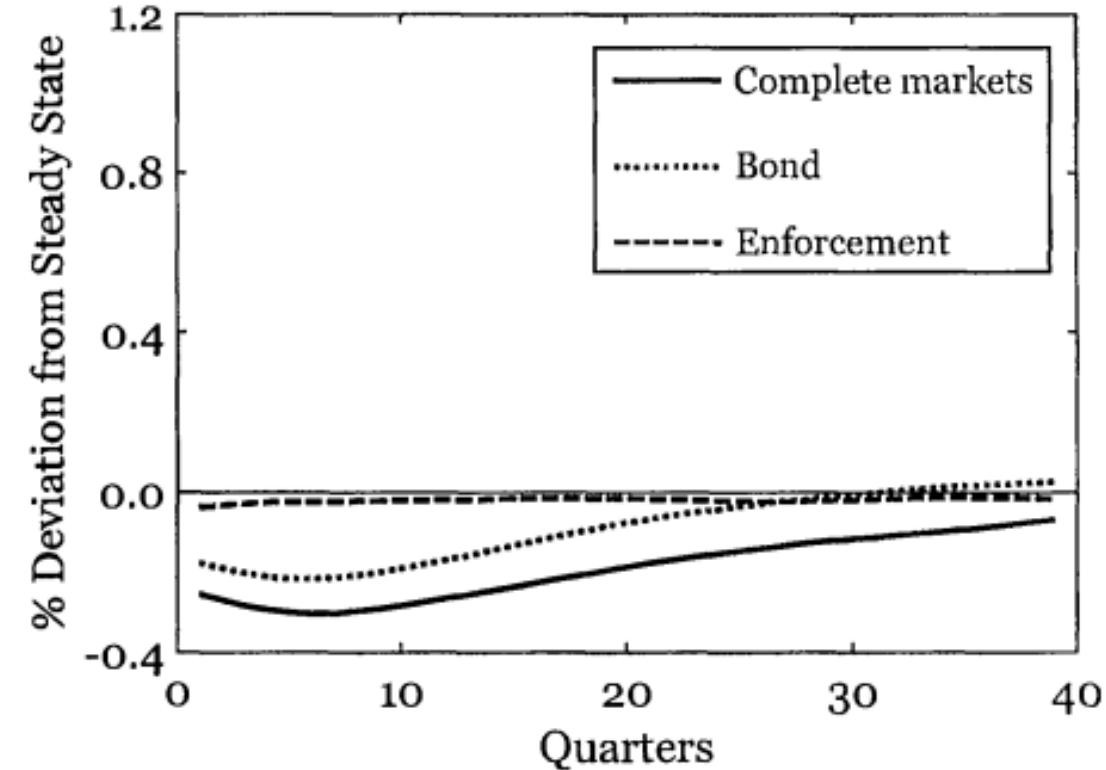


FIGURE 5.—Impulse responses to a home productivity shock—employment.

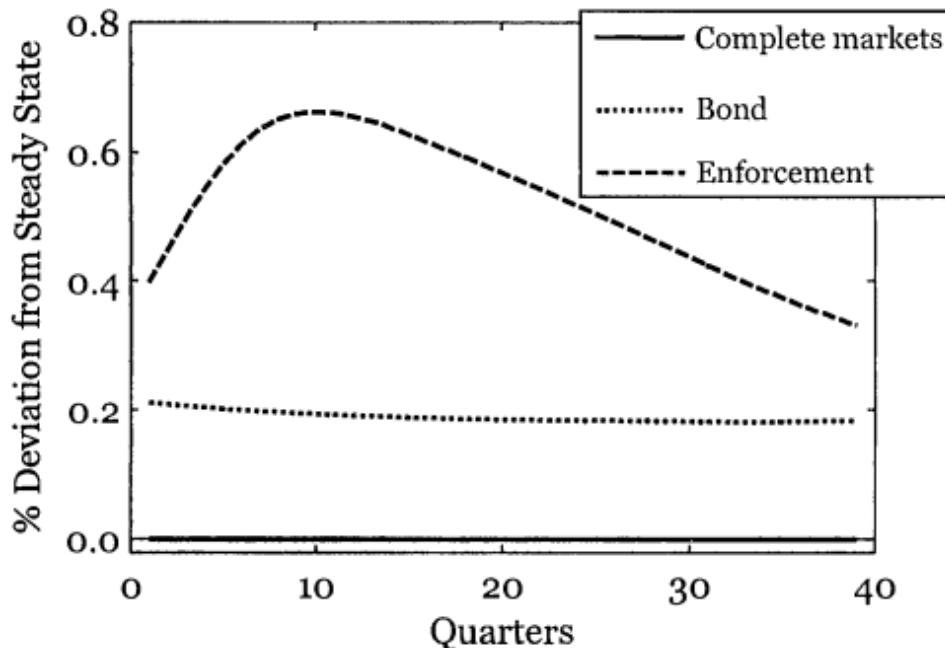


FIGURE 7.—Impulse responses to a home productivity shock—foreign/home ratio of marginal utilities.