

# The Hegemon's Dilemma.\*

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## Abstract

By keeping dollars scarce in international markets, the supplier of dollar debt— the hegemon —earns monopoly rents when borrowing. However a strong dollar depresses global demand for its exports and leads to losses on holdings of foreign assets. Using an open economy model with nominal rigidities and segmented financial markets, I show that transfer of monopoly rents from abroad gives rise to a policy dilemma because of private sector over-borrowing. Monetary and fiscal policy in the hegemon cannot support a constrained-efficient allocation, absent a corrective (macro-prudential) tax on borrowing. By increasing liquidity in international markets, dollar swap lines help stabilize the economy, but, unlike the macro-prudential tax, do so at the cost of eroding monopoly rents. Extending the model to allow for a measure of households not participating in financial markets unveils that the policy dilemma maps into distributional concerns. A scarce dollar leads to larger monopoly rents benefiting financially active households, but they over-borrow at the expense of inactive households, who suffer the full blunt of the aggregate demand externality.

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# 1 Introduction

In periods of global financial distress, international capital systematically flows into dollar assets. This pattern has been confirmed, on a large scale, during the 2007-9 Great Financial Crisis (GFC) as well as the early-stages of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020.<sup>1</sup> As the dollar becomes scarce in international markets, it tends to appreciate, and the spread in the cost of borrowing in other currencies widens vis-à-vis the dollar. Because of the special role of dollars in international markets, fluctuations in the supply and demand of dollar assets and the conduct of U.S. monetary policy matter disproportionately for the world economy.<sup>2</sup> In particular, Rey (2015) shows that because of a global financial cycle in asset prices driven by the dollar and U.S. interest rates, countries in the rest of the world cannot choose their monetary policy independently, unless they sacrifice the free mobility of capital. Strong and volatile demand for dollars by foreign investors, however, also has stark implications for U.S. domestic outcomes and dollar shortages abroad interfere with the workings of U.S. monetary and fiscal policy.

To set the stage for my analysis, Figure 1 plots a trade-weighted dollar index, interest rate differentials and a proxy for the relative cost of borrowing in dollar debt. Three important facts arise. First, during periods of international financial turmoil (particularly the GFC and COVID-19) the cost of borrowing in dollars is lower vis-à-vis foreign currency during crises. For example, borrowing in dollars in August 2008 (at the time of peak dollar appreciation) was 6% cheaper than borrowing in foreign-currency debt over the next 12 months.<sup>3</sup> Second, the spread in borrowing costs is predominantly due to a large dollar appreciation at the onset of each crisis. Intuitively, foreign currencies which tend to contemporaneously depreciate vis-à-vis the dollar in periods of dollar shortages, systematically appreciate thereafter, therefore the dollar cost of debt repayment rises, even if interest rate differentials are small. Third, the dollar tends to stop appreciating and the borrowing spread systematically narrows when dollar swap lines (discussed below) are used.

The contribution of this paper is to re-consider the policy trade-offs faced by the hegemon as monopoly issuer of dollar debt, and show why these result in a policy dilemma between stabilizing internal objectives (output and inflation) *or* maximizing monopoly rents earned in international financial markets. The trade-off is driven by the following elements. A scarce dollar leads to lower borrowing costs in the U.S., for both households and the government, which result in a transfer of wealth into the U.S. and can be interpreted as monopoly rents from

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<sup>1</sup>Aldasoro et al. (2020) show that banks across the world have a total of \$12.8 trillion of U.S. dollar-denominated borrowing. Maggiori, Neiman, and Schreger (2018) document that the international allocation of capital is increasingly biased towards the U.S.

<sup>2</sup>For instance, an acute shortage of dollar assets can lead to deflationary safety traps (Caballero, Farhi, and Gourinchas (2017)) and a sharp tightening in international financial conditions (Jiang (2021)). Kalemli-Ozcan (2019), Miranda-Agrippino and Rey (2020), and Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020), amongst others, show that U.S. monetary policy has large spillovers in foreign and particularly emerging economies.

<sup>3</sup>Critically, foreign investors have very poor market timing when purchasing dollar bonds, they buy dollar bonds when the price of dollars is high, as documented in Krishnamurthy and Lustig (2019). Appendix A contains further details on the construction of Figures 1, and provides further evidence on the returns across country groups and the timing of purchases by foreign investors. Liao (2020) and Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020) show that a similar although smaller spread exists for corporate bonds (AAA to AA-) as well, suggesting the private sector in the U.S. also directly benefits from this.

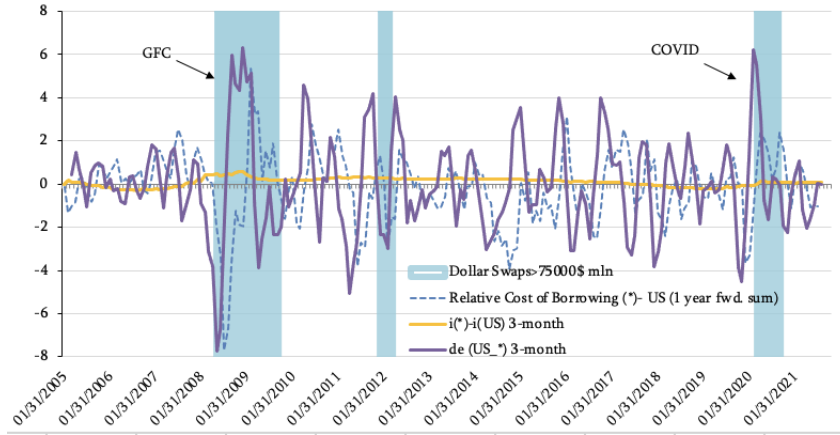


Figure 1: 3-month Interest rate differentials, dollar index movements and 12-month forward sum of ex-post deviations from the uncovered interest rate parity (UIP) based on a trade-weighted average of G10 and EM7 currencies (in  $p.p.$ ). Decomposition into interest rate differentials ( $> 0$  implies foreign 3-month U.S. rates lower) and exchange rate movements ( $< 0$ ) implies a dollar appreciation. Shaded regions reflect periods when dollar swap facilities exceeded \$75000 million. Source: Global Financial Data, Federal Reserve and author's calculations.

issuing dollar debt (see also Farhi and Maggiori (2016)). As this transfer leads to an equilibrium appreciation of the dollar, the global demand for U.S. exports falls, resulting in unemployment and a loss of income which disproportionately affects households not participating in financial markets. At the same time, the dollar appreciation leads to losses on the (large) portfolio of foreign-currency denominated assets held by the U.S.<sup>4</sup> I will show that the policy dilemma arises because dollar shortages result in dynamic macroeconomic externalities which impinge on the ability of monetary and fiscal policy to achieve a constrained efficient allocation. Specifically, faced with lower borrowing costs, households in the hegemon over-issue debt which partly erodes the country's monopoly rents (a financial externality) and implies excess domestic demand in the short run, followed by inefficiently low demand in the future (an aggregate demand externality).

I adopt a standard open-economy model, featuring nominal rigidities and financial frictions in international markets. Specifically, dollar and foreign currency markets for financial assets are separate, building on the segmented markets framework in Gabaix and Maggiori (2015). The hegemon is the monopoly issuer of dollar assets *within* the dollar market segment. In this framework, the hegemon economy is exposed to fluctuations in the foreign demand for dollar debt. A rise in the demand for dollar debt by foreign investors generates a dollar appreciation and a fall in the cost of borrowing in dollars, consistent with the empirical evidence. Moreover, the hegemon faces a downward sloping demand for dollar debt, since larger dollar shortages are more costly to intermediate in international markets. Along with nominal rigidities, the downward sloping demand for dollar debt gives rise to macroeconomic externalities which con-

<sup>4</sup>The net effect for the U.S. is debated in the literature: on empirical grounds, Maggiori (2017) and Gourinchas, Rey, and Govillot (2018) find evidence of a wealth losses for the U.S., Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020) documents a wealth inflow into the U.S., during the GFC. In the case a transfer out of the U.S., standard open economy models suggest a dollar depreciation during crises. Maggiori (2017) dubs this the "Reserve Currency Paradox", and suggests a resolution based on time varying trade costs. On the other hand, the puzzle does not arise if there are net wealth inflows into the U.S. during crises. See Appendix A for a comparison of the results in the two paper.

front the hegemon with a policy dilemma between stabilizing output *or* maximizing monopoly rents. This dilemma becomes more acute when only a measure of households participates in financial markets. Then, dollar shortages have distributional implications and over-borrowing by financially-active households weighs disproportionately on financially-inactive households' welfare.

The main results of my analysis are as follows. To start with, I establish that dollar shortages abroad lead to private sector over-borrowing by hegemon residents. Two externalities are at play: a financial (issuance) externality and an aggregate demand externality.<sup>5</sup> The former arises because atomistic households borrowing in financial markets do not internalize that the country as a whole faces a downward sloping demand for dollar debt (the result of frictions faced by financial intermediaries). In other words, atomistic households fail to internalize that issuing an additional unit of dollar debt lowers shortages and lowers the price for all other units of debt, both private and public. Aggregate demand externalities arise because the model features nominal rigidities in goods markets. Atomistic households fail to internalize the stimulative effects of their spending on domestic goods in periods when domestic employment is below optimal. To show that these two externalities result in over-borrowing, I derive the constrained optimal allocation, at which the hegemon can both achieve efficient output stabilization and maximize its monopoly rents. Critically, the constrained efficient allocation cannot be achieved without a positive (macro-prudential) tax on private borrowing.

Second, I show that when the borrowing tax is not set optimally or is not available, private sector over-borrowing weighs on the trade-offs faced by monetary and fiscal policy and motivates the use of new instruments (such as dollar swaps). Starting with monetary policy, I show that, in response to dollar shortages, the hegemon lowers the interest rate to mitigate the pressure on the exchange rate to appreciate, and thus sustain the global demand for U.S. goods and employment. However, to the extent that the interest rate cut leads to a milder and shorter recession, private residents borrow less perpetuating dollar shortages in international markets which keep the pressure on the dollar to appreciate. Because of these opposing effects in play, monetary policy cuts interest rates by less than it would in a constrained efficient allocation, where a macro-prudential tax redresses over-borrowing, and the optimal interest rate policy optimizes over terms of trade manipulation and risk sharing incentives.<sup>6</sup> Monetary policy in the hegemon cannot therefore target internal objectives independent of the state of the foreign sector, unless it manages capital inflows via a tax on borrowing. This mirrors the idea put forth by Rey (2015) that non-U.S. countries cannot set their monetary policy independently of U.S. monetary policy because of the presence of a global financial cycle. My findings are consistent with the view that *all* face a Mundellian policy dilemma, as opposed to the classical

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<sup>5</sup>Aggregate demand externalities are studied in Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2016) and Farhi and Werning (2016), amongst others. Financial externalities are studied in Fanelli and Straub (2018), Basu et al. (2020) and Bianchi and Lorenzoni (2021).

<sup>6</sup>Amongst others, Corsetti and Pesenti (2001) and Benigno and Benigno (2003) study optimal monetary policy in a complete market setting. Fanelli (2017) and Corsetti, Dedola, and Leduc (2018) consider the incomplete market case where a risk-sharing motive arises. Egorov and Mukhin (2019) and Corsetti, Dedola, and Leduc (2020) consider economies when exports are predominantly priced in dollars.

trilemma, since the ability of monetary policy in the hegemon to achieve a desired allocation is compromised by capital inflows due to foreign investors' demand for dollars.<sup>7</sup>

Third, I show there is scope for moderating the policy dilemma via direct dollar liquidity provision in international markets, as exemplified by the Federal Reserve dollar swap lines. Swap lines are agreements according to which the U.S. Federal Reserve lends dollars to a foreign central bank, against good collateral and over short maturities, in exchange for foreign currency. The foreign central bank, in turn, lends dollars to its domestic financial institutions alleviating their dollar constraints. Since the GFC, swap lines have been used extensively and signal a recognition by the FED of the role of dollars in the international markets, and its own role as a *global* lender of last resort in the spirit of Bagehot, see Bahaj and Reis (2018).<sup>8</sup> To get a sense of how extensively dollar swap lines are used, at the peak of the GFC (2008 Q4), the sum of outstanding dollar swap liabilities amounted to 48% of U.S. GDP.

Like the (missing) macro-prudential borrowing tax, dollar swaps allow the hegemon to address inefficient over-borrowing and stabilize output, but, in stark contrast with the borrowing tax, they achieve these objectives at the cost of eroding monopoly rents from the issuance of dollar debt. In the model, in line with recent literature, (potentially non-U.S.) financial intermediaries can satisfy foreign investors' demand for dollar debt, in excess of the supply by U.S. agents, but they are subject to portfolio costs and position limits. Because of this, intermediaries will only be willing to issue dollar debt if the cost of borrowing in dollars is lower than the cost of borrowing in foreign currency and this is, in large part, due to a dollar appreciation. Moreover, the tighter the intermediaries' portfolio constraint, the lower the level of dollar liquidity in foreign markets, and the larger the spread required for the dollar market to clear. By exchanging dollars for foreign currency, dollar swaps increase dollar liquidity in international markets and alleviate the frictions constraining the issuance of dollar debt by financial intermediaries. As lower shortages moderate the pressure on the dollar to appreciate and reduce the spread in borrowing costs, swaps contribute to sustaining employment and weaken the incentive for the hegemon residents to borrow. In the case where the only shock in the economy is a one-off dollar demand shock, dollar swaps can, on their own, fully mute the effects of the shock—but, the resulting allocation does not coincide with the constrained optimal. This is because macro-prudential tax simultaneously addresses over-borrowing and increases the size of monopoly rents transferred from abroad. I show that the benefits from dollar swap lines are substantial when macroeconomic externalities arising from shortages are particularly large, as is the case when interest rates cannot be optimally adjusted and pass-through to import prices is low.

Relatedly, the U.S. government can also satisfy foreign demand for safe dollar asset and stem

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<sup>7</sup>Mundell's classical view is that countries can achieve two out of capital market openness (no tax on borrowing from abroad), monetary policy independence (addressing domestic objectives) and exchange rate stability. According to the dilemma, monetary policy requires taxation in capital markets, therefore the choice is between exchange rate stability with free capital mobility or monetary policy independence with capital flows management. Farhi and Werning (2014) emphasize that capital controls may additionally be needed to smooth the terms of trade in a New-Keynesian model.

<sup>8</sup>McCauley and Schenk (2020) provide a detailed description of previous policies which resemble dollar swap lines, both by the Federal Reserve and other Central Banks.

pressure on the dollar to appreciate by issuing public debt. Yet public debt issuance and dollar swaps are fundamentally different policy instruments in many dimensions. Public debt issuance changes the public sector balance sheet, and, is optimally chosen to smooth spending and taxes, particularly during periods of financial distress. Dollar swaps have little effect on the public sector balance sheet and directly target the spread in dollar vis-a-vis foreign currency borrowing cost and exchange rate appreciation. However, like with monetary policy, the presence of over-borrowing implies fiscal policy cannot focus on efficiently addressing internal objectives.

Fourth, I show that the distributional consequences of dollar shortages exacerbate the policy dilemma facing the hegemon. Given the over-borrowing inefficiency, it is natural to consider an extension of the model which distinguishes between households who are financially-active, and thus can trade in dollar debt vis-a-vis financial intermediaries, and inactive households who simply consume their current income. Dollar shortages abroad have heterogeneous effects across these two types households. Financially-active households benefit from borrowing at a lower cost and, unlike inactive households, are partly able to smooth the income loss from depressed exports (through lower wages) and from losses on the government's portfolio of assets (through higher taxation and lower spending on public goods). This is so even if, in equilibrium, the financially-active households spend some (but not all) of the rents they earn from issuing dollar debt on domestic goods, resulting in an off-setting positive income effect for all households. Dollar swap lines can be used to systematically redistribute from financially-active to inactive households—because they mute the effect of shortages on the exchange rate and equilibrium rents.<sup>9</sup> Somewhat surprisingly, these distributional issues persist even at the constrained optimal allocation. If the majority of households participate in financial markets, the optimal borrowing tax prioritises monopoly rents maximization to boost aggregate welfare— at the expense of inactive households who suffer from depressed export demand.

Finally, I quantify the effects of dollar shortages on the U.S. economy and the ability of policy to manage the trade-offs above. I calibrate the hegemon economy to the U.S. in 2008Q1, specifically targeting the size and currency composition of U.S. gross assets and liabilities, detailed in Appendix A. I then consider a dollar demand shock which leads to a 6-8% appreciation of the dollar (depending on the interest rate response), and results in a spread in the cost of borrowing in foreign currency vis-à-vis dollars of about 6%, consistent with the U.S. experience during the GFC (see Figure 1). Monopoly rents in the model are large, amounting to about 3.5% of GDP in the first quarter, and dissipate over about 10 quarter. Exports fall by 1.5% (purely attributable to the exchange rate movement), but the trade-off is driven by losses on the portfolio of foreign assets, reaching over 2% GDP in the first quarter.

I highlight two key quantitative results. While optimal monetary policy alone (a 3% interest rate cut) can improve aggregate outcomes in the face of dollar shortages, it only achieves one-third of the welfare gain which is possible at the constrained optimal. allocation. Specifically, if interest rates do not respond, dollar shortages cost about 0.35% of consumption equivalent per

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<sup>9</sup>Chien and Morris (2017) show that financial market participation varies by U.S. state even when controlling for household income, dollar shortages introduce a political trade-off in the hegemon and the extension of dollar swap lines can become a political decision.



quarter over the 2 year duration of the crisis. Instead, when interest rates respond optimally, the economy gains the equivalent of 0.5% per quarter in the aggregate. The constrained optimal allocation requires a macro-prudential borrowing tax of up to 8%, highlighting that such an instrument is not used in practice, and interest rates adjust by about 5% (subject to an effective lower bound). In this case, the welfare gain rises to 1.5% consumption equivalent per quarter.

Furthermore, dollar shortages have strong distributional implications which persist when monetary policy adjusts, and, surprisingly, the allocation can even become more inequitable at the constrained optimal allocation. When monetary policy responds optimally, inactive households face losses of 0.17% consumption per quarter, which are more than offset by gains to active (0.81%). Even at the constrained optimal, large gains to active households (2.2%) mask losses incurred by financially-inactive households. Indeed, if the hegemon planner is more concerned with active household welfare (i.e when Pareto weights are fair and 30% of households are inactive), the borrowing tax prioritises maximizing the transfer of monopoly rents. The welfare of the minority of inactive households actually falls when the optimal borrowing tax is used (0.23% loss vs. 0.17% loss in the case of monetary policy alone). Faced with dollar shortages, dollar swaps can address the problem directly benefiting inactive households (by muting the effects shortages on exchange rates and interest rates) at the expense of active households (who do not earn monopoly rents).

**Related Literature.** Thematically, this paper belongs to an emerging literature on the role of the U.S. and the dollar in the International Monetary System (IMS). Amongst existing contributions, Maggiori (2017), Gourinchas, Rey, and Govillot (2018), Kekre and Lenel (2020) consider general equilibrium models where the U.S. has a higher capacity to bear risk, earning excess returns outside of crises but facing losses during crises. Farhi and Maggiori (2016) emphasize, in a stylized model, that the U.S. faces downward sloping demand for its debt, derived from mean-variance investors, and earns monopoly rents. Similarly, Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020) consider a model where the U.S. earns seignorage rents from issuing debt because foreign investors assign a convenience yield to dollar debt. Relative to these papers, I show that the trade-offs faced by the U.S. cannot be resolved by fiscal and monetary policy alone because of macroeconomic externalities which arise.

A new, mostly theoretical, literature on optimal capital controls aims to identify macroeconomic externalities which arise when atomistic agents do not take into account their power in goods and financial markets. Specifically Costinot, Lorenzoni, and Werning (2014), Lloyd and Marin (2020), study the use of capital controls to internalise terms of trade externalities, Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2016) and Farhi and Werning (2016) look at aggregate demand externalities and Basu et al. (2020), Bianchi and Lorenzoni (2021) analyze financial externalities. First, I show that absent of a borrowing tax, these externalities prevent the U.S. from using monetary and fiscal policy to target internal objectives, independent of the state of the foreign sector. Second, I show that dollar swap lines can be used by the U.S. in place of the borrowing tax, but only at the cost of eroding the monopoly rents. Third, I highlight how limited financial market participation, in a two-agent model, exacerbates the over-borrowing inefficiency.

Even though dollar swap lines have been one of the most prominent policies over the past decade, there is comparatively little literature on their effect on macro outcomes.<sup>10</sup> A number of contributions have assessed the efficacy of dollar swaps empirically: Baba and Packer (2009) and Moessner and Allen (2013) analyse the effect of swap lines during the GFC using variation across currency pairs. Bahaj and Reis (2018) use cross-sectional and time series variation to show that dollar swap lines introduce a ceiling on deviations from the covered interest rate parity, reduce portfolio flows into U.S. dollar assets and lower the price of dollar corporate bonds. Aizenman, Ito, and Pasricha (2021) conduct a similar analysis for the aftermath of COVID-19 and emphasize that the FED selected dollar swap line recipients based on trade and financial closeness.

Of these papers, only Bahaj and Reis (2018) consider a theoretical framework, and their analysis is couched in a three-period model of global banks which later allows for a basic model of production and investment. Eguren-Martin (2020) expands on the macroeconomic consequences of swaps, building on the New-Keynesian model in Akinci and Queraltó (2018), but restricts the analysis to a linear rule for liquidity provision as in Del Negro et al. (2017). Relative to these models, I characterize dollar swap lines as part of the (Ramsey) optimal policy mix, emphasizing the externalities which they can address domestically.

Finally, this paper relates to an established literature which studies the implications of limited financial market participation on risk-sharing outcomes in closed and open economies, see e.g. Alvarez, Atkeson, and Kehoe (2002), Alvarez, Atkeson, and Kehoe (2009), Kollmann (2012) and Cociuba and Ramanarayanan (2017). Fanelli and Straub (2018) derive optimal foreign exchange interventions in a model with segmented international financial markets where hand-to-mouth households are hurt by a pecuniary externality. De Ferra, Mitman, and Romei (2019) study the effects of a sudden stop in capital inflows in a small-open economy HANK economy where household debt is partly denominated in foreign currency. Auclert et al. (2021), build on Corsetti and Pesenti (2001), to analyze the effects of household heterogeneity on the costs of an appreciation. Closest to this paper, Kim (2020) argues that within his model the role of the U.S. as 'banker of the world' can account for 34-55% of the increase in the top 1% wealth share domestically. In this paper, I emphasize the distributional consequences for U.S. households of dollar shortages, analyze how limited participation interacts with the macroeconomic externalities which arise. Furthermore, I analyze the scope for monetary policy and dollar swaps as instruments for redistribution.

Section 2 lays out the model. Section 3 considers a static stylized framework which outlines the key trade-offs statically. Section 4 considers a dynamic model and solves for welfare maximizing policy. In Section 4.3, I consider the distributional implications of dollar shortages in a two-agent version of the model. Section 5 conducts a calibration exercise. Section 6 concludes.

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<sup>10</sup>McCauley and Schenk (2020) detail the history of liquidity provision policies by the U.S. and other central banks.



## 2 Model Setup

There is a continuum of countries  $i \in [0, 1]$ . I denote the *hegemon* by  $i = 0$ , and suppress the subscript for domestic variables. The baseline setup builds on a standard open-economy model as in Galí and Monacelli (2005), recently used in, e.g. Farhi and Werning (2016) and Egorov and Mukhin (2019). To distinguish between a market for dollars and a market for foreign currency, I extend the model to consider financial market segmentation in the spirit of Gabaix and Maggiori (2015). Households in each segment trade in a non-contingent bond denominated in their own currency, but trade across borders must be intermediated by financiers. The hegemon differs in one important way: it is the monopoly issuer of dollar debt in its segment.

