

# DEMAND FOR MONEY

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- **Demand for money increases with number of transactions**

$$MV = PT \quad (1)$$

where,

- $M$  : supply of money,  $P$  : price level,  $T$  : number of transactions
- $V$  : velocity of money  $\Rightarrow$  number of times money changes hand
- Number of transactions equals to income generated

$$T = Y \quad (2)$$

# Quantity Theory of Money

- Equation (1) and (2) gives,

$$\begin{aligned} MV &= PY \\ V &= \frac{PY}{M} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \frac{1}{V}PY \\ &= kPY \end{aligned}$$

- Smaller amount of money circulates faster

- **Neutrality of Money:**

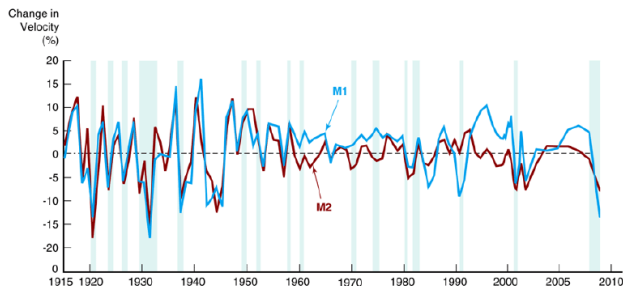
- Velocity fairly constant in long-run
- Aggregate output at full-employment level
- Changes in money supply affect only the price level
- Movement in the price level results solely from change in the quantity of money

- **Demand for money is determined by:**

- The level of transactions generated by the level of nominal income  $PY$
- The institutions in the economy that affect the way people conduct transactions and thus determine velocity and hence  $k$

# Quantity Theory of Money

- **Velocity of money:** varies in short run but fairly constant over long run



Sources: *Economic Report of the President*; *Banking and Monetary Statistics*;  
[www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h6/hist/h6hist1.txt](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h6/hist/h6hist1.txt).

- **Why do individuals hold money?**

- **Transactions motive and Precautionary motive:** depends on income positively
- **Speculative motive:** depends on interest rate negatively
  - interest rate is the opportunity cost of holding money. Individual earns interest rate  $i$  by foregoing one extra unit of money and investing in bond

# Keynes's Liquidity Preference Theory

- **Demand for money:**

$$M = PL(i, Y)$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial i} < 0, \frac{\partial L}{\partial Y} > 0$$

- Return for holding non-monetary assets is  $r$ , and return for holding money is,  $-\pi^e$ .
- Additional return for holding non-monetary assets over money is,  $r - (-\pi^e) = r + \pi^e$

- **Fischer equation:**

$$i = r + \pi^e$$

- $i$ : nominal interest rate,  $r$ : real interest rate,  $\pi^e$ : expected inflation



# Keynes's Liquidity Preference Theory

- QTM:

$$M = \frac{PY}{V(i)}, V'(i) > 0$$

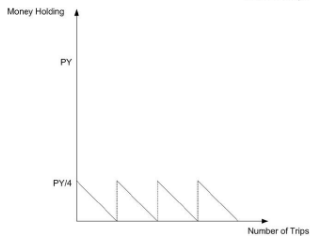
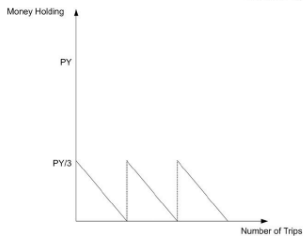
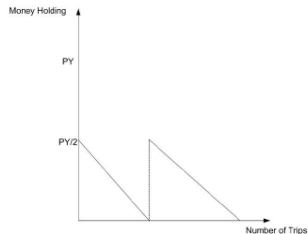
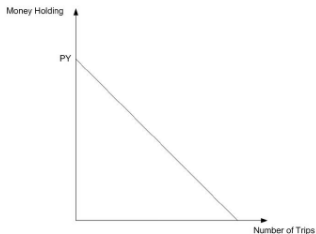
- **velocity not constant**

- rise in  $i$  reduces  $L$  and increases  $V$
- rise in  $Y$  increases both numerator and denominator. However, numerator rises more than denominator causing  $V$  to rise

# Baumol (1952) and Tobin (1956) Model of Transaction Demand

- **Suppose an individual holds money only for transaction purpose**
  - total amount of money holding:  $PY$
  - total number of trip to bank:  $N$
  - average money holding:  $\frac{PY}{2N}$
  - interest rate:  $i$
  - shoe leather cost:  $F$  per trip

# Baumol (1952) and Tobin (1956) Model of Transaction Demand



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- Average money holding when  $N = 1$

$$\frac{PY + 0}{2} = \frac{PY}{2 \times 1} = \frac{PY}{2}$$

- Average money holding when  $N = 2$

$$\frac{\frac{PY}{