**Households.** A representative household in country  $i = 0$  (Home) has preferences described by the following instantaneous utility function,<sup>11</sup>

$$\mathcal{U}_t = \frac{C_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \kappa \frac{L_t^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi} + V^G(G_t) \quad (1)$$

where  $C_t$  is consumption of private goods,  $L_t$  is labour supplied and  $V^G(G_t)$  denotes individual utility from the consumption of public goods. Private consumption is an index composed of Home and Foreign good varieties,

$$C_t = [\chi^{\frac{1}{\theta}} C_{H,t}^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} + (1-\chi)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} C_{F,t}^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}}]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}} \quad (2)$$

and  $C_{H,t}, C_{F,t}$  consists of,

$$C_{H,t} = \left[ \int_0^1 C_{H,t}(j)^{\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon}} dj \right]^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}}, \quad (3)$$

$$C_{F,t} = \left[ \int_0^1 C_{i,t}^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} di \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}, \quad C_{i,t} = \left[ \int_0^1 C_{i,t}(j)^{\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon}} dj \right]^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}},$$

where  $j$  denotes different varieties of the the same good and  $\epsilon$  is the constant elasticity of substitution between varieties,  $i$  denotes countries and  $\theta$  is the constant (macro) elasticity of substitution between imports from different countries, see e.g. Feenstra et al. (2018). The parameter  $\chi$  reflects the weight of domestic goods in a country's final consumption index, where  $\chi > 0.5$  captures home bias.

Households purchase goods, earns wages  $W_t$  from providing labour  $L_t$  and receive profits  $\Pi_t = \Pi_t^g + \Pi_t^f$  from their ownership of goods' and financial firms respectively. Households trade in one-period, non-contingent bonds  $x_t$ , denominated in domestic currency, vis-a-vis international financial intermediaries.<sup>12</sup> Households receive a lump-sum rebate from the government  $T_t$  in

<sup>11</sup>Foreign households have analogous preferences. Appendix A presents the model equations for an arbitrary country  $i$ .

<sup>12</sup>This is the limiting case of a model where households can take position  $x_t$  in domestic currency bonds and  $x_{F,t}$  in foreign currency bonds, subject to a constraint  $x_{F,t} \in [\underline{x}_F, \bar{x}_F]$ , where  $\underline{x}_F, \bar{x}_F \rightarrow 0$ .

every period. The budget constraint is given by,

$$P_{F,t}C_{F,t} + P_{H,t}C_{H,t} \leq \Pi_t + W_t L_t + \frac{1}{R_t}x_t - x_{t-1} - T_t \quad (4)$$

The household's optimization problem consists of choosing a sequence  $\{C_{H,t}, C_{F,t}, L_t, x_t\}$  to maximize lifetime utility (1) subject to the budget constraint (4), taking initial debt  $x_0$ , production  $\{Y_{H,t}\}$  and prices  $\{W_t, R_t, P_{H,t}, P_{F,t}\}$  as given. The first-order conditions characterizing the households' optimal allocation are given by,

$$\frac{C_t^{-\sigma}}{P_t} - \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{C_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{P_{t+1}} \right] R_t = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\kappa L_t^\psi \frac{C_{H,t}}{\chi} = \frac{W_t}{P_{H,t}}, \quad (6)$$

$$C_{H,t} = \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \left( \frac{P_{H,t}}{P_{F,t}} \right)^{-\theta} C_{F,t}, \quad (7)$$

where (5) is the household Euler equation governing the intertemporal allocation of consumption, taking the gross interest rate  $R_t$  as given, (6) characterises the optimal labour allocation and (7) determines the allocation of spending between home and foreign good varieties.

**Firms.** In each country there is a continuum of firms indexed by  $j$ , which produce a unique variety of tradable goods and are endowed with linear production technology which uses only labour,

$$Y_{H,t}(j) = A_t L_t(j) \quad (8)$$

where  $A_t$  is a Home (aggregate) productivity. Goods are consumed both domestically and exported abroad:

$$Y_{H,t} = C_{H,t} + G_{H,t} + C_{H,t}^* \quad (9)$$

where  $G_{H,t}$  denotes government expenditure on home varieties and  $C_{H,t}^*$  denotes foreign demand.

I focus on the case where prices are perfectly rigid.<sup>13</sup> I allow for a constant employment tax  $\tau^L$  and define the effective wage for firms by  $\tilde{W}_t = W_t(1 + \tau^L)$ .<sup>14</sup> If prices are rigid, I distinguish between two pricing paradigms. Under producer currency pricing (PCP), domestic producers set identical domestic prices for all the goods they produce, regardless of whether they are consumed domestically or exported, as assumed in Galí and Monacelli (2005) and Farhi and Werning (2012). In the data, exported goods are predominantly denominated in dollars. This is referred to as DCP and is documented in Gopinath et al. (2020). I assume the hegemon also

<sup>13</sup>This assumptions, also used in Egorov and Mukhin (2019) and Basu et al. (2020), allow me to abstract from price dynamics and dispersion. Price dynamics in open economies have been the focus of a large literature on open economy New-Keynesian models, see Galí and Monacelli (2005), Farhi and Werning (2012) and Corsetti, Dedola, and Leduc (2018) amongst others.

<sup>14</sup>In Appendix A, I detail the maximization for a firm in any country  $i$  and show that the perfectly rigid price setting condition can be derived as the limit of Rotemberg pricing.

issues the dominant currency, consistent with the case of the dollar.<sup>15</sup>

Consider the maximization faced by a firm  $j$  in the Home country when prices are perfectly rigid,

$$\max_{P_H(j)} \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \left[ P_{H,t}(j) Y_{H,t}(j) - \frac{\tilde{W}_t}{A_t} L_t(j) \right] \quad (10)$$

In a symmetric equilibrium  $P_{H,t}(j) = P_{H,t}$ ,  $Y_{H,t}(j) = Y_{H,t}$ . The price is given by,

$$P_{H,t} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon - 1} (1 + \tau^L) \frac{\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_t \frac{W_t}{A_t} Y_{H,t} \right]}{\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_t Y_{H,t} \right]}, \quad (11)$$

where the labour subsidy is chosen to eliminate steady state monopolistic distortions  $1 + \tau^L = (\epsilon - 1)/\epsilon$  and  $\Lambda_t$  is households stochastic discount factor. Consistent with the literature, I assume firms set the same price for all export destinations. In contrast, if prices are perfectly flexible, firm  $j$  chooses prices such that for each period,

$$\max_{P_{H,t}(j)} P_{H,t}(j) Y_{H,t}(j) - \frac{\tilde{W}_t}{A_t} L_t(j) \quad (12)$$

and in equilibrium,

$$P_{H,t}^{flex} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon - 1} (1 + \tau^L) \frac{W_t}{A_t} \quad (13)$$

such that firms charge a constant mark-up over  $\tilde{W}_t/A_t$ .

**Price indices, exchange rates and foreign variables.** The home consumer price index (CPI) is defined as  $P_t = [\chi P_{H,t}^{1-\theta} + (1 - \chi) P_{F,t}^{1-\theta}]^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$ . The home producer price index (PPI) is given by  $P_{H,t} = (\int P_{H,t}(j)^{1-\epsilon} dj)^{\frac{1}{1-\epsilon}}$ . The import price index is given by  $P_{F,t} = \left( \int P_{i,t}^{1-\theta} di \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$  in dollars, where  $P_{i,t} = (\int P_{i,t}(j)^{1-\epsilon} dj)^{\frac{1}{1-\epsilon}}$  is country  $i$ 's PPI in dollars. I define the world price index  $P_t^* = \int (P_{i,t}^{1-\theta} di)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$  where  $P_{i,t}^i$  is the price of good  $i$  in country  $i$  expressed in domestic currency. I define  $\mathcal{E}_t$  as the effective dollar nominal exchange rate, where an increase in  $\mathcal{E}_t$  reflects a depreciation of the dollar. Import and export prices for the home country satisfy:

$$P_{H,t}^* = \frac{P_{H,t}}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda}, \quad P_{F,t} = P_{F,t}^* \mathcal{E}_t^{\lambda^*} \quad (14)$$

where  $\lambda$  is exchange rate pass-through to imports in  $i = 0$  and  $\lambda^*$  is exchange rate pass-through on hegemon exports. Under (full) DCP,  $\lambda = 0, \lambda^* = 1$ .<sup>16</sup> Assuming prices at the border are perfectly rigid, consumer prices are time-varying only if pass-through is non-zero.

To emphasize the distinction between the Home (hegemon) and other countries, I assume

<sup>15</sup>Recent literature argues that the dominance of the dollar in financial and goods market is closely connected, see Gopinath and Stein (2018) and Chahrour and Valchev (2021).

<sup>16</sup>For comparison,  $\lambda = \lambda^* = 1$  under PCP where the law of one price holds.

all foreign countries are symmetric and I model a single foreign sector consisting of  $i \in [0, 1)$  countries. Foreign sector variables are denoted by an asterisk.

**Government.** Households derive additively separable utility from public goods  $V^G(G_t)$  in each period, given by,

$$V^G(G_t) = \omega^G [\chi^G \log(G_{H,t}) + (1 - \chi^G) \log(G_{F,t})] \quad (15)$$

where  $\omega^G$  captures the relative preference for public spending. A portion  $\chi^G$  of total public expenditure is spent on domestic varieties and stimulates domestic aggregate demand whereas a portion  $1 - \chi^G$  is spent on imports. Implicitly, I assume households have an elasticity of substitution of 1 for public spending over time, and across varieties. Specifically,

$$G_{H,t} = \frac{\chi^G}{1 - \chi^G} \left( \frac{P_{H,t}}{P_{F,t}} \right)^{-\theta} G_{F,t} \quad (16)$$

The government finances public expenditures by issuing one-period non-contingent bonds  $B_t$  at an interest rate  $R_t$  and through taxes  $T_t$ .<sup>17</sup>

I introduce a parameter  $\kappa^G$  which determines the portion of debt-financing. When  $\kappa^G = 0$ , public expenditures are entirely debt financed ( $T_t = 0$ ), whereas when  $\kappa^G = 1$  the entirety of financing comes from a lump-sum tax ( $B_t = 0$ ). I assume  $\kappa^G < 1$ , such that Ricardian equivalence fails, otherwise private agents will undo changes in  $B_t$ .

The government also earns a return  $\hat{\Psi}_t(\mathcal{E}_t)$  on a portfolio of assets and liabilities, given by,

$$\hat{\Psi}_t(\mathcal{E}_t) = \Psi_t + \Psi_t^* \mathcal{E}_t \quad (17)$$

where  $\Psi_t$  denotes the return on a portfolio of domestic-currency assets and  $\Psi_t^* \mathcal{E}_t$  denotes the return, in dollars, on a portfolio of foreign-currency denominated assets. The government budget constraint is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{F,t} G_{F,t} + P_{H,t} G_{H,t} + B_{t-1} - \hat{\Psi}_t &\leq \frac{1}{R_t} B_t + T_t \leftrightarrow \\ \left[ P_{F,t} G_{F,t} + P_{H,t} G_{H,t} + B_{t-1} - \hat{\Psi}_t \right] (1 - \kappa^G) &\leq \frac{1}{R_t} B_t \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where the second line follows from substituting  $T_t$ .

## 2.1 International Financial Markets

Asset markets are incomplete and segmented. Markets are incomplete because households in each country trade in non-contingent bonds denominated in domestic currency. Markets are segmented because households are confined to trade within their own financial market segment

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<sup>17</sup>To derive sharp analytical results, I assume the interest rate on (US) household and government bonds is equal. In practice, there is a sizeable spread between U.S. treasury yields and corporate debt (TED spread), see Krishnamurthy and Vissing-Jorgensen (2012), Valchev (2020) and Liao (2020).

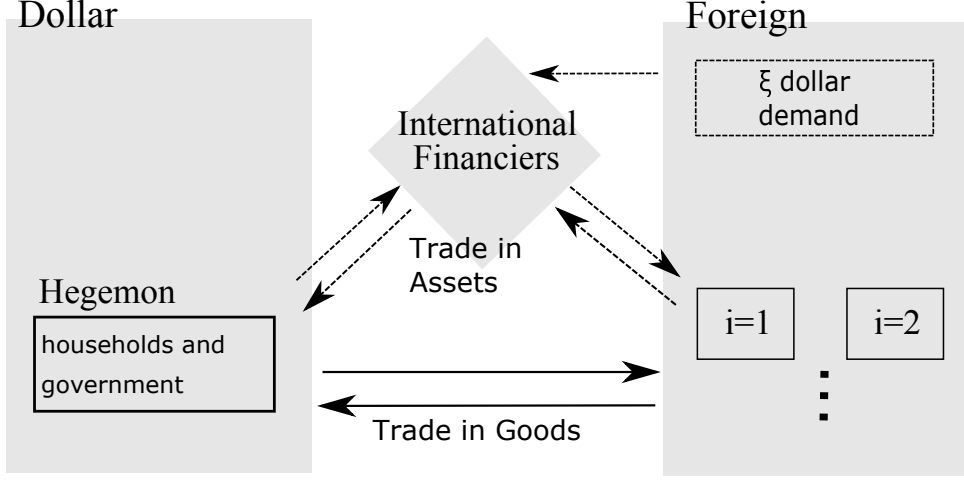


Figure 2: International financial market structure

only, i.e. they cannot directly trade with households in other countries. For simplicity, I focus on a ‘dollar’ and a ‘foreign’ market segment only. Figure 2 illustrates the market structure: trade in goods across markets is unrestricted, but trade in assets must be intermediated.

A continuum of financial intermediaries indexed by  $k \in [0, \hat{k})$  trade one-period, non-contingent bonds at each time  $t$ , across market segments, with agents in the home and foreign segments. Each financier starts with no initial capital, faces a participation cost  $k$  and position limits  $\{-\bar{Q}, \bar{Q}\}$ .<sup>18</sup> The variable  $k$  corresponds to both the financiers’ cost of participating and their index. Without loss of generality, I assume financial intermediaries trade in a single foreign bond with the foreign sector at a dollar price  $\frac{1}{R_t^*} \mathcal{E}_t$ . Since foreign countries are symmetric,  $R_{i,t} = R_t^*$  for  $i > 0$ . Financiers choose a position in dollar bonds  $q_t(k)$  to maximize profits earned at  $t$ , where  $q_t(k) < 0$  denotes a short position, i.e. financiers sell a promise to a dollar tomorrow in exchange for  $q_t(k) \mathcal{E}_t$  units of foreign currency today. For simplicity, I assume financiers are subject to a constraint that they break-even at  $t + 1$ , so they accumulate no equity over time. The problem of an individual financier, indexed by  $k$ , at time  $t$  can be summarised as,

$$\max_{q_t(k) \in \{-\bar{Q}, \bar{Q}\}} \left( \frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*} \right) q_t(k) - k$$

An individual financial intermediary participates as long as  $|\frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*}| \bar{Q} > k$ . In equilibrium, a measure  $\mathbf{k}_t = |\frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*}| \bar{Q}$  participate. Then, the total demand for dollars by financiers is given by  $Q_t = \text{sign} \left( \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*} - \frac{1}{R_t} \right) \bar{Q} \mathbf{k}_t$ , where negative values indicate that financiers are issuing dollar debt in equilibrium. I define  $\Gamma_t = \frac{1}{\bar{Q}}^2$  as the semi-elasticity of demand for dollar debt.

<sup>18</sup>Position limits can be motivated by collateral constraints, see e.g Gromb and Vayanos (2002), Gromb and Vayanos (2010) or value at risk constraints, see Adrian and Shin (2014). The timing of the intermediation problem follows Alvarez, Atkeson, and Kehoe (2002) and Cociuba and Ramanarayanan (2017). Position limits can be allowed to vary over time to capture time-varying dollar liquidity. Evidence of this is provided in Appendix A.

In equilibrium, because of non-zero entry costs and position limits, financial intermediaries require excess returns when there are dollar imbalances in international markets ( $Q_t \neq 0$ ), leading to deviations from UIP:

$$\left( \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*} - \frac{1}{R_t} \right) = \Gamma Q_t \quad (19)$$

Suppose there is a shortage of dollars  $Q_t < 0$ . The LHS of (19) reflects the required compensation to intermediate dollar shortages for a given level of (inverse) dollar liquidity  $\Gamma$ .<sup>19</sup> In periods of low liquidity, when financiers are more constrained (i.e.  $\overline{Q}_t$  is low and  $\Gamma_t$  is high) a larger spread is required for a given  $Q_t$ . As a result, the dollar price of dollar debt exceeds that of foreign-currency denominated debt. In the limit where dollar liquidity is abundant ( $\Gamma_t = 0$ ) the spread does not depend on  $Q_t$ .

Furthermore, I assume there is a separate group of non-optimizing, unconstrained agents belonging to the foreign sector who have inelastic demand  $\xi_t \geq 0$  for dollar debt, which they finance by taking a position  $-\xi_t/\mathcal{E}_t$  in foreign currency debt. Market clearing in the dollar segment requires,<sup>20</sup>

$$Q_t = x_t + B_t - \xi_t, \quad (20)$$

where  $x_t$  is dollar debt issued by households,  $B_t$  is dollar debt issued by the hegemon government, and  $\xi_t$  is inelastic demand for dollar debt from foreign agents. For markets to clear, the financiers' position in dollar debt ( $Q_t$ ) is equal to the supply of dollar debt ( $x_t + B_t$ ) minus the demand for dollar debt  $\xi_t$ . Equations (19) and (20) summarise the dollar market equilibrium.

The framework above captures two key features of dollar markets. First, if there is an unexpected increase in  $\xi_t$ , foreign investors demand dollars in a period when dollars are expensive, i.e they have bad market timing, as is documented in the data by Krishnamurthy and Lustig (2019) (see Appendix A). Financial intermediaries at  $t - 1$  had an expectation  $\mathbb{E}_t[\xi_t] = 0$ , so they did not require  $R_{t-1}$  to rise. Second, financial intermediaries are non-U.S. entities issuing dollar debt at a cost. Evidence of issuance of U.S. debt by non-U.S. is presented in Bruno and Shin (2017) and Maggiori, Neiman, and Schreger (2018). Relatedly, Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020) study a model where foreign firms are able to produce dollar debt at the cost of balance sheet mismatch

**Multipolar World.** To highlight the specialness of the hegemon in the model, consider the case when there are  $N$  competing issuers within a segment, and for clarity, consider the dollar

<sup>19</sup>The distinction between deviations in the covered (CIP) and uncovered (UIP) interest rate parities depends on risk. In particular, deviations in the covered interest rate parity arise in the absence of risk (i.e when financiers fully hedge exchange rate risk using swaps) and translate 1:1 to deviations in the covered and uncovered interest rate parity. The model is silent on this distinction, but UIP deviations tend to be an order of magnitude greater than their CIP counterparts.

<sup>20</sup>Demand for dollar debt may be efficient because dollar debt economizes on liquidation costs in the foreign sector, as in Liu, Yaron, and Schmid (2019). In that case, a widening in the borrowing cost spread can lead to inefficiency in foreign markets.



segment. Market clearing is then given by,

$$Q_t = x_t + B_t + \sum_{i>0}^{N-1} (x_t^i + B_t^i) - \xi_t, \quad (21)$$

where  $x_t^i$  and  $B_t^i$  are the issuance of dollar assets by issuer  $i > 0$  households and government respectively. If foreign issuers of close-substitute debt respond to changes in  $\xi_t$  (which lead to a fall in  $R_t$ ) by a factor  $\epsilon > 0$ , as the number of issuers becomes large, shortages cannot arise in the market segment.<sup>21</sup>

## 2.2 Dollar Swap Lines

A key institutional innovation in recent years has been the (re-)establishment of dollar swap lines. As part of a swap line agreement, the U.S. Federal Reserve lends dollars to a foreign central bank at an interest rate set at a spread above the overnight indexed swap (OIS) rate, at short maturity. The foreign central bank, in turn, lends dollars to their domestic financial institutions— in this instance, the financial intermediation sector. The FED receives a foreign currency deposit as collateral and at the end of the loan, the FED gets its currency back at the original exchange rate. Therefore, the operation carries minimal risk for the FED which does not take up exchange rate risk. In the model, I abstract from the foreign central bank and assume the FED swaps dollars directly with financial intermediaries. As a result of the liquidity provision by the U.S., portfolio limits faced by financiers expand. I derive a relationship between dollar-swap up-take, equilibrium dollar shortages, and the resulting spread in borrowing costs. At the end of this section, I contrast dollar swaps, direct FX interventions and capital controls in the model.

Previously, I assumed each financier could promise to deliver a maximum  $\bar{Q}$  dollars tomorrow, limiting the size of dollar shortages that can be intermediated in equilibrium. When dollar swaps are available, I assume the financier can draw  $Q^s$  from the swap facility, swapping foreign currency for dollars.<sup>22</sup> Financiers will choose to do so as long as the currency-adjusted interest rate differential is greater than the participation cost and the cost of taking up dollar-swaps. Specifically, when dollar swap lines are available, a financier indexed by  $k$  faces the following maximization:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\substack{q_t(k) \in \{-\bar{Q}, \bar{Q}\} \\ q_t^s(k) \in \{-Q^s, 0\}}} & \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*} \right) (q_t(k) + q_t^s(k)) - \tau^s q_t^s(k) - k \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $q_t^s(k)$  reflects the financier's position in dollars, backed by dollar swaps. The cost of

<sup>21</sup>In Appendix B, I show within a stylized model that if  $N$  symmetric governments compete à la Cournot when issuing substitutable varieties of debt, dollar shortages in international markets go to zero, as do rents from issuance.

<sup>22</sup>Note that a period in the model corresponds to a quarter, whereas dollar swaps are usually completed within a week. Therefore, I assume financial intermediaries are exposed to the entirety of the currency fluctuation.

drawing  $q_t^s(k)$  from the dollar swap line is  $q_t^s(k)\tau^s$ . Financiers' enter with a position  $\bar{Q} + Q^s$  as long as,

$$\left( \frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*} \right) (\bar{Q} + Q^s) - \tau^s (\bar{Q} + Q^s) \frac{Q^s}{(\bar{Q} + Q^s)} \geq k \quad (22)$$

I redefine  $\Gamma = \frac{1}{\bar{Q} + Q^s}^2$  as the new semi- elasticity of demand. In equilibrium,

$$\left( \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t} - \frac{1}{R_t^*} \right) - \tau^s \frac{Q^s}{(\bar{Q} + Q^s)} = \Gamma Q_t \quad (23)$$

The next lemma summarises the effect of dollar swaps on the equilibrium UIP deviations.

**Lemma 1 (Dollar Swaps)**

*If  $\tau^s = 0$  (no spread on dollar swaps), then, the model is isomorphic to the baseline with UIP deviations given by (19), except the semi-elasticity of demand is now given by:*

$$\Gamma_t = \left( \frac{1}{\bar{Q} + Q^s} \right)^2 < \left( \frac{1}{\bar{Q}} \right)^2 \quad (24)$$

*Total up-take of dollar swaps in the model is given by:*

$$\mathbf{k}_t Q^s = -Q_t \frac{Q^s}{\bar{Q} + Q^s} \geq 0 \quad (25)$$

Equation (25) maps directly to the data on dollar swap up-take in Figure 3 below, which in turn provides evidence on the level of dollar shortages  $Q_t$ . In the limit  $\bar{Q} \rightarrow 0$ , dollar swaps up-take must satisfy the entirety of dollar shortages. Away from this limit, up-take is proportional to the total size of dollar shortages. Since the spread  $\tau^s$  is not important to the economics of the model, I consider the limit as  $\tau^s \rightarrow 0$ .<sup>23</sup>

## 2.3 Equilibrium and Macroeconomic Implications of Dollar Shortages

**Simplifying assumptions.** To maintain the tractability of the model and isolate the mechanisms of interest I make the following assumptions.

**A.1 (World Interest Rates)** *Foreign sector monetary policy is fully characterised by a constant  $R^*$  policy.*

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<sup>23</sup>The model can be generalised to the case where the Fed earns a positive spread  $\tau^s > 0$ . In this case, an individual financier can choose to take position  $\bar{Q}$  or  $\bar{Q} + Q^s$ . In the limit where all financiers take a position  $\bar{Q} + Q^s$  and dollar swap lines are large  $\frac{Q^s}{\bar{Q} + Q^s} \rightarrow 1$ , the semi-elasticity of demand is  $\Gamma_t = \frac{1}{\bar{Q} + Q^s}^2$ , the relevant spread is  $\frac{1}{R_t} - \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} - \tau^s$  and the hegemon earns  $\tau^s \bar{Q}^s \kappa$  rents from extending the dollar swap.

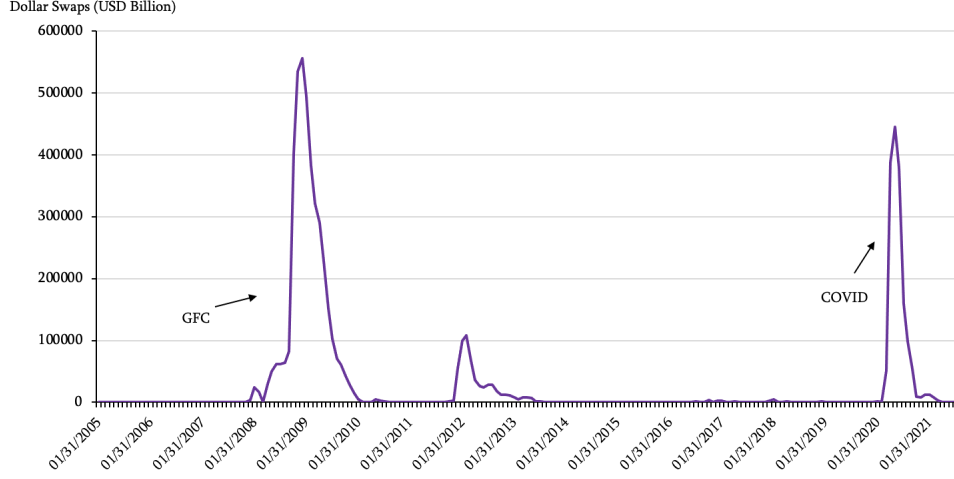


Figure 3: Weekly outstanding dollar swaps (Wednesday level). Source: Federal Reserve

## A.2 (Cole-Obstfeld) Unitary elasticity of substitution, unitary macro elasticity $\sigma = \theta = 1$ .

A.1 isolates the incentive of the hegemon to manipulate dollar imbalances, from the incentive to manipulate foreign prices. Specifically, the hegemon affects its interest rate by manipulating exchange rate premia.<sup>24</sup> A.2. is a utility specification frequently used in the literature since Cole and Obstfeld (1991), that lends tractability to the model but I relax this assumption in Section 5.

The next lemma summarises the condition required for an equilibrium. Note that for  $\kappa^G < 1$ , household and government budget constraints cannot be consolidated, breaking Ricardian equivalence, therefore (18) must be satisfied in addition to (4).

### Lemma 2 (Implementability)

Given  $\{\xi_t, \bar{Q}\}$ , a household allocation  $\{C_{H,t}, C_{F,t}, x_t, L_t\}$  and a government allocation  $\{G_{H,t}, G_{F,t}, B_t, Q_t^s\}$  with prices  $\{\mathcal{E}_t, R_t, W_t, P_{H,t}\}$ , taking  $\{C_t^*, R_t^*, P_{F,t}^*\}$  as given, constitute part of equilibrium if and only if conditions (5), (7), (9), (16), (18) and (23) hold.

Following the tradition in public finance, building on Lucas and Stokey (1983), I try to summarise the equilibrium using a small number of equations. Substituting  $\Pi_t$  and  $T_t$  into (4),

<sup>24</sup>Generally, there are three channels through which the home country can manipulate its interest rate  $R_t$ : its size in financial markets, its size in goods markets and as a result of dominant currency pricing. This paper focuses on the first, rules out the second by assuming the hegemon is a small in goods markets and A.1 rules out the third channel. In Appendix E I provide parametric conditions for which A.1 is the optimal policy. For a recent analysis of (goods market) terms of trade manipulation see Costinot, Lorenzoni, and Werning (2014), and Lloyd and Marin, 2019 for an extension with trade taxes. Egorov and Mukhin (2019) show the U.S. can manipulate foreign prices and the foreign SDF, even if it is a SOE, under DCP and Corsetti, Dedola, and Leduc (2020) investigate optimal policy in large open economy with DCP.

using 9, the expression for  $T_t$  and (23) yields the consolidated household budget constraint:<sup>25</sup>

$$C_{F,t} \leq \varepsilon_t^{-\lambda} \left\{ \zeta \varepsilon_t^\eta + \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R^*} x_t \underbrace{-\Gamma Q_t (\xi_t - B_t)}_{\text{(a) Monopoly issuance rents (+ve)}} \underbrace{-\Gamma Q_t^2 (1 - \omega)}_{\text{(b) Cost of segmentation (-ve)}} - (x_{t-1} + \kappa^G B_{t-1}) + \left( \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} \varepsilon_t^\lambda G_{F,t} + \kappa^G \hat{\Psi}_t(\varepsilon_t) \right) \right\} \quad (27)$$

The first term on the right-hand side reflects total revenues earned from the export of goods. In a small-open economy model with frictionless markets, households debt commands a price  $\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R^*}$ . In that case, both terms (a) and (b) are zero since  $Q_t = 0$ . Instead, if there are dollar shortages,  $Q_t < 0$ , term (a) captures the positive rents from issuing dollar assets. Term (b) reflects costs from financial market segmentation which result in profits for financial intermediaries. The cost to the hegemon is positive as long as  $\omega < 1$ , i.e. profits from financiers do not fully accrue to the hegemon country.<sup>26</sup> The final terms reflect the cost of repaying debt coming due, as well as income effects from public spending and a lump-sum rebate of due to the government portfolio of assets.

Using (16), the government budget constraint (18) can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{1 - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} \leq \varepsilon_t^{-\lambda} \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_{t+1}} B_t - \Gamma Q_t B_t - (1 - \kappa^G)(B_{t-1} - \hat{\Psi}_t) \right\}, \quad (28)$$

where  $-\Gamma Q_t B_t$  reflects monopoly rents from issuance of government dollar debt. In the limit  $\kappa^G = 1$ , government spending is entirely tax financed,  $B_t = 0$  and Ricardian equivalence holds.

## 2.4 Monopoly Rents, the Transfer Problem and Monetary Policy.

The hegemon benefits from a transfer of monopoly rents from the foreign sector, akin to seignorage.<sup>27</sup> Equations (27) and (28) show that the transfer of wealth from the rest of the world to hegemon households is  $-\Gamma Q_t (\xi_t - B_t) - \Gamma Q_t^2 (1 - \omega)$  and  $-\Gamma Q_t B_t$  accrues to the hegemon government. As the demand for dollars ( $\xi_t$ ) rises, the spread in borrowing costs grows, contributing to larger rents. However, these rents are at least in part associated with an appreciation of the dollar (see (19)) which can have large adverse, secondary effects. At the crux of the trade-off facing the hegemon is a version of the transfer problem, initially debated in Keynes (1929) and

<sup>25</sup>From (19), we can derive total profits accruing to the financial intermediation sector,

$$\Pi_t^f = \left( \frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_{t+1}} \right] \frac{1}{R_t^*} \right) Q_t = \Gamma Q_t^2 \geq 0 \quad (26)$$

<sup>26</sup>Similar terms appear in Fanelli and Straub (2018), who consider a real model and focus on FX interventions. Term (a) in Fanelli and Straub (2018) is an exogenous UIP (price) shock, whereas in my framework, it is the result of non-fundamental demand for dollar debt by foreign agents. They show that term (b) incentivizes the planner to pursue a policy path which smooths over interest rate differentials.

<sup>27</sup>There are two important differences between monopoly rents and seignorage. First, monopoly rents are a transfer from abroad to the U.S. whereas seignorage revenues are partly earned domestically. Second, seignorage tend to be significantly smaller, especially during periods of low inflation. Del Negro and Sims (2015) estimate that seignorage is 0.23% a year on average.

Ohlin (1929).<sup>28</sup>

Holding the level of total borrowing  $x_t + B_t$  constant, the size of monopoly rents does not depend on the monetary policy stance, i.e. the extent of the interest rate cut. Generally, however, interest rates only partly adjust, and the exchange rate appreciation (implied by (19)) leads to lower export revenues ( $\frac{d\xi \mathcal{E}_t^\eta}{d\mathcal{E}_t} > 0$ ) and losses on the portfolio of assets ( $\frac{d\hat{\Psi}_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t} > 0$ ).

In what follows, in Section 3, I illustrate the trade-off between maximizing monopoly rents and moderating the demand effects of a dollar appreciation, statically, and for a given monetary policy stance. I show how public debt issuance and the extension of dollar swaps can be used to manage this. In Section 4, I show that, dynamically, the trade-off above is reflected in private sector over-borrowing, compromising the efficacy of monetary policy.

### 3 Analytical Hegemon's Dilemma

I first focus on a stylized, two-period version of the model. The aim of this section is to: (i) trace the channels through which dollar shortages matter for hegemon outcomes for a given monetary stance, (ii) describe the instruments available, specifically public debt issuance and dollar swaps, and discuss why they are effective.

**Setup.** Consider a two-period version  $t = \{1, 2\}$  of the model described in Section 2. I assume there is no issuance of new government debt in period 1 ( $B_2 = 0$ ) and that the monetary authority credibly commits to a long-run exchange rate  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}$  in period 2. I further take private issuance of dollar debt as given.<sup>29</sup> At time 0, I normalize dollar supply, demand and imbalances to zero ( $B_0 = \xi_0 = Q_0 = 0$ ) and  $\Gamma_0 = \bar{Q}^{-2}$ .

Monetary policy plays a key role in the mode of transmission of dollar shortages to hegemon allocations. To keep the analytical model simple, I define the monetary instrument  $\mu_t = P_{F,t}C_{F,t} + P_H C_{H,t} = \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t} \frac{1}{1-\chi}$  such that  $\frac{1}{R_1} = \beta \frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}}$  as in, e.g., Corsetti and Pesenti (2001).<sup>30</sup> I allow  $\mu_1$  to depend on  $\Gamma_1$  and  $Q_1$  as follows:

$$\mu = \bar{\mu}(1 - s) + s\bar{\mu} \left( \frac{\beta^*}{\beta} - \frac{\Gamma_1 Q_1}{\beta} \right) \quad (29)$$

Rearranging (19) and substituting (29), the exchange rate in the model is expressed as:

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = \bar{\mathcal{E}} \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{\beta^*} [B_1 + x_1 - \xi_1] \right) \quad (30)$$

The parameter  $s$  governs the responsiveness of monetary policy. Consider two extreme cases: (i) if  $s = 0$ , monetary policy maintains a constant interest rate and the adjustment happens

<sup>28</sup>Keynes argued that war reparations paid by Germany to France would impose further costs to the German economy in the form of adverse terms of trade movements, which Ohlin suggested would not materialise if the French spent the reparations on German goods. Relative to the initial debate, as well as the price movements, associated with a transfer, I emphasize the pecuniary externalities which result from them.

<sup>29</sup>Private issuance can be allowed to take any value. I assume the level and responsiveness of  $x_t$  to be the outcome of a borrowing tax.

<sup>30</sup>In Appendix E, I show that  $\mu_t$  is the return on a perpetual bond.

entirely through a dollar appreciation (ii) if  $s = 1$ , monetary policy targets an exchange rate  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_t$  and the adjustment happens entirely through a cut in interest rates.

**Stabilization and Monopolist Incentives.** I posit the hegemon planner optimizes over two main incentives, employment stabilization and maximization of monopoly rents.<sup>31</sup> Define the period-1 labour wedge  $\tau_1$  as,

$$\tau_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{A_1} \frac{\kappa}{\chi} C_{H,1} L_1^\psi, \quad (31)$$

The labour wedge is frequently considered in the literature as a measure of the output gap, see e.g. Chari, Kehoe, and McGrattan (2007) and Farhi and Werning (2016). The labour wedge is equal to zero if prices are flexible such that (6) holds, but is generally non-zero if prices are rigid. I define periods where  $\tau_t > 0$  to be periods of *recession*, since there is involuntary unemployment in the economy and conversely periods where  $\tau_t < 0$  as *boom* periods. Dollar shortages transmit to the labour wedge through two channels. First, the dollar appreciation reduces demand for exports leading to a fall in employment ( $L_1 \downarrow$ ). Second, the monetary policy responds by cutting interest rates ( $\mu_1 \uparrow$ ) according to the parameter  $s > 0$  which stimulates domestic consumption ( $C_{H,1} \uparrow$ ).

Next, define  $\Omega_1^M$  as the *excess* revenue from issuance of dollar debt, adjusted for the hegemon's share of intermediaries' profits. The total revenue from debt issuance for the hegemon in period 2 is  $\frac{1}{R_1} B_1$ . The revenue earned by a foreign country when issuing  $B_1$  units of foreign-currency debt is  $\frac{1}{R_1^*} B_1$  and, in dollar terms, is equal to  $\frac{1}{R_1^*} \frac{\xi_1}{E} B_1$ . From (19), the excess revenue from issuance of dollar debt, corrected for the profits from ownership of financiers is given by:

$$\Omega_1^M = -\Gamma_1 Q_1 B_1 + \omega \Gamma_1 Q_1^2 \quad (32)$$

I posit the hegemon chooses public debt issuance in period 1  $B_1$  and the level of dollar liquidity  $\Gamma = \frac{1}{Q + Q_1^s}^2$ , via issuance of dollar swaps  $Q_1^s$ , to maximize a convex combination over the two incentives:

$$\max_{\{B_1, \Gamma_1 \leq \bar{Q}^{-2}\}} \left\{ w^S |\bar{\tau} - \tau_1(B_1, \Gamma_1, \xi_1)| + (1 - w^S) \Omega_1^M(B_1, \Gamma_1, \xi_1) \right\} \quad (\text{HD1})$$

where I make explicit the dependence of the period 1 labour wedge and monopoly rents on the supply of dollar debt  $B_1$ , (inverse) dollar liquidity  $\Gamma_1$  and dollar demand  $\xi_1$ . The first term in (HD1) captures the incentive to stabilize the domestic economy at a target labour wedge  $\bar{\tau}$ . The second term in (HD1) reflects the incentive to maximize revenues from public debt issuance, ownership of financial intermediaries and returns on the government portfolio. The parameter  $w^S$  captures the preference for stabilization.

The first-order conditions for (HD1), with respect to  $B_1$  and  $\Gamma_1$  respectively (when the

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<sup>31</sup>This modelling choice is made for clarity and I make no claim that it maps to welfare optimization. However, when I solve for the welfare maximizing allocation in Section 4, I show that stabilization of the labour wedge is attained in the constrained optimal allocation.



constraint does not bind), are given by,

$$\omega^S \text{sign}(\bar{\tau} - \tau_1) \frac{d\tau_1}{dB_1} + (1 - \omega^S) \frac{d\Omega_1^M}{dB_1} = 0, \quad (33)$$

$$\omega^S \text{sign}(\bar{\tau} - \tau_1) \frac{d\tau_1}{d\Gamma_1} + (1 - \omega^S) \frac{d\Omega_1^M}{d\Gamma_1} = 0, \quad (34)$$

where  $\frac{d\tau_1}{dB_1}$ ,  $\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{dB_1}$ ,  $\frac{d\tau_1}{d\Gamma_1}$ ,  $\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{d\Gamma_1}$  are reported in (61)-(64) in Appendix B.

**Proposition 1 (Analytical Hegemon's Dilemma)**

(i) Assume  $G_H$  is fixed. If monetary policy is sufficiently unresponsive ( $0 < s < \bar{s}$ ), an increase in dollar shortages  $Q_1 < 0$  widens the labour wedge and increases monopoly rents.

(ii) Consider the limit  $w^S = 1$ . The hegemon supplies dollar debt to satisfy demand  $B_1 = \xi_1$  or extends dollar swaps such that  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow 0$  to perfectly stabilize employment. If  $w^S = 0$ , the hegemon chooses  $B_1$  at the top of an issuance 'Laffer' curve and dollar swaps are not used  $\Gamma_1 = \bar{Q}^{-2}$ .

**Proof.** From (61) in Appendix B, the labour wedge is constant in dollar shortages if:

$$\bar{s} = \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}}}{L_1^\psi + \mu_1 \frac{\chi}{p_H} + \frac{\mu_1}{\mu} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}}}$$

For  $s < \bar{s}$  ( $s \in [0, 1]$ ), i.e if monetary policy is less responsive, the labour wedge becomes positive if shortages arise  $dQ < 0$ . On the other hand, monopoly rents are strictly increasing in  $Q_1$ , see (63) as long as  $s > 0$ . Full proof in Appendix B.  $\square$

A surge in capital inflows results in an appreciation of the dollar as long as  $s < 1$ . Proposition 1 isolates two key channels which drive policy and academic debate –macroeconomic stabilization and monopoly (financial) rent extraction. Consider the case where the hegemon is only concerned with closing the labour wedge gap ( $w^S = 1$ ), i.e a 'stabilization' strategy. Following a rise in dollar demand  $\xi_1 > 0$ , when  $G_H$  is held constant (e.g.  $\chi^G = 0$ ), this can be achieved using either instrument. The hegemon can choose public debt issuance  $B_1$  such that for any level of dollar demand  $\xi_1$ , dollar shortages are zero  $Q_1 = 0$  or the hegemon extends sufficient dollar swaps such that  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow 0$  and shortages do not imply any movement in the exchange rate.

However, the 'stabilization' strategy comes at the cost of a lower price for dollar debt and lower monopoly rents. Suppose instead that  $w^S = 0$ , corresponding to a 'monopolist' strategy. In this case, the hegemon issues dollar debt at the top of a Laffer curve  $0 < B_1 < \xi_1$ , detailed in Appendix B and targets a level of dollar shortages  $Q_1 < 0$ . Monopoly rents are strictly decreasing in dollar liquidity  $\Gamma_1$  as long as there are dollar shortages  $Q_1 < 0$  therefore dollar swaps are not used. For intermediate values of  $\omega^S$ , the hegemon compromises between the two strategies. Figure 3 illustrates the locus of  $B_1, \Gamma_1$  which maximize the hegemon's objective function in each of the two corner cases.

Finally, I use the stylized model to present two extensions which are important in the general framework – stabilizing effects from government spending and valuation effects.

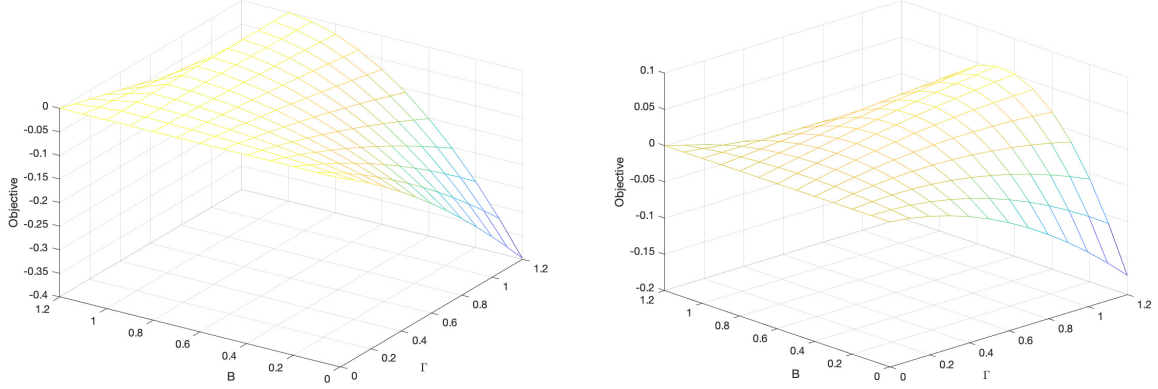


Figure 4: Left panel:  $w^S = 1$  Stabilization strategy optimal. Right panel:  $w^S = 0$  Monopolist strategy optimal. Parametrization:  $s = 0.2, \kappa = \bar{\mu} = \bar{\mathcal{E}} = \zeta = \eta = \psi = 1$ ,  $\chi = 0.6, \chi^G = 0, \beta = \beta^* = 0.99$ .

**Fiscal stabilization** Proposition 1 assumes  $G_H$  is fixed, therefore fiscal spending cannot stabilize domestic employment. In this case, public debt issuance serves a purely macro-prudential role for domestic stabilization by satisfying dollar shortages. Next, consider the case where (16) such that  $G_{H,1} = \chi^G [\frac{1}{R_1} B_1 - B_0]$ . Then, Proposition 1 (i) still applies but  $\bar{s}$  must be replaced.<sup>32</sup> Reconsider the *stabilization* strategy ( $\omega^S = 1$ ). Relative to before, an additional unit of debt contributes to a larger increase in aggregate demand ( $\frac{d\tau_1}{dB_1} < 0$  is larger in absolute value), as long as the hegemon is on the increasing part of the Laffer curve (see Appendix B). As a result, the level of debt issuance consistent with stabilization is lower than before ( $B_1 < \xi_1$ ) and a non-zero level of dollar shortages is desirable.

**Exorbitant privilege vs. valuation effects.** Monopoly rents represent a wealth inflow to the U.S. during crises, when demand for dollars is high. However, as emphasized by Gourinchas and Rey (2005), the return on the U.S. portfolio of assets falls during crises, leading to wealth outflows, due to a fall in the return of foreign (risky) assets and a dollar which undermines the dollar return on foreign-currency denominated assets. To consider both sides of the debate, the model encompasses valuation effects by assuming returns on an exogenous portfolio  $\hat{\Psi}_1(\mathcal{E}_1)$ , given by (17), which enters  $\Omega_1^M$ . An appreciation of the dollar lowers the dollar-return of foreign currency denominated assets. Allowing for  $\chi^G > 0$ , valuation effects matter for both stabilization and monopolistic motives. Proposition 1 (i) holds for  $s \in (\underline{s}, \bar{s}'')$  where these quantities are reported in Appendix B. For all values of  $w^S$ , the hegemon has an additional incentive to depreciate the dollar, either by issuing debt or extending dollar swaps, since the a

<sup>32</sup>Specifically it is replaced with  $\bar{s}'$ , where,

$$\bar{s}' = \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}}}{L_1^\psi + \mu_1 \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} + \frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}} + \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\mu}{\bar{\mu}} \frac{1}{1-\chi^G} B_1}$$

where  $\bar{s}' < \bar{s}$ .

weaker dollar implies higher dollar earnings on the portfolio of foreign currency denominated assets.

The stylized model has a number of shortcomings. First, while it highlights a key role for the monetary policy rule, it does not pin it down. Moreover, (HD1) assumes that private issuance is constant, but in practice household debt contributes to dollar balances. In a dynamic model, Inefficient levels of private dollar debt issuance will constrain the ability of monetary policy to stabilize the economy, giving scope for dollar swap lines to improve welfare.

## 4 Constrained Optimal Allocation

In this section, I consider the trade-offs which arise in the dynamic model and derive welfare maximizing policy. Specifically, I derive the constrained optimal allocation, attained when the hegemon is able to set monetary, fiscal and macroprudential policy optimally, where macroprudential policy takes the form of a time-varying tax on private borrowing.<sup>33</sup> The hegemon planner chooses allocations and prices to maximize *domestic household welfare only*, subject to the equilibrium conditions detailed in Lemma 2. I assume the planner is endowed with perfect commitment and I restrict the analysis to one-off unanticipated shocks. The planning problem for the hegemon can be summarised as follows:<sup>34</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{C_{F,t}, x_{t+1}, \mathcal{E}_t, G_{F,t}, B_t\}_{t \geq 0}} & \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t V(C_{F,t}, G_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t) \\ \text{s.t:} & \quad (27), (28) \end{aligned} \tag{HD2}$$

I attach multipliers  $\eta_t^C$  and  $\eta_t^G$  respectively to the household constraint (27) and government constraint (28), respectively. If the borrowing tax is not available, the planner also faces households' Euler (5) as a constraint, to which I attach multiplier  $\eta_t^E$ . The indirect utility function  $V(C_{F,t}, G_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t)$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} V(C_{F,t}, G_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t) = & \chi \log \left( \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda}{\bar{P}_H} C_{F,t} \right) + (1-\chi) \log(C_{F,t}) + \\ & \omega^G \left[ \chi^G \log \left( \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda G_{F,t} \right) + (1-\chi^G) \log(G_{F,t}) \right] - \\ & \frac{1}{1+\psi} \left( \frac{1}{A_t} \left[ \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda}{\bar{P}_H} C_{F,t} + \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda}{\bar{P}_H} (1-\chi) \frac{\zeta}{\bar{P}_H} \mathcal{E}_t^\eta \right] \right)^{1+\psi} \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

I assume that the planning problem is convex in the region of interest such that the first-order conditions characterise the equilibrium allocation. Following Farhi and Werning (2016), I characterize the planner's preferred allocation as a function of partial derivatives of the indirect

<sup>33</sup>I distinguish between capital controls and a macroprudential borrowing tax, by assuming that the former would enter as a wedge in the UIP equation. Therefore, capital controls in the model would correspond to a tax on financiers.

<sup>34</sup>The full derivation of both the indirect utility function and the implementation constraints is presented in 4.

utility with respect to  $C_{F,t}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_t$  and  $G_{F,t}$ , denoted by  $V_{C_{F,t}}, V_{E_t}, V_{G_{F,t}}$  respectively, and wedges.

I begin the analysis by defining a measure of over-borrowing by private households in the economy. To do so, I combine the first order conditions for the planner with respect to  $x_t$  and  $C_{F,t}$ , with the expression for  $V_{C_{F,t}}$  detailed in Appendix C, and the Euler equation (5), in order to derive the optimal borrowing tax  $\tau_t^x$ . To do so, by analogy to the labour wedge  $\tau_t$  defined in (31), I first define the financial (issuance) wedge  $\tau_t^\Omega$ :

$$\tau_t^\Omega = \frac{1}{R_t} \left[ \frac{1}{R_t} - \Gamma_t x_t + 2\omega \Gamma_t Q_t \right]^{-1} - 1, \quad (36)$$

which captures the failure of atomistic private households to internalize the effect of their savings decision on the price of dollar debt. If  $x_t > 0$ ,  $\tau_t^\Omega$  is positive as long as  $\Gamma_t > 0$ . The issuance wedge is increasing in the share of financiers' profits accruing to the hegemon ( $\omega$ ), since dollar shortages lead to intermediation profits.

**Proposition 2 (Over-borrowing by private agents)**

*Households over-borrow in dollar debt as long as:*

$$1 - \tau^x = \frac{1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi}\tau_{t+1}}{1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi}\tau_t} (1 + \tau_t^\Omega) > 1 \quad (37)$$

*and under-issue otherwise, where  $\tau_t^x < 0$  denotes a borrowing tax.*

**Proof.** See Appendix C. □

The optimal level of borrowing by hegemon households is determined by the interaction of two key frictions in the model— nominal rigidities and market segmentation. Consider first the case where prices are flexible or monetary policy finds it optimal to target the flexible allocation, such that the labour wedge is zero ( $\tau_t = \tau_{t+1} = 0$ ). In this case, if  $\tau_t^\Omega > 0$ , households are over-borrowing only because of the issuance externality arising from market segmentation.

Suppose further that prices are rigid and the monetary authority responds to dollar shortages by lowering the interest rate sufficiently such that  $\tau_t \leq \tau_{t+1} < 0$ . Then, in addition to the issuance externality, private households are over-borrowing because they fail to internalize that the social value of a unit of  $C_{F,t}$  tomorrow is higher due to its effects on employment. Notice that the two externalities which underlie the over-borrowing are dynamic versions of the incentives detailed in (HD1).

Over-borrowing matters in the conomy because it compromises the ability of other policy instruments to stabilize the economy. To measure this, consider the multiplier on the Euler equation denoted by  $\eta_t^E$ ,

$$\eta_t^E = \left\{ \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}} \right\}^{-1} \left\{ \beta \eta_{t+1}^C \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} - \eta_t^C \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \frac{1}{R_t} - \Gamma_t x_t + 2\omega \Gamma_t Q_t \right] + \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \Gamma_t B_t \right\} \quad (38)$$

derived from the first-order condition of (36) with respect to  $x_t$ . The multiplier is greater than

zero whenever households are over-borrowing ((37) holds). Intuitively, the multiplier on the Euler is positive ( $\eta_t^E > 0$ ) when the value of a unit of consumption tomorrow ( $\eta_{t+1}^C$ ) is relatively high because the level of consumption tomorrow is relatively low.

**Monetary policy.** In open economies, monetary policy faces a well-understood trade-off between macroeconomic stabilisation and risk sharing incentives. With flexible exchange rates monetary policy can target the flexible price allocation ( $\tau_t = 0$ ). Generally, however, when markets are incomplete, monetary policy does not target  $\tau_t = 0$  because of the incentive to depreciate to lower the burden of debt (in which case  $\tau_t < 0$ ), see e.g Farhi and Werning (2016). The planner also has a counteracting incentive to appreciate the exchange rate such that the price of imports per unit of labour falls (in which case  $\tau_t > 0$ ).

Combining the first-order conditions with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_t$  and  $C_{F,t}$  with  $V_{\mathcal{E}_t}$  yields a targeting rule for monetary policy,

$$V_{\mathcal{E}_t} + \eta_t^C \frac{dC_{H,t}^*}{d\mathcal{E}_t} + \left\{ \eta_t^C \frac{dF_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t} + \eta_{t-1}^C \frac{dF_{t-1}}{d\mathcal{E}_t} \right\} + \left\{ \eta_t^G \frac{dF_t^G}{d\mathcal{E}_t} + \eta_{t-1}^G \frac{dF_{t-1}^G}{d\mathcal{E}_t} \right\} + \left\{ \eta_t^E \frac{d\mathcal{R}_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t} \right\} + \left\{ \eta_{t-1}^E \frac{d\mathcal{R}_{t-1}}{d\mathcal{E}_t} \right\} = 0, \quad (39)$$

where  $C_{H,t}^*$  denotes foreign demand for exports,  $F_t$  denotes the households' financial position,  $F_t^G$  denotes the government's financial position and  $\mathcal{R}_t$  is the implicit formulation of the Euler equation (5).<sup>35</sup> Each term is detailed in Appendix C.

When macro-prudential policy is available ( $\eta_t^E = \eta_{t-1}^E = 0$ ), the monetary policy targeting rule faces familiar trade-offs. The partial derivative  $V_{\mathcal{E}_t}$  captures the increase in utility from a depreciation, which balances the positive effect of an increase in consumption for home goods as they become relatively cheaper, and the negative effect that households work relatively more. The remaining terms reflect the costs of a depreciation captured by the constraints faced by the planner. The first term ( $\frac{dC_{H,t}^*}{d\mathcal{E}_t} > 0$ ) captures the rise in export revenue expressed in terms of imports. The risk-sharing incentive of monetary policy depends on the level of issuance  $\{x_t, B_t\}$  and the level of dollar demand  $\{\xi_t\}$ . If pass-through to import prices is non-zero ( $\lambda > 0$ ), monetary policy has an incentive to depreciate debt coming due ( $\frac{dF_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t}$ ), although this effect is anticipated by investors, captured by the ( $\frac{dF_{t-1}}{d\mathcal{E}_t}$ ) term.

The term  $\frac{dF_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t}$  also accounts for the effect of a exchange rate movements on the monopoly issuance rents and the returns on the government portfolio of assets. Since issuance rents are denominated in dollars an appreciation increased the amount of imports they can buy. However, the appreciation lowers the return on the government portfolio of foreign-currency denominated assets, therefore monetary policy must strike a balance. The terms ( $\frac{dF_t^G}{d\mathcal{E}_t}$ ) and ( $\frac{dF_{t-1}^G}{d\mathcal{E}_t}$ ) deal with the same portfolio incentives, but on the government portfolio.

Absent macro-prudential policy, the ability of monetary policy to attain the constrained

<sup>35</sup>Specifically,

$$\mathcal{R}_t = \beta R_t \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} C_{F,t+1}^{-1} - \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} C_{F,t}^{-1}. \quad (40)$$

efficient allocation in the economy is compromised when there are dollar shortages. Specifically, when there is over-borrowing in the economy as reflected by  $\eta_t^E > 0$ , monetary policy faces an additional incentive to raise interest rates to encourage households to borrow less—partly internalizing the over-issuance. Intuitively, the appreciated exchange rate tries to shift consumption to the future by driving the relative cost of current consumption  $R_t$  up, captured by  $\frac{dR_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t} < 0$ .<sup>36</sup> However, this appreciation further depresses export demand and lowers the dollar return on foreign currency assets.

This finding can be interpreted in terms of the classical Mundellian Trilemma. U.S. monetary policy is not independent of the state of the rest of the world if there are dollar shortages abroad, unless macro-prudential taxation is used to control the inflow of capital. While Rey (2015) and others discuss this in the context of monetary policy independence in the rest of the world being compromised by a dollar-led global financial cycle, I show that the U.S. monetary policy as well is compromised by capital flows.

#### 4.1 Hegemon's Dilemma Revisited

Given the optimal monetary policy, and having defined a measure of over-borrowing in the economy, I revisit the choice of the hegemon to extend dollar swaps and issue debt.

**Dollar Swaps.** I now endow the hegemon with the ability to extend dollar swap lines  $Q^s > 0$  to financial intermediaries, easing portfolio constraints and increasing dollar liquidity in international markets ( $\Gamma = (\bar{Q} + Q^s)^{-2} < \bar{Q}^{-2}$ ). In practice, the hegemon establishes dollar swap lines (with a high or no ceiling) *in anticipation* of dollar shortages, and their up-take is determined by financial intermediaries according to (25). However, to illustrate the mechanisms driving the hegemon's policy choice, in this section, I assume the hegemon can indirectly choose the level of liquidity period by period.

Consider the first order condition of (HD2) with respect to  $\Gamma_t$ :

$$\underbrace{-\eta_t^C \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (Q_t x_t + 2\omega Q_t^2) - \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} B_t Q_t}_{\text{cost of foregone issuance rents}} = \underbrace{\eta_t^E \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}} Q_t}_{\text{cost of over-borrowing}} \quad (41)$$

The left hand side of (41) represents the marginal cost of increasing liquidity by one unit. Suppose there are dollar shortages ( $Q_t < 0$ ). Increasing dollar liquidity erodes monopoly rents from issuance of dollar debt by households and the government, since intermediaries can now issue dollars at a lower cost.

The right hand side of (41) captures the marginal (social) benefit of increasing liquidity by one unit. Dollar swaps affect the interest rate and therefore the allocation of private sector borrowing over time. Increasing liquidity by one unit, when there are dollar shortages, raises the cost of borrowing through a lower exchange rate premium ( $|\Gamma_t Q_t|$  falls), improving welfare

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<sup>36</sup>This mechanism extends the 'insurance channel' of monetary policy discussed in Caballero and Krishnamurthy (2004), Fanelli (2017) and Wang (2019).



when private agents are over-borrowing ( $\eta_t^E > 0$ ). Instead, if the optimal borrowing tax were available, private borrowing would be at an optimal and  $\eta_t^E = 0$ . In that case, the net marginal benefit of issuing dollar swaps in the model is negative and the constraint  $Q^s \geq 0$  binds.

### Proposition 3 (Dollar Swaps)

*Suppose there are dollar shortages and the hegemon is borrowing. Dollar swaps address over-borrowing in the economy at the cost of lower monopoly rents from issuance. Dollar swaps are never used if an optimal borrowing tax is available.*

While dollar swaps are an imperfect substitute to macro-prudential taxation for addressing internal objectives in the hegemon, the two policies lead to very different outcomes internationally. On the one hand, the optimal borrowing tax restricts private sector issuance resulting in larger dollar shortages and a wider spread in borrowing costs. On the other hand, the provision of dollar swaps narrows the spread in borrowing costs for any level of shortages. In the special case where the only shocks in the economy are shocks to dollar demand  $\xi_t$ , extending dollar swap lines is sufficient to achieve full stabilization if  $Q^s \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Public debt issuance.** I next investigate whether fiscal policy can be used in place of dollar swaps, as in the simple example (HD1). Consider first the optimal level of debt issuance by the hegemon, described by the FOC with respect to  $B_t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \frac{1}{R_t} &= \beta \eta_{t+1}^G \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} (1 - \kappa^G) + \beta \eta_{t+1}^C \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} \kappa^G + \\ \Gamma_t \left\{ \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} B_t + \eta_t^C \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (x_t + 2\omega Q_t) \right\} &- \eta_t^E \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} C_{F,t}} \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

The first line of (42) compares the benefit of a unit of debt issued today (LHS) against the cost of a foregone unit of government spending and taxation tomorrow (RHS). The optimality condition determines level of public debt issuance which trades-off stabilization incentives (smoothing government spending and aggregate demand) and monopolist incentives (manipulating the price of dollar debt). The incentive to smooth spending is captured by the path of  $\{\eta_t^G\}$ , given by,

$$\eta_t^G \frac{1 - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} = V_{G_{F,t}} - \eta_t^C \frac{\kappa^G - \chi^G}{1 - \chi^G} \quad (43)$$

whereas the incentive to smooth taxation is reflected by the marginal value of private consumption  $\eta_{t+1}^C$ . The novel part of the analysis is the incentive to manipulate dollar imbalances using public debt, captured by the second line. Consider the limit ( $\chi^G = \kappa^G = \omega^G = 0$ ), in which case  $V_{G_{F,t}} = 0$  and dollar debt issuance is not driven by fiscal motives. Rearranging (42) yields:

$$\eta_t^E \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} C_{F,t}} = \Gamma_t \left\{ \eta_t^C \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (x_t + 2\omega Q_t) \right\} \quad (44)$$

If the optimal borrowing tax is available,  $\eta_t^E = 0$ . Optimal public debt issuance targets the same allocation, but must additionally account for the reaction of private issuance  $x_t$ , and its effect on financiers profits. In this case, fiscal policy can be used as an alternative to dollar swaps and macro-prudential taxation.

However, away from this limit, optimal public debt issuance trades off fiscal incentives and financial terms of trade manipulation. In particular,  $V_{G_{F,t}}$  will rise in periods where the government balance sheet worsens (such as domestic downturns), dominating the incentive to issue debt monopolistically. Consequently, the hegemon will be unable to manipulate dollar shortages directly without a large cost. This leaves scope for dollar swaps, which affect the level of dollar liquidity, to become a key instrument during crises.

## 4.2 Policy Constraints.

Monetary and macro-prudential policies can be very effective in mitigating the trade-offs faced by the hegemon and minimizing the need for dollar swap lines. In practice, however, these instruments are often unavailable or constrained. Throughout this section, I have maintained that optimal macro-prudential taxation is not generally available. In addition to this, over the past decade, interest rates have hovered around the zero lower bound (ZLB) and have therefore been largely unresponsive to shocks. To model unresponsive monetary policy, suppose,

$$\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t} = \mu_t(1 - \chi), \quad (45)$$

where  $\mu_t$  is a synthetic monetary instrument, detailed in Appendix A. When  $\mu$  grows at a constant rate, (45) ensures nominal interest rates  $R_t$  are constant in the absence of macro-prudential policy. I consider the case  $\mu_t = \mu$  and attach the multiplier  $\eta_t^\mu$  to the monetary policy constraint (45) and define a corresponding monetary policy wedge:

$$\tau_t^\mu = \frac{C_{F,t}^{-\sigma} + \eta_t^\mu}{C_{F,t}^{-\sigma}} - 1 \quad (46)$$

If monetary policy is constrained, the dollar appreciation leads to a recession today ( $\tau_t < \tau_{t+1}$ ). While a high level of issuance today, *ceteris-paribus*, increases  $C_{F,t}$  and stimulates domestic demand when it is depressed, each additional unit of  $C_{F,t}$  is associated with a dollar appreciation which further depresses domestic demand for  $H$ -type goods. The latter channel becomes stronger if pass-through to U.S. imports ( $\lambda$ ) is low. An adjusted version of Proposition 2 applies which shows that the efficient level of borrowing in the economy falls if monetary constraints are sufficiently binding. Private agents over-issue dollar debt if:

$$\frac{1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi}\tau_{t+1} - \tau_{t+1}^\mu}{1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi}\tau_t - \tau_t^\mu}(1 + \tau_{t+1}^\Gamma) > 1, \quad (47)$$

and under-issue otherwise. Specifically, if  $C_{F,t} > C_{F,t+1}$  because of monopoly issuance rents, then  $\tau_t^\mu > \tau_{t+1}^\mu$  and  $\eta_t^E$  will be higher. In this case, the marginal social benefit of increasing

dollar swaps rises.

**Lemma 3 (Dollar swaps when monetary policy is constrained)**

*The level of over-borrowing in the economy rises if monetary policy is constrained and  $\tau_t^\mu > \tau_{t+1}^\mu$ . The marginal social benefit of dollar swaps rises when interest rates do not adjust.*

### 4.3 Limited Financial Market Participation

In this section, I extend the model to allow for limited financial market participation. I first show that if a share of households does not participate in financial markets, dollar shortages in international markets have distributional consequences for in the hegemon. Then, I show that this is reflected in a higher level of over-borrowing by financially active households.

**Extending the basic model.** There are two types of households. Financially-active households trade in a domestic currency, non-contingent bond with financial intermediaries. I denote active household quantities by an ' $A$ ' superscript and the measure of financially active households is exogenously given by  $\mathbf{a}_t$ . Financially inactive households, have allocations denoted by an ' $NA$ ' superscript, and consume their wages and profits in every period.<sup>37</sup> I make the following assumptions to extend the basic model to the case of limited financial market participation.

#### A.3 (Limited Financial Market Participation)

- (i.) Labour is rationed equally when the economy is demand constrained:  $L_t^A = L_t^{NA}$ .
- (ii.) Profits from goods' firms  $\Pi_t^g$  and lump-sum tax rebates  $T_t$  accrue equally amongst all households
- (iii.) Profits from ownership of financial firms  $\Pi_t^f$  are rebated exclusively to active households.

A full exposition of the model is delegated to Appendix D. Here, I detail some key features of the model. Financially active households trade in complete markets domestically, therefore:

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}^A} = \beta R_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}^\lambda C_{F,t+1}^A}, \quad (48)$$

Only active household allocations appear in the Euler condition. Inactive households consume their wages in each period, and a representative inactive household can be considered because of the absence of idiosyncratic risks. Goods market clearing is given by  $Y_{H,t} = \mathbf{a}_t C_{H,t}^A +$

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<sup>37</sup>In the literature, these households are often referred to as *hand-to-mouth*, see Aguiar et al. (2015) for an empirical investigation. Alvarez, Atkeson, and Kehoe (2002) and Alvarez, Atkeson, and Kehoe (2009) study models of endogenous financial market segmentation based on fixed costs, analogous to the problems faced by financial intermediaries in Section 3 Kollmann (2012) and Cociuba and Ramanarayanan (2017) study limited financial market participation in open economies.

$(1 - \mathbf{a}_t)C_{H,t}^{NA} + C_{H,t}^*$ . Individual households' consumption depends on the measure of active households through prices  $R_t$  and  $\mathcal{E}_t$  because dollar shortages are given by,

$$Q_t = \alpha_t x_t + B_t - \xi_t \quad (49)$$

Moreover, since  $\mathbf{a}_t$  determines the size of the country in financial markets, the financial externality, measured by  $\tau^\Omega$ , is increasing with  $\mathbf{a}_t$ .

**Proposition 5 (Dollar Shortages and Redistribution)**

*Consumptions of individual active and inactive households are given by,*

$$C_{F,t}^A \leq \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^\eta + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} P_{F,t} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) \right. \\ \left. + (1 - (1 - \mathbf{a}_t)\chi) \left( \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathbb{E}_t[\mathcal{E}_{t+1}]} x_t - x_{t-1} - \Gamma_t Q_t x_t + \frac{\omega}{\mathbf{a}_t} \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \right) \right], \quad (50)$$

$$C_{F,t}^{NA} \leq \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^\eta + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} P_{F,t} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) \right. \\ \left. + \mathbf{a}_t \chi \left( \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathbb{E}_t[\mathcal{E}_{t+1}]} x_t - x_{t-1} - \Gamma_t Q_t x_t + \frac{\omega}{\mathbf{a}_t} \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \right) \right], \quad (51)$$

*respectively. Labour, rationed equally across households, is given by,*

$$L_t = \frac{1}{A_t} \frac{1}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \left\{ \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda} + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) + \mathbf{a}_t \left( \frac{1}{R_t} x_t - x_{t-1} + \frac{\omega}{\mathbf{a}_t} \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \right) \right\} \quad (52)$$

*In equilibrium, monopoly issuance rents accrue disproportionately to active households if  $\chi < 1$ .*

Under A.3(i), export revenues contribute equally to both active and inactive households' consumption, but monopoly rents disproportionately accrue to financially-active households as long as  $\chi < 1$ , i.e. active households spend a share of their rents abroad. Active households partly spend monopoly rents on domestic goods, contributing to domestic demand and boosting inactive household consumption but less than one to one. The set-up above resembles a two agent model as in Bilbiie (2020) and Auclert et al. (2021). In these models a spending multiplier arises, equal to  $\frac{1}{1-(1-\alpha)}$ , where  $1 - \alpha$  is the measure of hand-to-mouth households. In open economies, financially active households spend a share  $1 - \chi$  income on foreign goods, so the multiplier becomes  $\frac{1}{1-(1-\alpha)\chi} < \frac{1}{1-(1-\alpha)}$ . These distributional effects arise because markets are incomplete domestically. Allowing for redistributive taxes (ruled out by A.3 (iii) ) or domestically complete markets ( $\mathbf{a} = 1$ ), then  $C_{F,t}^A = C_{F,t}^{NA}$ .

**Optimal policy with limited financial market participation.** I denote the indirect utility function with limited financial market participation by  $V(C_{F,t}^A, C_{F,t}^{NA}, G_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t; \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{a}_t)$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda^A \lambda^{NA}]$  are Pareto weights with  $\mathbf{a}_t \lambda^A + (1 - \mathbf{a}_t) \lambda^{NA} = 1$ . The planning problem is given

by,

$$\max_{\{C_{F,t}^A, C_{F,t}^{NA}, \mathcal{E}_t, G_{F,t}, B_t, x_t\}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} V(C_{F,t}^A, C_{F,t}^{NA}, G_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t; \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{a}_t) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad (28), (50), (51)$$

where (28) is the constraint for a government equilibrium, and (50) and (51) are the constraints for active and inactive households respectively. I detail the indirect utility function, the conditions governing the planner's allocation in Appendix D. Here, I summarise the key implication of limited financial market participation in the hegemon. When a measure of households does not actively participate in financial markets, the optimal borrowing tax is given by:<sup>38</sup>

$$1 - \tau_t^x = \frac{1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \tau_{t+1}^A + \delta_{t+1}^{NA}}{1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \tau_t^A + \delta_t^{NA}} \quad (53)$$

where  $\delta_t^{NA} = \frac{(1-\mathbf{a})\chi}{1-(1-\mathbf{a})\chi} \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \tau_t^{NA}\right) \frac{C_{F,t+1}^A}{C_{F,t+1}^{NA}}$ . Since inactive households cannot smooth their consumption using financial assets, the inactive labour wedge rises by more, on impact, following an appreciation ( $\tau_t^{NA} > \tau_t^A$ ), in part because inactive consumption falls by more  $C_{F,t}^{NA} > C_{F,t}^A$ . Consequently, the amount each active household over-borrows is higher when there is limited financial market participation.

## 5 Numerical Exercise

In this section I calibrate the model in steady state to key features of the U.S. economy in 2008Q1. I then simulate a realistic shock to dollar shortages and trace its macroeconomic effects. First, I assess the effectiveness of monetary policy, with and without an optimal borrowing tax. Then, I evaluate the welfare outcomes for active and inactive households, highlighting the distributional consequences of dollar shortages and the policy dilemma they present. Finally, I investigate the driving forces in the model: how large are the monopoly rents earned from issuance of dollar debt, by how much do export revenues fall and how large are the losses on a portfolio of foreign assets.

**Calibration.** The calibration is quarterly. I choose  $\beta = \beta^* = 0.99$  based on an annual natural interest rate of about 4%. I choose a CRRA coefficient  $\sigma = 1.5$  and an elasticities of substitution across domestic and imported goods  $\theta$  of 2.5 consistent with RBC literature estimates. Similarly, I set the Frisch elasticity  $\psi$  of substitution to 2.5 and choose  $\kappa$  to target a steady-state labour supply of two-thirds.<sup>39</sup> I choose  $\chi = \chi^G = 0.8$  and  $\omega^G = 0.5$  such that government spending to GDP  $PG/P_H Y_H = 0.3$  and  $P_H C_H^*/P_H Y_H = 0.15$ , consistent with data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. I choose an export demand elasticity  $\eta = 2.5$ .

<sup>38</sup>The derivation follows the proof to Proposition 1, using (50) and (51).

<sup>39</sup>See e.g. Valchev (2020), Eichenbaum, Johannsen, and Rebelo (2020).

To generate realistic values for monopoly rents in the U.S. economy, I target both the outstanding size of debt and the conditional response of the borrowing cost spread during crises. I choose steady-state demand for dollars ( $\bar{\xi} = 0.8$ ) to match a net foreign asset position of 10% of U.S. GDP, see Appendix A.<sup>40</sup> I choose  $\frac{1}{Q}^2 = 0.14$ , based on an internal calibration such that a 1% change in dollar shortages to U.S. GDP on impact, leads to about a 2% appreciation for the dollar holding  $R_t$  constant. This is consistent with evidence of FX dollar swaps vis-a-vis Brazil as identified in Kohlscheen and Andrade (2014) and is comparable to the calibration in Fanelli and Straub (2018).<sup>41</sup> Finally, to target the size of the losses on the U.S. portfolio arising due to a dollar appreciation valuation effects, I calibrate the exogenous government portfolio  $\Psi$  to be consist of 150% GDP in domestic currency liabilities which carry a return of 4% and 140% of foreign-currency denominated assets also yielding 4%, consistent with data from the BEA.

Parameter	Value	Description	Target
$\beta = \beta^*$	0.99	Discount factor, quarterly calibration	4% annual interest
$\sigma$	1.5	Coefficient of relative of risk aversion (A.1)	RBC
$\theta$	2.5	Macro elasticity of substitution (A.1)	RBC
$\psi$	2.5	Frisch elasticity of labour supply	RBC
$\zeta$	1	Size of foreign economy	Normalisation
$\eta$	2.5	Elasticity of export demand	RBC
$\kappa$	6	Disutility from labour	RBC
$P_F^* = 1$	1	Price of foreign goods	Normalisation
$\omega = 0$	0	Home ownership of financiers	
$\kappa^G$	0.9	Share of tax- financing	
$\chi = \chi^G$	0.85	Share of Home goods	$\frac{X}{Y} = 13\%$
$\omega^G$	0.5	Share of utility from public goods	$\frac{G}{Y} = 30\%$
$\lambda$	0.2	Pass-through for U.S. imports	Matarazzi et al. (2019)
$\bar{\xi}$	1	Mean demand shock	10% nfa
$\bar{\Gamma}$	0.14	Elasticity of financiers' demand	$\frac{d\xi}{dQ} = 2$
$\Psi = \Psi^*$	0.45	Government portfolio	BEA
$\alpha$	0.3	Share of inactive households	Survey Cons. Finances

Table 1: Benchmark Model Calibration. RBC refers to a standard parameter value taken from the literature.

## 5.1 Dollar demand shock.

The analysis focuses on a shock to dollar demand by foreign agents  $\xi_t$ .<sup>42</sup> I assume the dollar shock follows an AR(1) process with quarterly persistence 0.85, such that dollar shortages last

<sup>40</sup>Note that dollar shortages are always zero in steady-state (consistent with low unconditional ERRP (about 0.5% in the data over the sample) and so steady state values for monopoly rents in the model are zero.

<sup>41</sup>This is a calibration for dollar liquidity in times of crises, and  $\Gamma$  is likely to be lower outside of crises.

<sup>42</sup>I abstract from the many other linkages between dollar shortages and the hegemon economy, to isolate the direct effects of dollar shortages and the downward-sloping demand for dollar debt on the U.S. economy. Namely, I assume that total foreign sector consumption  $C^*$  and the foreign-currency returns on forest assets  $\Psi_t^*$  are independent of  $Q_t$ .



about 4 quarter, see Fig. 5 (left panel). This is consistent with the experience of the U.S. during the GFC. Furthermore, I choose the size of the dollar demand shock  $\xi$  to result in an exchange rate appreciation (on impact) of about 7% if interest rates are held constant, see Fig. 5 (right panel). The implied size of the dollar demand shock is about 7% of U.S. GDP.<sup>43</sup>

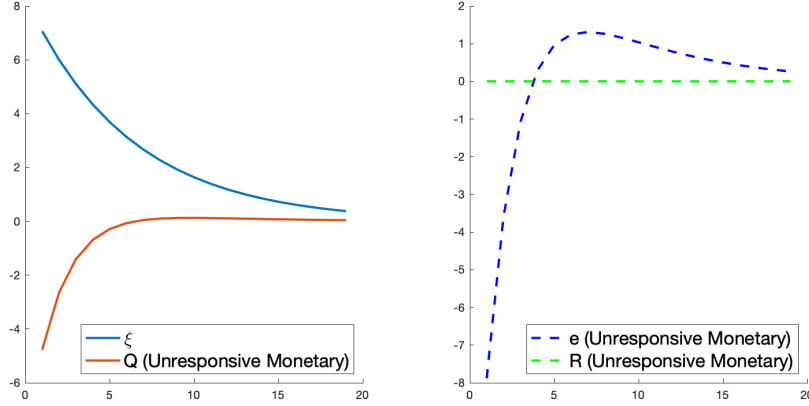


Figure 5: Impulse response to dollar demand shock  $\xi_t$ . Left panel: Dollar demand shock dollar shortages expressed in % of U.S. GDP. Right panel: Exchange rate appreciation in % deviations from steady state.

**Monetary Policy.** Figure 6 contrasts the effects of a dollar demand shock on allocations and prices in the hegemon, and shortages abroad, if interest rates are held constant (45) and if monetary policy is set optimally according to (40). In both cases, the demand shock  $\xi_t > 0$  leads to an excess demand for dollars ( $Q_t < 0$ ). The middle panel illustrates exchange rate and interest rate movements under the two monetary regimes, expanding on Fig. 5. The hegemon optimally lowers interest rates such that a smaller dollar appreciation is required to satisfy financiers' optimality condition (19), mitigating the trade-offs discussed extensively in Sections 2.4 and 3.

The right panel illustrates the response of the average labour wedge. If when interest rates are held constant, the demand shock leads to a domestic recession ( $\tau_t > 0$ ). This outcome is driven by a fall in the demand for exported goods and a fall in public spending due to portfolio losses, both driven by the dollar appreciation. Instead, if interest rates respond optimally, the hegemon experiences a temporary boom ( $\tau_t < 0$ ), although a recession follows after about 6 quarters.<sup>44</sup> As reflected in the monetary policy targeting rule (77), absent a borrowing tax, the monetary authority accepts a degree of externally induced employment volatility and private

<sup>43</sup>McGuire and Peter (2009) find that European bank's dollar shortfall (the biggest counterparty for the U.S. in terms of dollar swap lines) at the onset of the GFC was about 1 – 1.2 trillion, or roughly 7-8% of U.S. GDP in 2007, so the size of the dollar shock implied by the model is resonable. Adrian and Xie (2020) show that the dollar asset share of non-U.S. banks is a good proxy for dollar demand, and co-moves with the dollar.

<sup>44</sup>Kekre and Lenel (2020) study a fully fledged New-Keynesian model where monetary policy follows a Taylor rule. In their calibration, the U.S. experiences a recession following a capital inflow shock.

sector over-borrowing.<sup>45</sup>

Finally, notice that dollar shortages are more prevalent and more persistent when monetary policy is optimally set. This is because households face a smaller recession (or boom) and therefore borrow less in foreign markets. The spread in the cost of borrowing in dollars as opposed to foreign currency amounts to 4 – 5% on impact, plotted in Appendix F, consistent with the quarterly average of the fall in borrowing costs of the U.S. during periods of global distress.

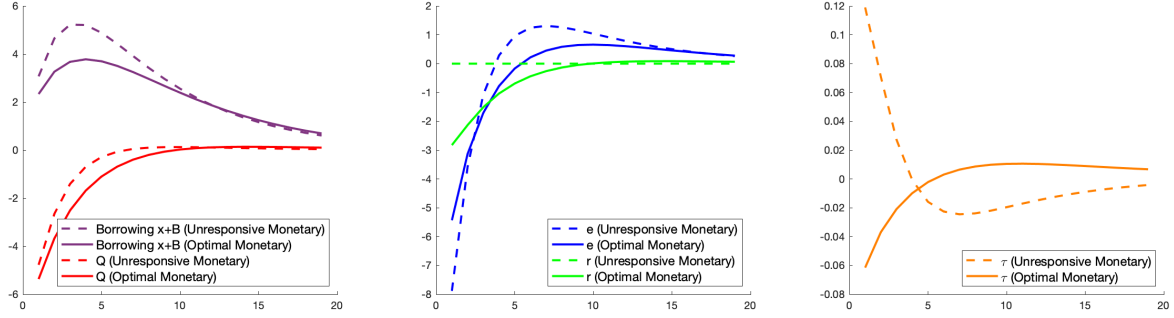


Figure 6: Impulse response to dollar demand shock  $\xi_t$  Comparison of optimal monetary (solid line) policy vs. passive monetary policy (dashed line). Left Panel: Sum of private and public borrowing expressed as % GDP in deviations from steady state. Middle panel: Exchange rate and interest rate movements expressed in % deviations from steady state. Right panel: Labour wedge deviations.

Since only a measure  $\mathbf{a} < 1$  of households in the hegemon participate in financial markets in any given period, dollar shortages have heterogeneous effects on the two groups of households within the hegemon. Building on the Section 4.3, Fig. 7 contrasts the impulse response of the labour wedge for financially active and inactive households when monetary policy is set optimally and when interest rates are held constant. Under both regimes, inactive households experience involuntary unemployment, but the effect is significantly stronger when interest rates are constant. On the other hand, active households experience involuntary unemployment only if interest rates are held constant, and are overworked otherwise.<sup>46</sup>

**Constrained Optimal Allocation and Monetary Policy Trade-offs.** Consider now the constrained optimal allocation which is achieved by the combination of monetary policy and a borrowing tax. At the constrained optimum allocation, the interest rate cut is larger (5% vs. 3%), lowering the pressure on the exchange rate to appreciate, as illustrated in Fig. 8 (middle panel).

Monetary policy is able to achieve this because the borrowing tax addresses private sector over-borrowing. The left panel shows that total borrowing falls and, as a result, dollar shortages are larger and more persistent. Yet the exchange rate appreciation on impact is smaller because

<sup>45</sup>Appendix F illustrates the impulse response for the multiplier  $\eta_t^E$  on the Euler, where as positive value reflects private sector over-borrowing, see Proposition 1.

<sup>46</sup>Since by assumption A.3(i), labour is rationed uniformly, this result reflects that active households consumption rises whereas inactive households' consumption falls. See Appendix F.

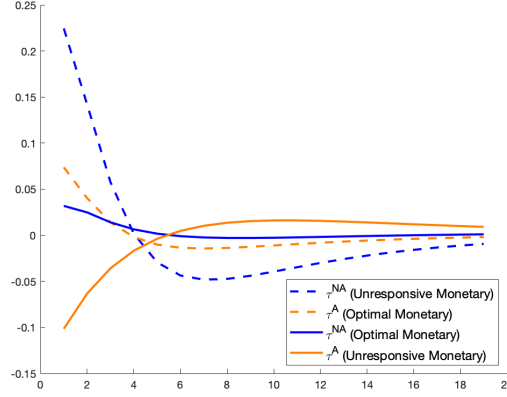


Figure 7: Impulse response to dollar demand shock  $\xi_t$ . Labour wedge deviations.

of the interest rate cut. Together, these effects imply the aggregate labour wedge is almost fully stabilized, there is no temporary boom followed by a future recession. At the constrained optimal, the planner no longer accepts externally induced employment instability.<sup>47</sup>

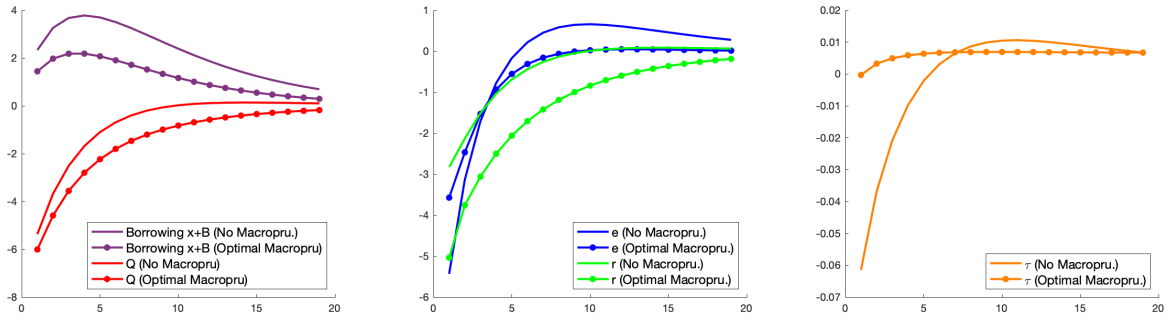


Figure 8: Impulse response to  $\xi^* > 0$ . Comparison of optimal macropru (rivetted line) vs. no macropru (solid line). Left Panel: Sum of private and public borrowing expressed as % GDP in deviations from steady state. Middle panel: Exchange rate and interest rate movements expressed in % deviations from steady state. Right panel: Labour wedge deviations.

## 5.2 Driving mechanisms.

Recapping the main mechanisms in the paper: dollar shortages abroad lead to a dollar appreciation and a fall in interest rates in the U.S. This has three key implications driving the macroeconomic outcomes and trade-offs in the model. First, a dollar appreciation depresses demand for exports and leads to involuntary unemployment in the presence of nominal rigidities. Second, the combination of an appreciation and a lower U.S. interest rate results in a lower cost when borrowing in dollars, giving rise to monopoly rents from issuance. Third, a dollar

<sup>47</sup>Decomposing the aggregate labour wedge into a labour wedge for financially active and inactive households shows that even at the constrained optimal active households experience a boom and inactive households experience a bust. This is illustrated in Appendix F.

appreciation leads to large wealth transfers from the U.S. to the rest of the world due to the currency composition of the U.S. portfolio.

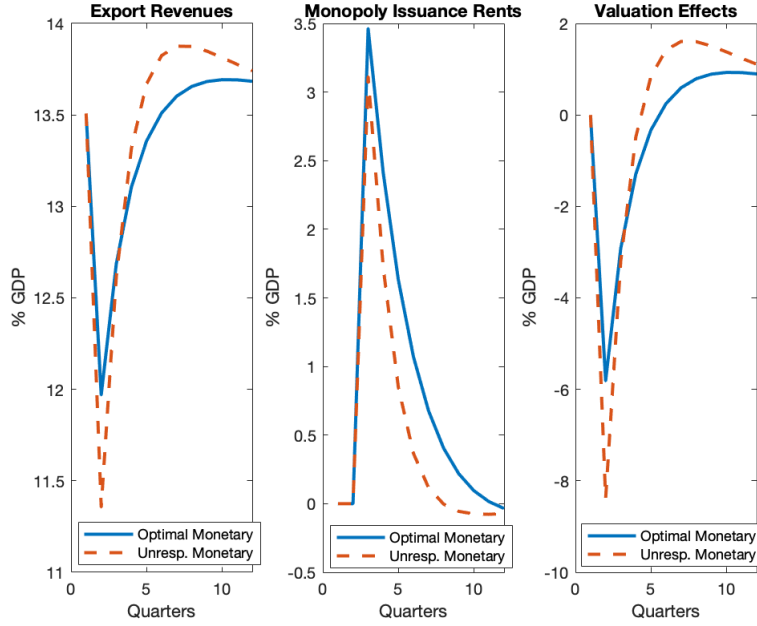


Figure 9: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Comparison of export revenues, monopoly rents from issuance and valuation effects, as % of GDP, under the optimal and unresponsive monetary regimes.

The calibration does a good job capturing the transfer of wealth from the hegemon, to the foreign sector due to valuation effects, which amount to 6–8%, entirely due to an exchange rate appreciation and are negative for about 5 quarters. Gourinchas, Rey, and Truempner (2011) calculate that during the GFC there was a 17% of U.S. GDP transfer of wealth from the U.S. to foreign countries, of which about one third was due to exchange rate movements and two-thirds were due to a fall in returns on risky assets.<sup>48</sup> Monopoly rents on impact are 3.5% of U.S. GDP, rents are positive for over 10 quarters. The model predicts that the fall in export rents attributable to the dollar appreciation amounts to 1.5–2% of GDP.

Optimal monetary policy stems the appreciation mitigating the fall in export revenues and valuation effects. Furthermore, if monetary policy is optimally set, total dollar debt issuance in the hegemon is lower, exacerbating imbalances and increasing monopoly rents from issuance.

### 5.3 Welfare and Dollar Swap Lines

To assess the welfare implications of a rise in dollar shortages for the hegemon, I define the present discounted value of welfare following a dollar demand shock  $\{\xi_t\} > 0$  when dollar liquidity is  $\Gamma$  by,

$$\mathcal{W}(\{\mathcal{E}_t, \tau_t^x\}; \{\Gamma, \xi_t\}) \quad (54)$$

<sup>48</sup>The international loss of wealth reflected 12% of the total wealth loss in the United States. In the model, the fall in returns on risky assets can be modelled by a negative shock to  $\Psi_t^*$ .

where I make explicit the dependence of welfare on policy. Consider the Hicksian equivalent variation for consumption,

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ \frac{C_t^i (1 + \nu_t^i)^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \kappa \frac{L_t^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi} + V(G_t) \right] = \mathcal{W}(\{\mathcal{E}_t, \tau_t^x\}; \Gamma, 0), \quad (55)$$

where  $\nu_t^i$  is a proportional consumption transfer, calculated over the period of the crisis, such that household  $i \in \{A, NA\}$  is equally well-off whether or not the dollar demand shock occurs.<sup>49</sup> I assume  $\nu_t^i = \nu$  for the first 8 quarters after the shock hits (after which its size becomes negligible) and  $\nu_t^i = 0$  thereafter. A positive transfer  $\nu > 0$  suggests that a one-off unexpected increase in dollar shortages is costly to the household, i.e.  $\mathcal{W}(\{\mathcal{E}_t, \tau_t^x\}; \Gamma, 0) > \mathcal{W}(\{\mathcal{E}_t, \tau_t^x\}; \{\Gamma, \xi_t\})$ . Table 2 details the welfare outcomes from a one-off dollar demand shock for the calibration discussed above:

	Active	Inactive	Aggregate
Unresponsive monetary (no macropru.)	0.25%	0.43%	0.31%
Optimal monetary (no macropru.)	-0.81%	0.17%	-0.51%
Constrained Optimal	-2.2%	0.23%	-1.5%

Table 2: Hicksian welfare transfers under different policy regimes, in response to a one-off, unanticipated dollar-asset demand shock.

When interest rates do not respond (first row of Table 2), dollar shortages cost about 0.35% of consumption equivalent, in the aggregate, over the 2 year duration of the crisis. These are driven by both losses to financially-active and inactive households, although the latter suffer disproportionately as per Proposition 5. Instead if monetary policy responds optimally, which requires an interest rate cut of just over 2%, the aggregate economy gains the equivalent of 0.5% consumption per quarter over the 2 years, but this is only one-third of the gain that could be achieved at the constrained optimal, in conjunction with an optimal tax on borrowing. However, this figure masks welfare losses facing inactive households (0.17%), which are more than offset by gains to active (0.81%).

Faced with the isolated shock to dollar demand shock which dollar swaps can address directly, dollar swap lines benefit inactive households (by muting the effects of the shock) at the expense of active households (who do not earn monopoly rents). Even at the constrained optimal, the stark distributional implications persist. If a borrowing tax is used in conjunction to monetary policy, aggregate welfare gains are much larger in the aggregate (1.5%), driven by active-households (2.2%). However, if optimal policy is more concerned with active household welfare (i.e when Pareto weights are fair and 30% of households are inactive), the borrowing tax prioritises maximizing the transfer of monopoly rents. The welfare of the minority of inactive households actually falls when the optimal borrowing tax is used (0.23% loss vs 0.17% loss in

<sup>49</sup>Such consumption transfers are used Lucas (2003) to evaluate the welfare costs of business cycles.

the case of monetary policy alone).

**Revisiting Dollar Swaps.** In practice, dollar swap lines are extended by the Federal Reserve at a time  $t$ , and their take-up in future periods is determined by the demand of foreign central banks. Therefore, the U.S. makes a one-off decision to extend dollar swaps if:

$$\mathcal{W}(\{\mathcal{E}_t, \tau_t^x\}; \{\frac{1}{Q+Q^s}\}^2, \xi_t) > \mathcal{W}(\{\mathcal{E}_t, \tau_t^x\}; \{\frac{1}{Q}\}^2, \xi_t) \quad (56)$$

Dollar demand shocks have no macroeconomic consequences for the hegemon in the limit where dollar liquidity is very high. Therefore, dollar swaps are optimal when dollar demand shocks lead to welfare losses. Specifically for the case of dollar demand shocks, no other instrument is required to completely offset the shock. Appendix C details the role of dollar swaps as part of the optimal policy mix, in the face of productivity shocks, and shocks to the return on foreign assets.

Dollar swaps have only become a prominent part of policy since the GFC, yet the U.S. has been experiencing capital inflows which appreciate the dollar since the 1930s, see Corsetti and Marin (2020). My analysis emphasizes three reasons why the welfare value of dollar swaps may have increased in recent years. First, Table 2 shows that the welfare costs from dollar shortages are larger for all households if interest rates do not fall. Since at least the GFC, interest rates in the U.S. have been at or near the zero lower bound and have likely responded less to appreciationary inflows than they otherwise would have. In the policy problem, this is reflected by a higher level of over-borrowing (see Lemma 3). Since I have shown that dollar swaps are useful as a substitute to a borrowing tax (41), it follows that dollar swaps are more desirable when monetary policy does not respond, as is the case near the zero lower bound.

Secondly, in the calibration, financially inactive households incur losses from dollar shortages across all policy regimes. Indeed, financially inactive households will incur larger losses (or smaller gains) for any reasonable calibration, in the absence of redistributive fiscal policy. Assigning Pareto weights  $\{\lambda^A, \lambda^{NA}\}$  to financially active and inactive household welfare respectively, where  $\alpha\lambda^A + (1-\alpha)\lambda^{NA} = 1$ , dollar swaps become more desirable as  $\lambda^{NA}$  rises, i.e. when the planner cares disproportionately above inactive household outcomes. The decision to extend dollar swaps can therefore be driven by a desire to insure inactive households during periods of large dollar shortages.

Third, evidence in Figure 1 shows that dollar shortages do not occur in isolation but coincide with large, international crises. Consider again the role for public debt issuance (105). Public debt issuance trades off fiscal incentives with macroprudential incentives. If there is a large fall in fiscal revenues (e.g.  $\Psi$  falls), the government prioritises smoothing spending and over-borrowing in the economy rises (e.g.  $\eta^E$  rises). From (41), we can see that the returns to dollar swaps rise. I analyse the effects of a shock to  $\Psi$  in Appendix F. Similar trade-offs arise if there is a fall to the return from foreign assets  $\Psi^*$ , documented in Gourinchas, Rey, and Govillot (2018).

**Dollar Currency Pricing and the cost of Dollar Shortages.** The exchange rate pass-through to imports in the hegemon partly determines the costs of a dollar appreciation. For any given level of monopoly rents  $-\Gamma Q_t(\mathbf{a}_t x_t + B_t)$ , the quantity of imports they can buy is  $-\frac{1}{P_F^* \varepsilon_t^*} \Gamma Q_t(\mathbf{a}_t x_t + B_t)$ . Following an appreciation, the price of imports falls by more if pass-through  $\lambda$  is higher. Therefore, for a given level of dollar demand, DCP contributes to higher welfare costs from the resulting appreciation due to the presence of real income effects, see e.g. Corsetti and Pesenti (2001), Auclert et al. (2021). The welfare outcomes under different policy regimes, for a higher level of exchange rate pass-through are reported in Appendix F.<sup>50</sup>

## 6 Conclusion

Dollar shortages in international markets have stark macroeconomic implications for the issuer of dollar assets– the hegemon– and result in a trade-off: because dollars are scarce, the hegemon households and government earn monopoly rents from issuance of dollar debt, but face costs due to an appreciated dollar. In particular, the dollar appreciation depresses demand for exports and leads to losses on a portfolio of foreign currency-denominated assets.

I show that these trade-offs cannot be resolved by monetary and fiscal policy alone. Monetary policy can stabilize the hegemon economy, but its effectiveness is limited by private sector over-borrowing, and cannot achieve the constrained efficient allocation if a macro-prudential tax is not available. This arises due to a combination of nominal rigidities and atomistic households failing to internalize their size in dollar markets. U.S. monetary policy cannot therefore efficiently balance internal objects independently of capital inflows and faces a Mundellian dilemma, as opposed to a Trilemma.

Dollar swaps can address domestic over-borrowing but only at the cost of eroding monopoly rents– so cannot substitute for the borrowing tax in the constrained optimal. The social value of dollar swaps in response to a dollar demand shock is higher if interest rates are held constant, if there is a simultaneous fall in government fiscal revenues, if pass-through to import prices is low (such that an appreciation is more costly), or if the planner has a preference for redistribution from households active in financial markets to inactive households.

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<sup>50</sup>However, as noted in Farhi and Maggiori (2016), the extent of demand for dollar assets and the associated safety premium is likely to be endogenous to the international pricing paradigm. Farhi and Maggiori (2016) look at a dollarized economy and argue that dollar debt, if not defaulted upon outright, becomes safe in real terms since devaluations on behalf of the US would not reduce the amount of goods foreigners can purchase.



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## A Additional Empirical Evidence.

### Evidence on deviations from the Uncovered Interest Parity and Monopoly Rents.

Figure 10 below considers the decomposition of ERRP between G10 and EM7 currencies. Two points are noteworthy: first both G10 and EM7 currencies are subject to the spread during currency crises. The spread for EM7 currencies is wider, and significantly so in the most recent COVID-19 episode.

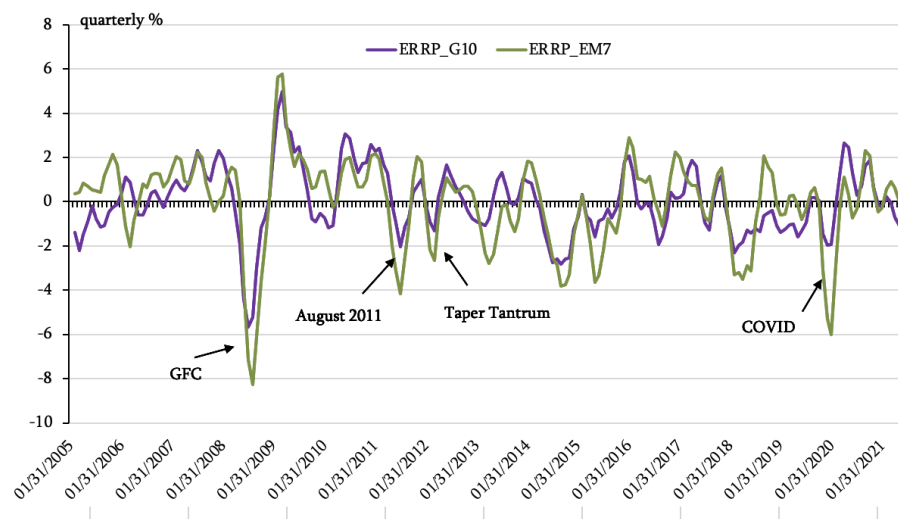


Figure 10: Source: Federal Reserve

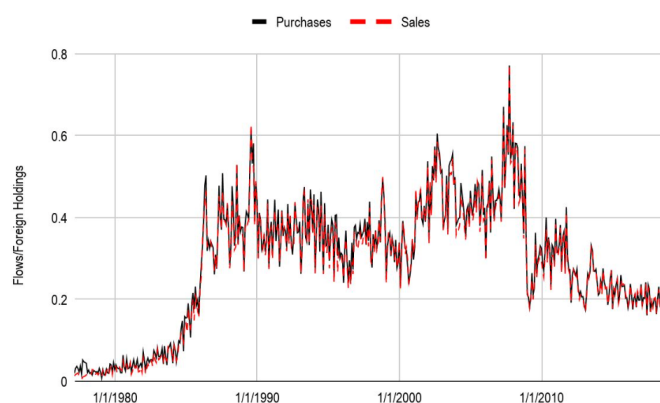


Figure 11: Evidence on timing of purchases of U.S. bonds by foreigners. Source: Krishnamurthy and Lustig (2019).

**Evidence on the deteriorating U.S. position.** Figure 11 plots the net investment position of the U.S., as a % of GDP, from 2006Q1 to 2021Q4. This is calculated as the difference in gross assets and liabilities, and has rapidly worsened over time.



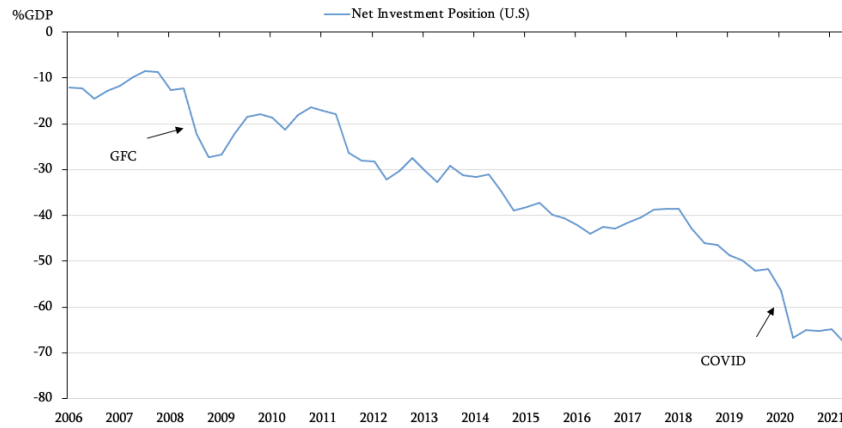


Figure 12: Net Investment Position for the United States as % of U.S. GDP. Source: BEA and authors calculations.

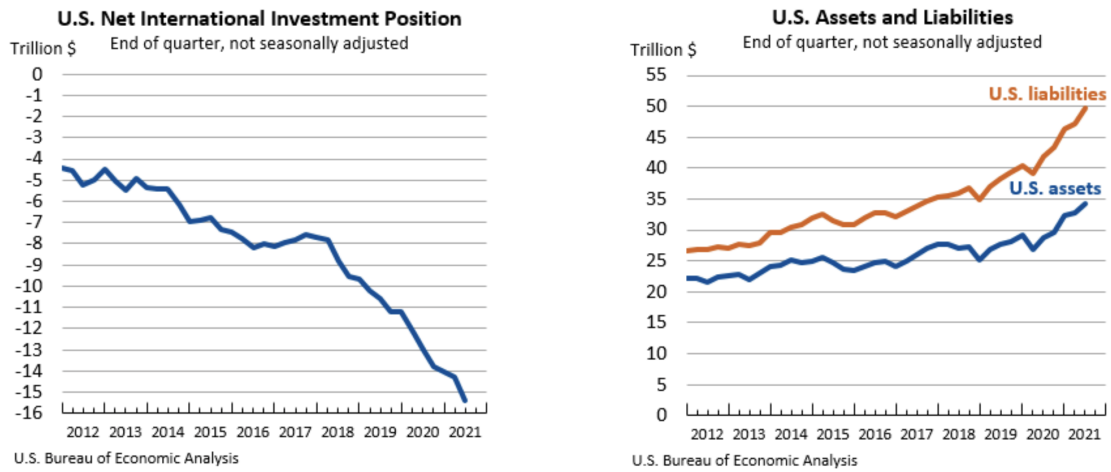


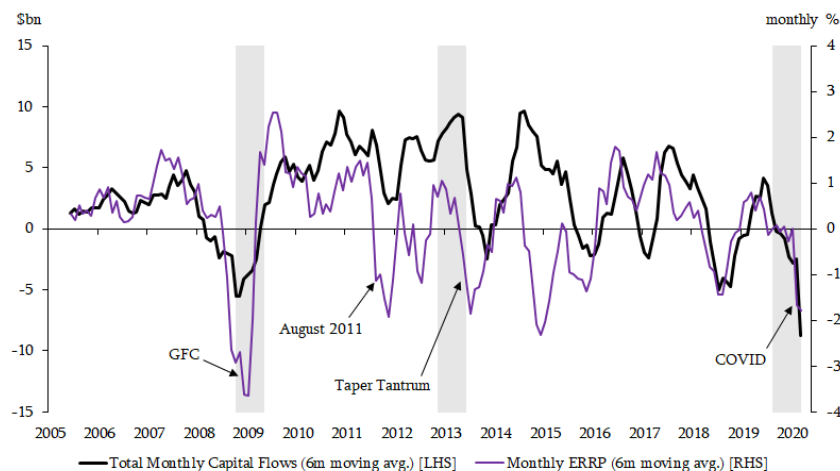
Figure 13: Left Panel: Net Investment Position for the United States in \$ Right panel: Gross assets and liabilities in \$. Source: BEA.

The next figure, from the BEA, illustrates the size of gross assets and liabilities held by the U.S., and is used in 5 to calibrate the U.S. portfolio of foreign assets.

**Evidence on Correlation of Capital Flows and Exchange Rates.** Figure 14, from Corsetti, Lloyd, and Marin (2020), plots emerging market capital flows and exchange rate risk premia as 6-month moving averages. While the correlation of these two variables is close to zero when calculated over the whole period, it becomes strongly positive around periods of significant financial distress and low liquidity. Over a 2005:01-2020:03 sample, the correlation between non-resident portfolio flows to EMs and the EM PPP-weighted exchange rate risk premium, at monthly frequency, is just 0.08—consistent with a  $\Gamma_t$  close to zero. This result is often highlighted by the literature on the ‘exchange rate disconnect’, stressing the apparent

weak relationship between currency valuation and economic fundamentals, including capital flows, see Meese and Rogoff (1983). However, a rolling correlation between these series over a 6-month window highlights that this correlation rises to above 0.75 during periods of financial distress: the Great Financial Crisis, the 2013 Taper Tantrum and the recent COVID crisis—all of which are characterised by large capital movements and low international liquidity. In these periods, the data suggests a  $\Gamma_t$  that is substantially positive.

Figure 14: Capital flows and *ex post* exchange rate risk premia for EMs



*Note:* 6-month moving average of: non-resident portfolio flows to EMs, and 1-month *ex post* EM exchange rate risk premia vis-à-vis US dollar (PPP-weighted). Capital flows cumulated over each calendar month, with negative value implying an outflow from EMs. Moving averages plotted at end-date of period. Shaded areas denote periods in which 6-month rolling correlation of raw capital flows and exchange rate risk premia exceed 0.75. Unconditional correlation of raw series equal to 0.08 over the sample. *Dates:* January 2005 to March 2020. *Data Sources:* Datastream, IIF, IMF International Financial Statistics.

**Evidence of Wealth Inflows to the U.S. during the GFC** The next figure contrasts the calculation of the U.S. net foreign asset position around the GFC by Maggiori (2017) and Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020). The latter consider a more general formulation and find evidence of a net transfer to the U.S. from abroad, even though the position deteriorated in absolute value. Specifically, they consider equities, bonds, and deposits issued in the U.S., held by both U.S. and non-U.S. agents, plotted by the black-dashed line. The red line measures the same quantity for Canada, Germany, France, Great Britain and Japan.

Next, to motivate the interest in limited financial market participation, Figure 16, shows that proxies for financial market participation suggest a significant fall following the financial crisis.

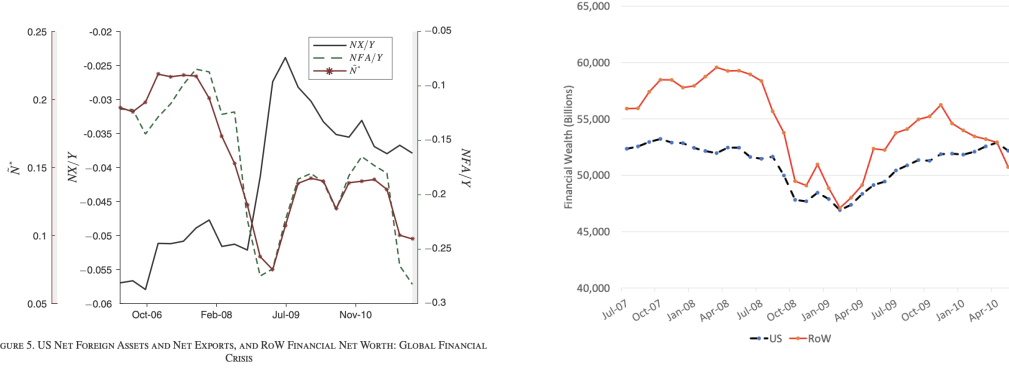


Figure 15: Left panel: Figure 5 from Maggiori (2017). Right panel: Figure 5 from Jiang, Krishnamurthy, and Lustig (2020).

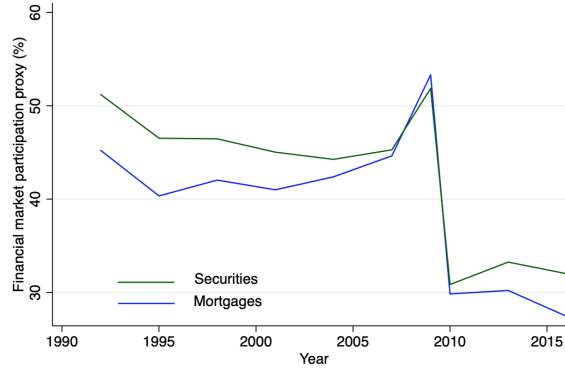


Figure 16: Triennial Survey of Consumer Finances and authors' calculation. Proxy for security holdings constructed using percentage of households which own at least one of bonds, publicly listed stock or mutual funds.

## B Further derivations for Section 3: Analytical Hegemon's Dilemma

The exchange rate can be expressed as,

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = \bar{\mathcal{E}} \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{\beta^*} Q_1 \right) \quad (57)$$

for a given monetary policy  $\mu_1$ . For convenience, I repeat below the monetary policy rule determining  $\mu_1$ :

$$\mu = \bar{\mu}(1 - s) + s\bar{\mu} \left( \frac{\beta^*}{\beta} \frac{\hat{\mathcal{E}}}{\bar{\mathcal{E}}} - \frac{\Gamma_1 Q_1}{\beta} \right) \quad (58)$$

If  $\mu_1 = \bar{\mu}$  (the long-run expectation), or  $s$  is sufficiently low, then dollar shortages ( $Q_1 < 0$ ) leads to an appreciation.

The derivatives  $\frac{d\mu_1}{dQ_1}$  (given  $B_1$ ) and  $\frac{d\mu_1}{d\Gamma_1}$  characterize monetary decisions in response to dollar

imbalances and liquidity and, in turn, these determine  $\frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{dQ_1}$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{d\Gamma_1}$ . Specifically,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{dB_1} = \left( \beta \frac{d\mu_1}{dQ_1} - \Gamma_1 \right) \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}}{\beta^*}, \quad (59)$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} = \left( \beta \frac{d\mu_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} - Q_1 \right) \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}}{\beta^*} \quad (60)$$

Consider the labour wedge  $\tau_1$ , given by (31). The derivatives with respect to  $Q_1$  (holding  $B_1$  and  $x_1$  constant),  $B_1$  and  $\tilde{\Gamma}_1$  respectively:

$$\frac{d\tau_1}{dB_1} = -\frac{1}{A_1} \frac{\kappa}{\bar{p}_H} \left\{ \frac{d\mu_1}{dB_1} L_1^\psi + \mu\psi L^{\psi-1} \left[ \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} \frac{d\mu_1}{B_1} + \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \mathcal{E}_1^{\eta-1} \eta \frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{dB_1} \right] \right\}, \quad (61)$$

$$\frac{d\tau_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} = -\frac{1}{A_1} \frac{\kappa}{\bar{p}_H} \left\{ \frac{d\mu_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} L_1^\psi + \mu\psi L^{\psi-1} \left[ \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} \frac{d\mu_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} + \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \mathcal{E}_1^{\eta-1} \eta \frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} \right] \right\}, \quad (62)$$

where  $\frac{d\mu_1}{dB_1} = -\frac{s\bar{\mu}\Gamma_1}{\beta}$ , and  $\frac{d\mu_1}{d\tilde{\Gamma}_1} = -\frac{s\bar{\mu}}{\beta} Q_1$ .

Similarly, the derivatives of monopoly rents  $\Omega_1^M$  with respect to  $B_1$  and  $\Gamma_1$  are as follows:

$$\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{dB_1} = -\Gamma_1 Q_1 - \Gamma_1 B_1 + 2\omega\Gamma_1 Q_1 \quad (63)$$

$$\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{d\Gamma_1} = -Q_1 B_1 + \omega\Gamma_1 Q_1^2 \quad (64)$$

Additionally,

$$\frac{d\tau_1}{dQ_1} = -\frac{1}{A_1} \frac{\kappa}{\bar{p}_H} \left\{ \frac{d\mu_1}{dQ_1} L_1^\psi + \mu\psi L^{\psi-1} \left[ \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} \frac{d\mu_1}{B_1} + \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \mathcal{E}_1^{\eta-1} \eta \frac{d\mathcal{E}_1}{dQ_1} \right] \right\}, \quad (65)$$

$$\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{dQ_1} = \beta \frac{1}{\bar{\mu}} \frac{d\mu_1}{dQ_1} (B_1 + x_1) + \omega\Gamma_1 2Q_1, \quad (66)$$

and  $\frac{d\mu_1}{dQ_1} = -\frac{s\bar{\mu}\Gamma_1}{\beta}$  (given  $B_1$ ).

First, rearranging (65) and substituting (29), I derive  $\frac{d\tau_1}{dQ_1} < 0$  if:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mu_1}{dQ_1} &> -\frac{\frac{1}{\beta^*} \mu_1 \psi L_1^{\psi-1} \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \mathcal{E}_1^{\eta-1} \eta \bar{\mathcal{E}} \Gamma_1}{L_1^\psi + \mu_1 L_1^{\psi-1} \psi \left( \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} + \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \mathcal{E}_1^{\eta-1} \eta \bar{\mathcal{E}} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \frac{1}{\bar{\mu}} \right)} \leftrightarrow \\ s &< \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}}}{L_1^\psi + \mu_1 \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} + \frac{\mu_1}{\bar{\mu}} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \psi L^{\psi-1} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}}} = \bar{s} \end{aligned} \quad (67)$$

where  $\bar{s} \in [0, 1]$ . Using (66),  $\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{dQ_1} < 0$  as long as  $Q_1 < 0$ . This yields the result (i).

Combining (33) and (34) with (61)-(66) yields the optimal allocation  $\{B_1, \Gamma_1\}$ . Consider the case  $\omega^S = 1$ . If  $\Gamma_1$  is bounded from below above zero, perfect stabilization can only be achieved if  $dB_1 = -d\mathcal{E}_1$ , i.e the hegemon satisfies dollar excess demand by issuing dollar bonds.

If  $\Gamma_1 = 0$  can be reached with dollar swaps, stabilization can be achieved using either dollar swaps or issuance. Instead, consider the case  $\omega^S \rightarrow 0$ . Then, rearranging (33) and substituting (29):

$$B_1 = \xi_1 \frac{1 - 2\omega}{2 - 2\omega} \quad (68)$$

From this, it follows that  $0 < \frac{dB_1}{d\xi_1} < 1$  for a given level  $x_1$  leading to  $\frac{dQ_1}{d\xi_1} < 0$ . In other words, the optimal allocation does not entail perfect stabilisation. Additionally,  $\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{d\Gamma_1} > 0$  as long as  $B_1 + x_1 > 0$  and  $Q < 0$  therefore dollar swaps are not used.

For intermediate values of  $\omega^S$ , the hegemon trades off monopoly rent maximization for macroeconomic stabilisation requiring inefficiently high  $B_1$ , relative to (??). Given  $\frac{d\tau_1}{d\Gamma_1} > 0$ ,  $\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{d\Gamma_1} > 0$  if  $Q_1 < 0$  and (70) is satisfied, then, from (34) we see that dollar swaps become useful as  $|\tau - \bar{\tau}|$  grows. This completes the proof of (ii).  $\square$

**Fiscal stabilisation and valuation effects** I now allow for  $G_H > 0$  ( $\chi^G > 0$ ) and  $\hat{\Psi}_1 = \Psi_1 + \Psi_1^* \mathcal{E}_1$ . Because of valuation effects from the portfolio of foreign assets, monopoly rents are now only ineeasing in dollar shortages ( $\frac{d\Omega_1^M}{dQ_1} < 0$ ) as long as monetary policy is sufficiently responsive  $s > \underline{s}$ , where:

$$\underline{s} = 1 - \frac{\Gamma_1 B_1 - 2\omega \Gamma_1 Q_1}{\Psi_1^* \Gamma_1 \bar{E} \beta^*} \quad (69)$$

so that the appreciation is partially offset.

On the other hand,  $\frac{d\tau_1}{dQ_1} < 0$  if monetary policy is sufficiently unresponsive ( $s > \bar{s}''$ ), where:

$$s'' < \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}} + \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \Psi_1^* \bar{E} \frac{\mu_1}{\mu}}{L_1^\psi + \mu_1 \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} + \frac{\mu_1}{\mu} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \psi L^{\psi-1} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}} + \mu L^{\psi-1} \psi \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \left( \Psi_1^* \bar{E} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} + \frac{\beta}{\mu} B_1 \right)}$$

Additionally,  $s'$  is as above but with portfolio returns fixed such that:

$$s' < \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\zeta}{\bar{p}_H} \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}}}{L_1^\psi + \mu_1 \psi L^{\psi-1} \frac{\chi}{\bar{p}_H} + \frac{\mu_1}{\mu} \frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \psi L^{\psi-1} \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}^{\eta-1} \bar{\mathcal{E}} + \mu L^{\psi-1} \psi \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} + \frac{\beta}{\mu} B_1}.$$

**Cournot competition in issuance.** I leverage the stylized framework to investigate the effects of competition in issuance of dollar (or close-substitute) assets, building on Farhi and Maggiori (2016). Dollar market clearing is therefore given by (21). Consider first the case  $w^S = 0$  where the planner pursues a monopolist strategy and assume for simplicity that  $\omega = 0$

and  $\hat{\Psi}_t$  is a constant. Then, imposing symmetry, it can be shown that, <sup>51</sup>

$$B_1 = \frac{\xi_1 - x_1 - \sum_{i>0}^{N-1} x_1^i}{N+1}, \quad Q_1 = \frac{\xi_1 - x_1 - \sum_{i>0}^{N-1} x_1^i}{N}$$

As the number of competing issuers becomes large, dollar shortages go to zero. In the case  $w^S = 1$ , as detailed above, each individual issuer finds  $Q_1 = 0$  optimal.

## C Further derivations for Section 4: Constrained Optimal Allocation

**Deriving indirect utility function** To derive the indirect utility function, start from (1) and substitute in (7), (16) and (9):

$$\begin{aligned} V(C_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t, G_{F,t}) &= \chi \log \left( \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} S_t C_{F,t} \right) + (1-\chi) \log(C_{F,t}) \\ &\quad - \kappa \frac{\left( \frac{1}{A_t} \left[ \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} C_{F,t} + (1-\chi) S_t C_t^* + \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} S_t G_{F,t} \right] \right)^{1-\psi}}{1-\psi} \\ &\quad + \omega^G \left[ \chi^G \log \left( \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} S_t (G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_F) \right) + (1-\chi^G) \log(G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_F) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

Assuming prices are perfectly rigid,  $P_{H,t} = \bar{P}_H$ ,  $P_{F,t} = \bar{P}_F^* \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda$ , therefore  $V(C_{F,t}, S_t, G_{F,t}) = V(C_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t, G_{F,t})$ . With perfectly rigid prices, the firms' pricing condition (11), is not a constraint in equilibrium on the planning problem, but is instead used to back out prices. To yield the planner's maximization in Section 4, note also that,

$$C_H^* = \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \left( \frac{P^*}{\bar{P}_H} \right)^\eta C^* = \underbrace{\frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \mu^*}_{\zeta} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\bar{P}_H} \right)^\eta, \quad (71)$$

therefore  $C_H^* = \zeta \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\bar{P}_H} \right)^\eta$ .

When prices are flexible,  $V(C_{F,t}, S_t, G_{F,t})$  can be rewritten as  $V^{flex}(C_{F,t}, G_{F,t})$  using the following condition relating  $S_t$  and  $C_{F,t}$ , derived from (31) and setting  $\tau_t = 0$ :

$$\frac{1}{A_t} \frac{\kappa}{1-\chi} \frac{S_t}{\bar{P}_H} C_{F,t} \left[ \frac{1}{A_t} \left( \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \frac{S_t}{\bar{P}_H} C_{F,t} + (1-\chi) S_t C_t^* + \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} S_t G_{F,t} \right) \right] = 1 \quad (72)$$

which can be rearranged to yield  $S_t(C_{F,t})$ .

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<sup>51</sup>To derive this, notice that (33) implies

$$B_1 = \frac{\xi_1 - x_1 - \sum_{i>0}^{N-1} (B_1^i + x_1^i)}{2},$$

Then impose  $B_1^i = B_1$  for all  $i$ .

The partial derivatives with respect to  $C_{F,t}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_t$  and  $G_{F,t}$  respectively, are give by,

$$V_{C_{F,t}} = \frac{1-\chi}{C_{F,t}} \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \tau_t \right), \quad (73)$$

$$V_{\mathcal{E}_t} = \frac{1-\chi}{C_{F,t}} \left( \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} \tau_t \left( \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \lambda C_{F,t} + \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{1-\lambda} + \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \lambda G_{F,t} \right) - \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} - \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} G_{F,t} \right) \quad (74)$$

$$+ \omega^G \frac{1-\chi^G}{G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_F} \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} G_{F,t},$$

$$V_{G_{F,t}} = \frac{1-\chi}{C_{F,t}} (\tau_t - 1) \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} + \omega^G \left\{ \frac{1-\chi^G}{G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_F} \left( \frac{1}{1-\chi^G} \right) \right\} \quad (75)$$

The planner's first order conditions for (HD2), with respect to  $C_{F,t}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_t$ ,  $x_t$ ,  $G_{F,t}$  and  $B_t$  respectively, are given by:

$$C_{F,t} : \quad \beta^t V_{C_{F,t}} - \eta_{1,t} - \eta_{2,t} + \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}^2} \left[ \eta_t^E \frac{1}{R_t} - \eta_{t-1}^E \right] = 0, \quad (76)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_t : \quad & \beta^t V_{\mathcal{E}_t} + \eta_t^C \zeta (\eta - \lambda) \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda-1} - \eta_t^C \left\{ \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \kappa^G \Psi_t^G - (1-\lambda) \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \Psi_t^* \right\} \quad (77) \\ & + \eta_t^C \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} (1-\lambda) \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} x_t + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} (x_{t-1} + \kappa^G B_{t-1}) + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t^2 (1-\omega) + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t (\xi_t - B_t) \right\} \\ & - \frac{1}{\beta} \eta_{t-1}^C \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} x_{t-1} + \eta_t^G \left\{ -\lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Psi_t (1-\kappa^G) + (1-\lambda) \Psi_t^* \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (1-\kappa^G) \right\} \\ & + \eta_t^G \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (1-\lambda)}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} B_t + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} (1-\kappa^G) B_{t-1} \right\} - \eta_{t-1}^G \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} B_{t-1} \\ & - \eta_t^E \frac{1}{C_{F,t}} \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} (1-\lambda) \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t B_t \right\} + \eta_{t-1}^E \frac{1}{C_{F,t}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} \right\}, \\ & - \eta_t^\mu \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \mu (1-\chi) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$x_t : \quad \eta_t^C \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \frac{1}{R_t} - \Gamma_t x_t + 2\omega \Gamma_t Q_t \right] - \beta \eta_{t+1}^C \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} - \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \Gamma_t B_t + \eta_t^E \left\{ \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}} \right\} = 0, \quad (78)$$

$$G_{F,t} : \quad \beta^t V_{G_{F,t}} + \eta_t^C \left\{ \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1-\chi^G} \right\} - \eta_t^G \left\{ \frac{1-\kappa^G}{1-\chi^G} \right\} = 0, \quad (79)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_t : \quad & \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \frac{1}{R_t} = \beta \eta_{t+1}^G \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} (1-\kappa^G) + \beta \eta_{t+1}^C \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} \kappa^G + \quad (80) \\ & \Gamma_t \left\{ \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} B_t + \eta_t^C \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (x_t - 2\omega Q_t) \right\} - \eta_t^E \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Focusing on monetary policy, using (77), (40) follows from:

$$\frac{dC_{H,t}^*}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = \zeta(\eta - \lambda)\mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda-1}, \quad (81)$$

$$\frac{dF_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = - \left( \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}\kappa^G\Psi_t^G - (1-\lambda)\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}\Psi_t^* \right) + \quad (82)$$

$$\frac{1}{R^*}(1-\lambda)\frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}}x_t + \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}(x_{t-1} + \kappa^G B_{t-1}) + \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}\Gamma_t Q_t^2(1-\omega) + \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}\Gamma_t Q_t(\xi_t - B_t),$$

$$\frac{dF_{t-1}}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = -\frac{1}{R^*}\frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2}x_{t-1} \quad (83)$$

$$\frac{dF_t^G}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = \frac{1}{R^*}\frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}(1-\lambda)}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}}B_t + \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}\Gamma_t Q_t + \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}(1-\kappa^G)B_{t-1} \quad (84)$$

$$\frac{dF_{t-1}^G}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = -\frac{1}{R^*}\frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2}B_{t-1}, \quad (85)$$

$$\frac{dR_t}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = -\frac{1}{C_{F,t}}\left\{ \frac{1}{R^*}(1-\lambda)\frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} + \lambda\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1}\Gamma_t Q_t \right\}, \quad (86)$$

$$\frac{dR_{t-1}}{d\mathcal{E}_t} = \frac{1}{C_{F,t}}\left\{ \frac{1}{\beta}\frac{1}{R^*}\frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} \right\} \quad (87)$$

The FOC wrt.  $\mathcal{E}_t$  (77) characterises optimal monetary policy. If monetary policy is unresponsive, then (77) determines the multiplier on constraint (??) denoted  $\eta_t^\mu$ . If monetary policy is optimally set,  $\eta_t^\mu = 0$ . The FOC wrt.  $x_t$  (103) characterizes optimal borrowing by households, from the country (planner's) perspective. If macroprudential taxation is not available, this is replaced by (5).

## D Further Derivations for Section 5 : Limited Financial Market Participation

### Proof to Proposition 4.

Consider the market clearing equation (9) with  $C_{H,t} = \mathbf{a}_t C_{H,t}^A + (1-\mathbf{a}_t)C_{H,t}^{NA}$ . Assume equal rationing of profits and employment such that  $\Pi^i = \Pi$ ,  $l^i = L$ , we can express inactive households' consumption by,

$$C_{F,t}^{NA} \leq \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{a}_t \chi}{1 - (1-\mathbf{a}_t)\chi} \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}^A + \frac{1-\chi}{1 - (1-\mathbf{a}_t)\chi} \left( \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^\eta + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) \right) \right] \quad (88)$$

Similarly, evaluating the budget constraint (4) for active households' and substituting (9) yields,

$$C_{F,t}^A \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi}(1-\mathbf{a}_t) \right) \leq \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ (1-\mathbf{a}_t) \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \mathcal{E}_t C_{F,t}^{NA} + \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^\eta + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} P_{F,t} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) \right] \quad (89)$$

$$\frac{1}{R_t} x_t - x_{t-1} + \omega \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \quad (90)$$

Solving (88) and (90) jointly and substituting  $T_t$  yields :

$$C_{F,t}^A \leq \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^\eta + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) + (1 - (1 - \alpha)\chi) \left( \frac{1}{R_t} x_t - x_{t-1} \right) + \omega \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \right], \quad (91)$$

as detailed in (50). Substituting back into (88) yields:

$$C_{F,t}^{NA} \leq \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^\eta + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1} + (\alpha\chi) \left( \frac{1}{R_t} x_t - x_{t-1} \right) + \omega \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \right], \quad (92)$$

Substituting the above into market clearing yields:

$$L_t = \frac{1}{A_t} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} \left( \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{1 - (1 - \mathbf{a}_t)\chi} C_{F,t}^A + \frac{(1 - \alpha)\chi}{1 - (1 - \mathbf{a}_t)\chi} \left( \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda} + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) \right) \right) \quad (93)$$

which can be re-written as:

$$L_t = \frac{1}{A_t} \frac{1}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \left\{ \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda} + \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} G_{F,t} + \kappa^G (\hat{\Psi}_t - B_{t-1}) \right\} + \frac{1}{A_t} \frac{1}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \left( \frac{1}{R_t} x_t - x_{t-1} + \omega \Gamma_t Q_t^2 \right) \quad (94)$$

Total financial rents are given by  $[\mathbf{a}_t(1 - (1 - \mathbf{a}_t)\chi) + (1 - \mathbf{a}_t)\mathbf{a}_t\chi] \left( \frac{1}{R_t} x_t - x_{t-1} \right) + \alpha \frac{\omega}{\alpha} \Gamma_t Q_t^2 = \mathbf{a}_t(x_t - R_{t-1}x_{t-1}) + \omega \Gamma_t Q_t^2$  and total export revenues are given by  $(\mathbf{a}_t + (1 - \mathbf{a}_t))\zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} = \zeta \mathcal{E}_t^{-1}$ .  $\square$

With limited financial market participation, the indirect utility function for the hegemon planner is given by,

$$V \left( C_{F,t}^A, C_{F,t}^{NA}, \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda G_{F,t}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{a}_t \right) = \mathbf{a}_t \mathcal{U} \left( \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda \frac{\bar{P}_{F,t}^*}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} C_{F,t}^A, C_{F,t}^A, L_t \right) + (1 - \mathbf{a}_t) \mathcal{U} \left( \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda \frac{\bar{P}_{F,t}^*}{\bar{P}_{H,t}} C_{F,t}^{NA}, C_{F,t}^{NA}, L_t \right), \quad (95)$$

$$+ \omega^G \left[ \chi^G \log \left( \frac{\chi^G}{1 - \chi^G} S_t(G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_F) \right) + (1 - \chi^G) \log(G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_F) \right]$$

where  $C_{F,t}^A$  is given by (90),  $C_{F,t}^{NA}$  is given by (92) and  $L_t^A = L_t^{NA}$  is given by (93).

The partial derivatives of the indirect utility function with respect to  $C_{F,t}^A$ ,  $C_{F,t}^{NA}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_t$  are given, respectively, by:

$$V_{C_{F,t}^A} = \alpha \lambda^A \frac{1 - \chi}{C_{F,t}^A} \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \tau_t^A \right), \quad (96)$$

$$V_{C_{F,t}^{NA}} = (1 - \alpha) \lambda^A \frac{1 - \chi}{C_{F,t}^{NA}} \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{1 - \chi} \tau_t^{NA} \right) \quad (97)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{\mathcal{E}_t}(C_{F,t}, \mathcal{E}_t; \mathbf{a}_t) = & \mathbf{a}_t \lambda^A \frac{1-\chi}{C_{F,t}^A} \left\{ \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} C_{F,t}^A \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} + \right. \\
& \left. (\tau_t^A - 1) \left( \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \mathbf{a}_t \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} C_{F,t}^A + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} (1 - \mathbf{a}_t) \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} C_{F,t}^{NA} + \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda-1} + \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} (G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_{F,t}) \right) \right\} \\
& (1 - \mathbf{a}_t) \lambda^{NA} \frac{1-\chi}{C_{F,t}^{NA}} \left\{ \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} C_{F,t}^A \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} + \right. \\
& \left. (\tau_t^{NA} - 1) \left( \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} \mathbf{a}_t \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} C_{F,t}^A + \frac{\chi}{1-\chi} (1 - \mathbf{a}_t) \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} C_{F,t}^{NA} + \zeta \eta \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda-1} + \frac{\chi^G}{1-\chi^G} \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-1} (G_{F,t} + \underline{G}_{F,t}) \right) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{98}$$

The condition characterising unresponsive monetary policy is given by,

$$\bar{P}_{F,t}^* \mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}^A = \mu(1 - \chi), \tag{99}$$

where  $\mu$  is a synthetic monetary instrument. If  $\mu_t/\mu_{t+1}$  is constant,  $R_t = \frac{1}{\beta}$ . The Euler equation is unchanged, but evaluated at active household consumption only (48).

The hegemon maximizes (95) subject to (90) and (90), where  $L_t$  by (93). The optimal allocation is characterized by the following first order conditions with respect to  $C_{F,t}^A, C_{F,t}^{NA}, x_t, \mathcal{E}_t, G_{F,t}$  and  $B_t$  :

$$C_{F,t}^A : \quad \beta^t V_{C_{F,t}^A} - \mathbf{a} \eta_t^A - \eta_t^\mu + \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^\lambda C_{F,t}^2} \left[ \eta_t^E \frac{1}{R_t} - \eta_{t-1}^E \right] = 0, \tag{100}$$

$$C_{F,t}^{NA} : \quad \beta^t V_{C_{F,t}^{NA}} - (1 - \mathbf{a}) \eta_t^{NA} = 0, \tag{101}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{E}_t : \quad & \beta^t V_{\mathcal{E}_t} + [\mathbf{a} \eta_t^A + (1 - \mathbf{a}) \eta_t^{NA}] \left\{ \zeta (\eta - \lambda) \mathcal{E}_t^{\eta-\lambda-1} - \left( \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \kappa^G \Psi_t^G - (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \Psi_t^* \right) \right\} \\
& + [\mathbf{a} \eta_t^A (1 - (1 - \mathbf{a}) \chi) + (1 - \mathbf{a}) \eta_t^{NA} \mathbf{a} \chi] \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} (1 - \lambda) \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} x_t + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} (x_{t-1} + \kappa^G B_{t-1}) + \right. \\
& \left. \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t^2 (1 - \omega) + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t (\xi_t - B_t) \right\} - \frac{1}{\beta} [\mathbf{a} \eta_{t-1}^A (1 - (1 - \mathbf{a}) \chi) + (1 - \mathbf{a}) \eta_{t-1}^{NA} \mathbf{a} \chi] \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} x_{t-1} \\
& + \eta_t^G \left\{ -\lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Psi_t (1 - \kappa^G) + (1 - \lambda) \Psi_t^* \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (1 - \kappa^G) \right\} \\
& + \eta_t^G \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (1 - \lambda)}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} B_t + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t B_t + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} (1 - \kappa^G) B_{t-1} \right\} - \eta_{t-1}^G \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} B_{t-1} \\
& - \eta_t^E \frac{1}{C_{F,t}} \left\{ \frac{1}{R^*} (1 - \lambda) \frac{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_{t+1}} + \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma_t Q_t \right\} + \eta_{t-1}^E \frac{1}{C_{F,t}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{R^*} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}^{1-\lambda}}{\mathcal{E}_t^2} \right\}, \\
& - \eta_t^\mu \lambda \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda-1} \mu(1 - \chi) = 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{102}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_t : \quad & [\mathbf{a}\eta_t^A(1 - (1 - \mathbf{a})\chi) + (1 - \mathbf{a})\eta_t^{NA}\mathbf{a}\chi)]\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \left[ \frac{1}{R_t} - \mathbf{a}\Gamma_t x_t + 2\omega\mathbf{a}\Gamma_t Q_t \right] - \\
& \beta[\mathbf{a}\eta_{t+1}^A(1 - (1 - \mathbf{a})\chi) + (1 - \mathbf{a})\eta_{t+1}^{NA}\mathbf{a}\chi)]\mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} - \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \mathbf{a}\Gamma_t B_t + \eta_t^E \left\{ \mathbf{a}\Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} C_{F,t}} \right\} = 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{103}$$

$$G_{F,t} : \quad \beta^t V_{G_{F,t}} + [\mathbf{a}\eta_t^A + (1 - \mathbf{a})\eta_t^{NA}] \left\{ \frac{\chi^G - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} \right\} - \eta_t^G \left\{ \frac{1 - \kappa^G}{1 - \chi^G} \right\} = 0, \tag{104}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_t : \quad & \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} \frac{1}{R_t} = \beta\eta_{t+1}^G \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} (1 - \kappa^G) + \beta[\mathbf{a}\eta_{t+1}^A + (1 - \mathbf{a})\eta_{t+1}^{NA}] \mathcal{E}_{t+1}^{-\lambda} \kappa^G + \\
& \Gamma_t \left\{ \eta_t^G \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} B_t + [\mathbf{a}\eta_t^A(1 - (1 - \mathbf{a})\chi) + (1 - \mathbf{a})\eta_t^{NA}\mathbf{a}\chi] \mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} (x_t - 2\omega Q_t) \right\} - \eta_t^E \Gamma_t \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t^{-\lambda} C_{F,t}} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{105}$$

## E General Model

In this Appendix I detail the equilibrium conditions for the global model for a country  $i > 0$  under dollar currency pricing, where country  $i = 0$  is the issuer of dollars. I detail the model for an arbitrary utility function, CES aggregator and market structure and specialize to derive the desired results.

**Model Setup.** The consumption basket for country  $i$  is given by,

$$C_{i,t} = \left[ \chi C_{ii,t}^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} + (1 - \chi) C_{i,t}^*{}^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}, \tag{106}$$

where  $C_{i,t}^* = \int_j C_{ji,t} dj$  denotes the import good bundle and  $C_{ji,t}$  denotes country  $i$ 's consumption of goods produced in country  $j$ . In turn,

$$C_{ji,t} = \left( \int_{\omega} C_{ji,t}(\omega)^{\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon}} d\omega \right)^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}} \tag{107}$$

The country  $i$  consumer-price index is given by,

$$P_{i,t} = \left[ \chi P_{ii,t}^{1-\theta} + (1 - \chi) \int_j P_{ji,t}^{1-\theta} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}, \tag{108}$$

where prices are expressed in the currency of destination,  $P_{ii,t}$  denotes country  $i$  prices of domestic goods and  $P_{ji,t}$  is the price of goods produced in  $j$  and consumed in  $i$ . The demand for home and foreign goods respectively is given by,

$$C_{ii,t} = \chi \left( \frac{P_{ii,t}}{P_{i,t}} \right)^{-\theta} C_{i,t}, \quad C_{ji,t} = (1 - \chi) \left( \frac{P_{ji,t}}{P_{i,t}} \right)^{-\theta} C_{i,t}, \tag{109}$$

I define the real exchange rate  $Q_{i,t}$ , the terms of trade  $S_{i,t}$  and deviations from the law of

one price  $\Phi_{i,t}$  as follows,

$$Q_{i,t} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{i,t}P_t^*}{P_{i,t}}, \quad S_{i,t} = \frac{P_t^*}{P_{i,t}}, \quad \Phi_{i,t} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{i,t}P_{i,t}^*}{P_{ii,t}} \quad (110)$$

where, from (109),

$$Q_{i,t}^{\theta-1} = \chi + (1 - \chi)(S_{i,t}\Phi_{i,t})^{\theta-1} \quad (111)$$

The households' budget constraint is given by,

$$P_{i,t}C_{i,t} = W_{i,t}L_{i,t} + \Pi_{i,t} + T_{i,t} + x_{i,t} - R_{i,t-1}x_{i,t-1}, \quad (112)$$

where  $\Pi_{i,t} = \Pi_{i,t}^g + \Pi_{i,t}^f$  combines goods' firms and financial firms' profits. The market clearing constraint is given by,

$$Y_{i,t} = C_{ii,t} + \int_j C_{ij,t}dj \quad (113)$$

**Firm's pricing conditions.** For country  $i > 0$ , the price-setting problem for domestic sales is given by,<sup>52</sup>

$$\max_{P_t} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{i,t} \left[ (P_t - \tilde{M}C_{i,t}) \left( \frac{P_t}{P_{ii,t}} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t^D \right] \quad (115)$$

and for exports,

$$\max_{P_t} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{i,t} \left[ (\mathcal{E}_{i,t}P_t^* - \tilde{M}C_{i,t}) \left( \frac{P_t^*}{P_{i,t}^*} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t^E \right] \quad (116)$$

in which market prices are set in dollar terms. In a symmetric equilibrium  $P_t = P(j)_t$ . In contrast, for country  $i = 0$  who issues dollars,

$$\max_{P_t} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{i,t} \left[ (P_t - \tilde{M}C_{i,t}) \left( \frac{P_t}{P_{ii,t}} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_{i,t} \right] \quad (117)$$

where  $Y_{i,t} = Y_{i,t}^D + Y_{i,t}^E$ . Denoting  $P_t = P_{H,t}$ ,  $Y_{i,t} = Y_{H,t}$  and substituting  $\tilde{M}C_{i,t} = \frac{\tilde{W}_t}{A_t}$  yields the pricing condition for hegemon firms in the main body (10).

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<sup>52</sup>This can be considered as the limit  $\phi \rightarrow \infty$  of the dynamic pricing with Rotemberg adjustment costs considered in Egorov and Mukhin (2019). In the domestic market,

$$\max_{P_t} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{i,t} \left[ (P_t - \tilde{M}C_{i,t}) \left( \frac{P_t}{P_{ii,t}} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t^D \right] - \chi \frac{\phi}{2} \left( \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_{i,t}^D \quad (114)$$

As adjusting prices becomes very costly,  $\lim_{\phi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} = 1$ .

**Equilibrium Conditions.** Goods' firms profits are given by,

$$\Pi_t^g = (P_{ii,t} - MC_{i,t})Y_{i,t} + (\mathcal{E}_{i,t}P_{i,t}^* - MC_{i,t})Y_{i,t}^E \quad (118)$$

where  $MC_{i,t}(Y_{i,t} + Y_{i,t}^E) = W_{i,t}L_{i,t}$ . The consolidated budget constraint can be written as,

$$\int_j P_{ji,t} C_{ji,t} dj - \int_j P_{ij,t} C_{ij,t} dj = x_{i,t} - R_{i,t}x_{i,t-1} + \Pi_{i,t}^f$$

Using the relative demand equations (109) and (110), the market clearing equation (113) can be expressed as,

$$A_{i,t}L_{i,t} = \chi\Phi_{i,t}S_{i,t}^\theta Q_{i,t}^{-\theta}C_{i,t} + (1 - \chi)S_{i,t}^\theta C_t^* \quad (119)$$

where I have assumed production is linear and only uses labour. Similarly, the consolidated budget constraint (112) can be rewritten as,

$$(1 - \chi)\mathcal{E}_{i,t}P_{i,t}^* \int_j \left(\frac{P_{ij,t}}{P_{j,t}}\right)^{-\theta} C_{j,t} dj - (1 - \chi) \int_j P_{ji,t} \left(\frac{P_{ji,t}}{P_{i,t}}\right)^{-\theta} dj C_j = \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t} F_{i,t}$$

where,

$$F_{i,t} = \mathcal{E}_{i,t} \left( x_{i,t} - R_{i,t}x_{i,t-1} + \Pi_{i,t}^f \right) \quad (120)$$

In complete markets,  $F_{i,t} = x_{i,t}^h$ , where  $h$  denotes the realisation of history, and  $\sum_{t,h} x_{i,t}^h = 0$ .

<sup>53</sup> Converting to dollar terms, the consolidated budget constraint can be further simplified to,

$$(1 - \chi)P_t^* \left[ S_{i,t}^{\theta-1} \int_j Q_j^{-\theta} C_{j,t} dj - Q_{i,t}^{-\theta} C_{i,t} \right] + F_{i,t} = 0 \quad (121)$$

Consider the maximization problem for country  $i > 0$ , taking  $F_{i,t}$  as given.

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\{C_{i,t}, L_{i,t}, \Phi_{i,t}, Q_{i,t}\}} u(C_{i,t}, L_{i,t}) \\ & \text{s.t.} \quad (111), (112), (113). \end{aligned}$$

The monetary policy instrument is  $\Phi_{i,t}$  which relates to  $\mathcal{E}_{i,t}$  as per (110), where  $P_{ii,t}$  is pre-set and  $P_{i,t}^*$  is taken as given. Condition (111) is used to substitute out  $Q_{i,t}$  noting that  $Q_{i,t}$  is itself a function of  $\Phi_{i,t}$ . I attach multipliers  $\eta_{1,t}^*$ ,  $\eta_{2,t}^*$ , respectively to (112), (113). I make the following assumption which in the proof to Lemma 3, I show is satisfied when  $\omega = 1$ ,  $\phi^* = 0$ .

**A.4 (Portfolio returns in foreign currency independent of policy)**  $F_{i,t}$  given by (120) is unaffected by monetary policy.

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<sup>53</sup>Without loss of generality I assume Arrow Debreu securities are denominated in dollars.

The first order conditions with respect to  $C_{i,t}$ ,  $L_{i,t}$  and  $\Phi_{i,t}$  are given as follows:

$$C_{i,t} : \quad u_{C_{i,t}} - \eta_{1,t}^* \{\chi Q_{i,t}^\theta \Phi_{i,t}^\theta S_{i,t}^\theta\} - \eta_{2,t}^* \{(1 - \chi) P_t^* Q_{i,t}^{-\theta}\} = 0, \quad (122)$$

$$L_{i,t} : \quad u_{L_{i,t}} + \eta_{1,t}^* A_{i,t} = 0, \quad (123)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{i,t} : \quad & -\eta_{1,t}^* \{\chi(\theta Q_{i,t}^{2-\theta} \Phi_{i,t}^{2\theta-2} S_{i,t}^{2\theta-1} C_{i,t} + \theta Q_{i,t}^{-\theta} S_{i,t}^\theta \Phi_{i,t}^{\theta-1} C_{i,t})\} \\ & + \eta_{2,t}^* (1 - \chi) P_t^* \theta Q_{i,t}^{1-2\theta} \chi \Phi_{i,t}^{\theta-2} S_{i,t}^{\theta-1} C_{i,t} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (124)$$

where the last FOC uses the chain rule. Factorizing and using (111) to simplify (124) yields,

$$\eta_{i,t} S_{i,t} \Phi_{i,t} = \rho_{i,t} P_t^* \quad (125)$$

Then combining (122) and (125) yields,

$$\frac{-u_{L_{i,t}}}{u_{C_{i,t}}} = \frac{A_{i,t}}{S_{i,t} \Phi_{i,t} Q_{i,t}^{-1}} \quad (126)$$

Using the household intratemporal consumption-leisure Euler, I show that optimal policy therefore ensures,

$$\frac{W_{i,t}}{A_{i,t} P_{ii,t}} = 1 \quad (127)$$

Optimal monetary policy stabilises marginal costs— a result emphasized in Egorov and Mukhin (2019) who show it generalises to a dynamic environment with Rotemberg pricing.

#### Lemma 4A (Foreign monetary policy)

Under A.2 and assuming  $\chi^G = 0$ ,  $\omega = 0$ ,  $\psi^* = 0$ , and  $A_t = \bar{A}$ , under DCP, optimal monetary policy in the foreign sector is fully characterised by  $R^* \beta = 1$ .

**Proof.** See Appendix A.

#### Proof of Lemma 4A.

The proof is in two steps. First, I show that if utility is log-linear ( $\psi = 0$ ) and productivity is constant ( $A_{i,t} = \bar{A}$ ) marginal cost stabilization (127), which characterizes the optimal monetary policy, is achieved by  $R_{i,t} \beta = 1$ . By symmetry of countries in the foreign sector  $R^*$  is constant. Second, I verify that A.4 holds if  $\omega = 1$ .

Assuming CRRA utility with  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $\theta = 1$  and  $\psi = 0$ , (127) can be rewritten as,

$$\frac{P_{i,t} C_{i,t}}{A_{i,t}} \frac{\chi}{\kappa} = 1 \quad (128)$$



In turn, denoting  $P_{i,t}C_{i,t} = \mu_t$ , the nominal interest rate can be expressed as,

$$R_{i,t} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\mu_t}{\mu_{t+1}} \quad (129)$$

If  $A_{i,t} = \bar{A}_t$ , from (128),  $\mu_t$  must be constant. (Then, 129) implies  $R_{i,t}\beta = 1$ .

To complete the proof, I show A.4 is satisfied if  $\omega^* = 1$ . Since all countries  $i > 0$  are symmetric, I assume  $R_{i,t} = R^*$  for all  $i > 0$ . Furthermore, this implies  $\mathcal{E}_i = \mathcal{E}_t$  since  $x_{i,t}$  is symmetric across  $i$ . Without loss of generality, financiers can then be assumed to trade in a dollar bond and a single foreign bond denominated in foreign currency. In foreign currency terms, using (120) portfolio returns for any country  $i > 0$  can be expressed as,

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t} F_t^* = \left[ x_t^* - R^* x_{t-1}^* + \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t} Q_{t-1} \left( R_t - R_t^* \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}} \right) \right] \quad (130)$$

From clearing in the \$ market  $Q_{t-1}^\$ = x_{t-1}$  (abstracting from other features of the IMS discussed below), and by financiers' zero-capital condition  $Q_t + Q_t^* \mathcal{E}_t = 0$  where  $-Q_{t-1}^* \mathcal{E}_{t-1} = -x^* \mathcal{E}_{t-1}$ . Substituting this,

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{E}_t} F_t^* = x_t^* - R^* x_{t-1}^* - \frac{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}}{\mathcal{E}_t} x_{t-1}^* \left( R_t - R_t^* \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}} \right) \quad (131)$$

Finally, rearranging, and expressing in \$ terms,

$$F_t^* = -Q_t + R_t Q_{t-1}, \quad (132)$$

which is exogenous to monetary policy in  $i > 0$ . (132) reflects the net foreign asset position of the country, consolidating for international financiers balance sheets. This is consistent with Egorov and Mukhin (2019) who argue incomplete markets do not affect the policy of marginal cost stabilisation if a country issues debt in foreign currency.  $\square$

**Extending Lemma 4A to  $\xi$  shocks** Allowing for foreign \$ demand shocks,

$$\Pi_{t-1}^f = x_t^* - R^* x_{t-1}^* + \xi^* \left( R_t - R_t^* \frac{\mathcal{E}_t}{\mathcal{E}_{t-1}} \right), \quad (133)$$

$$Q_t^* = x_{t-1}^* + \xi_{t-1}^* \quad (134)$$

Substituting these quantities into (120) yields (132) therefore the policy response to fluctuations in  $\xi_t^*$  is a constant  $R^*$  policy for the foreign sector.

Intuitively, because of DCP, foreign countries cannot affect export or import prices and cannot generate expenditure switching beyond switching between domestic goods and imports. The optimal policy is to stabilize domestic firms' marginal costs to replicate part of the flexible

price equilibrium.<sup>54</sup> With linear disutility of labour in the foreign sector ( $\psi^* = 0$ ), this is achieved by a constant  $R^*$  as long as  $A_t = \bar{A}$ . Furthermore, as long as foreign households fully own financiers ( $\omega = 0$ ) the country as a whole effectively issues debt in dollars. Consequently, monetary policy cannot affect asset pay-outs, is inward looking and finds it optimal to stabilize marginal costs.<sup>55</sup> While I focus on the DCP case, stabilisation of marginal costs is optimal under PCP as well, see e.g. Corsetti et al. (2007).

## F Further Results for Calibration Exercise

Below, I provide further results for the calibration exercise in Section 5. The next two figure plot the impulse response of key quantities in the model, under different monetary policy regimes. First, Figure 15 shows the impulse response of the spread in the cost of borrowing in dollars vis-a-vis foreign currency. The impact is close to the empirical values presented in Figure 1.

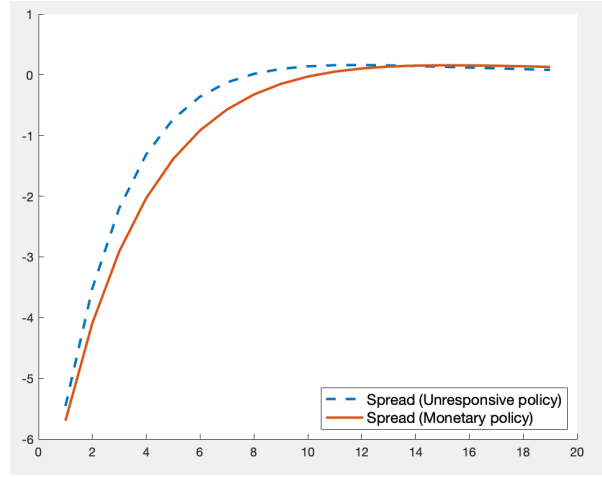


Figure 17: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Difference in cost of borrowing in dollars vis-a-vis foreign currency expressed in % (quarterly) , if interest rates are fixed or monetary policy is optimally set.

Next, Figure 17 illustrates the impulse response for the ramsey multiplier on the Euler equation  $\eta_t^E$ , given by (38). The multiplier takes a positive value if there is over-borrowing by private households in the economy and is zero if an optimal borrowing tax is levied. The figure below illustrates that monetary policy alone, is able to partly narrow  $\eta_t^E$ , but over-borrowing persists absent the optimal borrowing tax.

<sup>54</sup>This is a well understood result in the literature. Corsetti et al. (2007) show, in both complete and incomplete markets, that with perfectly rigid prices and DCP, a foreign economy takes as exogenous the terms of trade and pursues a monetary policy which stabilizes domestic marginal costs. Egorov and Mukhin (2019) show this result generalises to dynamic pricing with Rotemberg adjustment, the inclusion of intermediate goods and along other dimensions and show that the equilibrium for non-US countries is less efficient under DCP. The substantial difference relative to Corsetti et al. (2007) and Egorov and Mukhin (2019), is that I allow for financial market segmentation.

<sup>55</sup>Conversely, Egorov and Mukhin (2019) study a version with intermediate goods and find that whilst domestic price stabilisation is still the optimal policy, it is outward looking and part of a global monetary cycle.

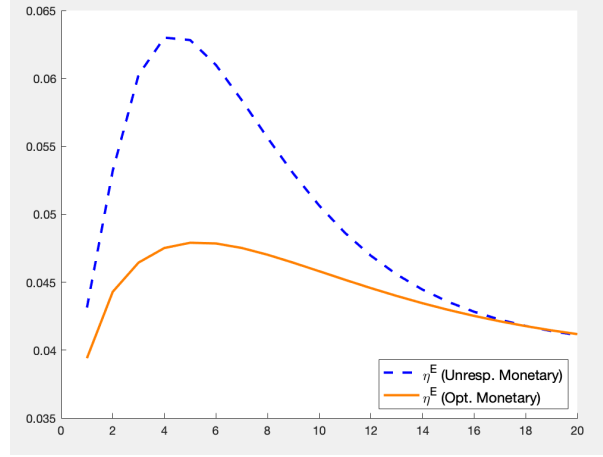


Figure 18: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Difference in cost of borrowing in dollars vis-a-vis foreign currency expressed in %, if interest rates are fixed or monetary policy is optimally set.

Figure 18 details the labour wedge for the two household groups at the constrained optimal allocation.

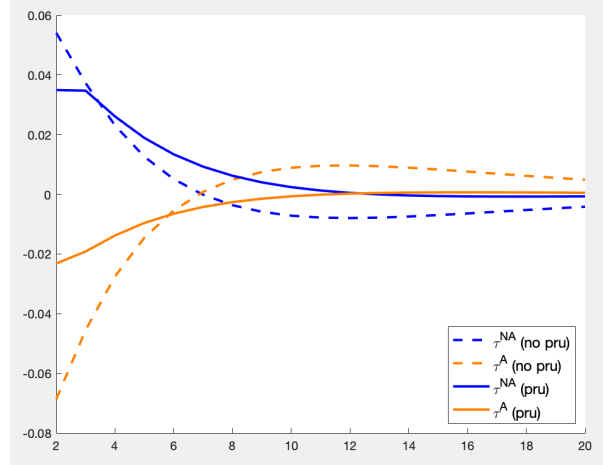


Figure 19: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Labour wedge for active and inactive households when a borrowing tax is and is not available, and monetary policy is optimally set.

**Impulse Responses for Allocations.** The next three figure plot consumption allocations and hours worked under different policy regimes.

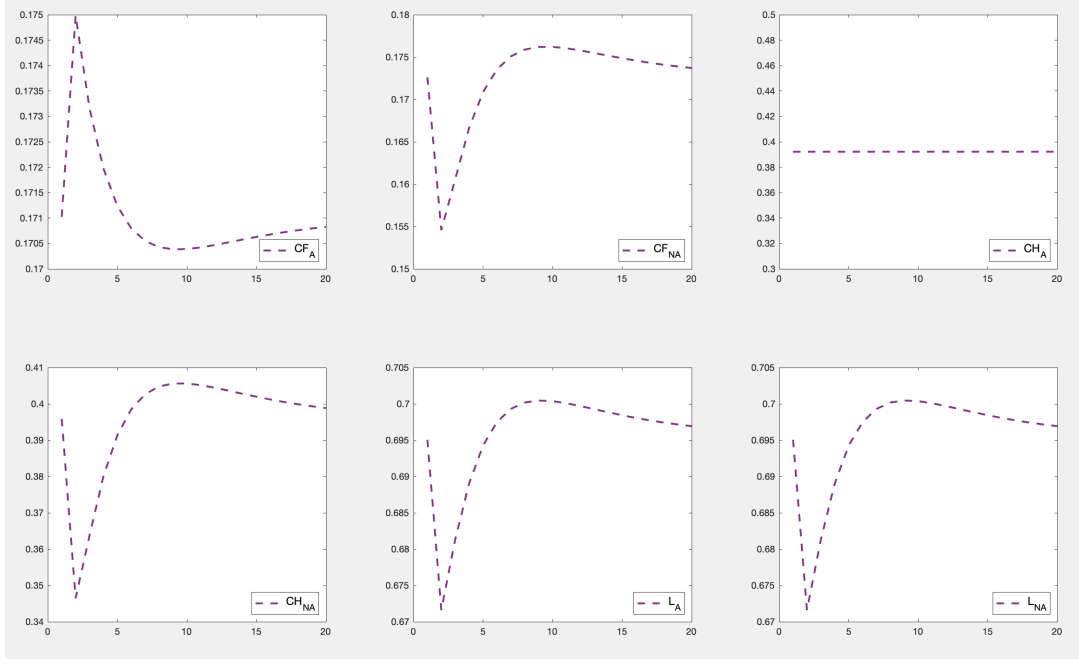


Figure 20: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Allocations when interest rates are held constant.

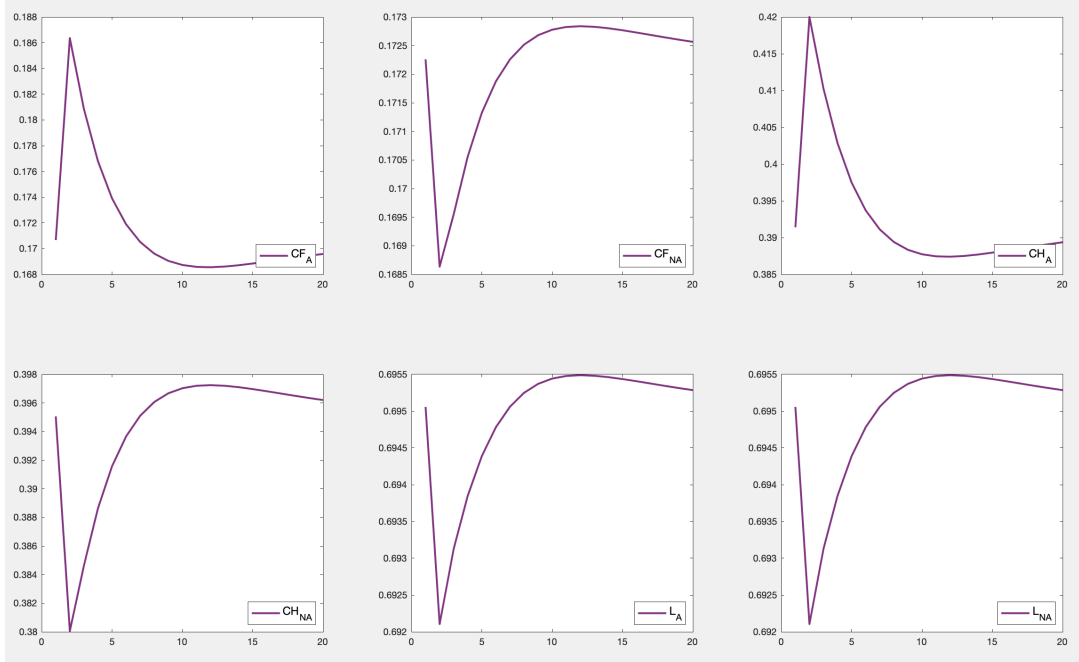


Figure 21: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Allocations when monetary policy is optimally set.

**Welfare under DCP.** Finally, Table 3 below repeats the welfare analysis in Table 2 for the case of  $\lambda = 1$ , i.e the producer currency pricing benchmark.

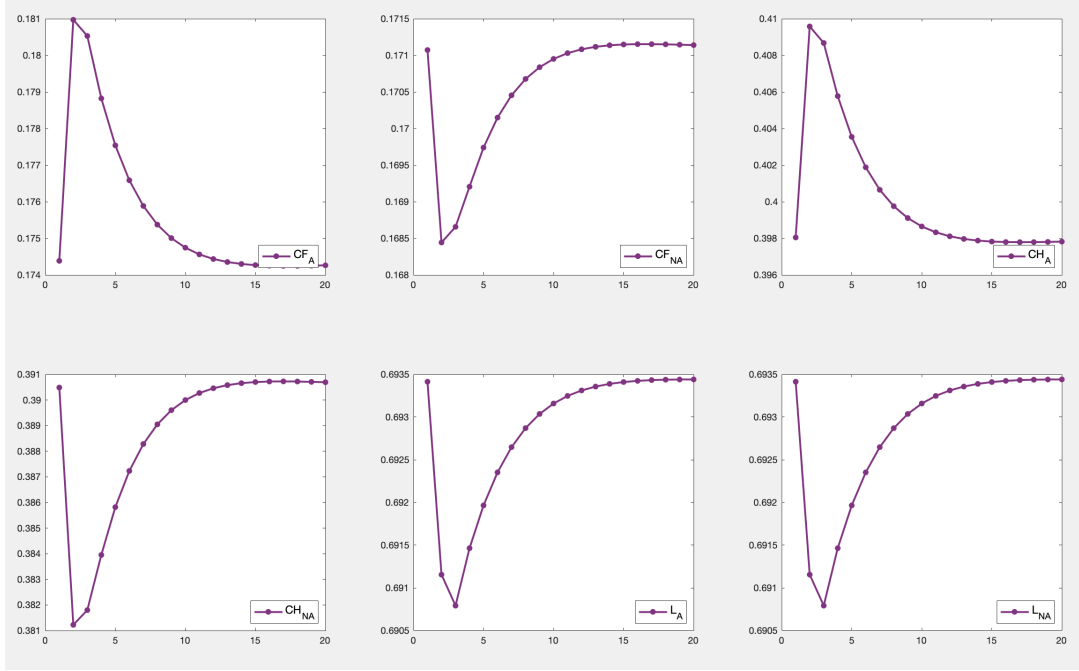


Figure 22: Impulse response to  $\xi > 0$ . Allocations at the constrained optimal allocation (monetary policy+optimal borrowing tax).

	Active	Inactive	Aggregate
Unresponsive monetary (no macropru.)	0.054%	0.068%	0.058%
Optimal monetary (no macropru.)	-0.07%	0.0037%	-0.048%
Constrained Optimal	-0.19%	0.047%	-0.13%

Table 3: Hicksian welfare transfers under different policy regimes, in response to a one-off, unanticipated dollar-asset demand shock.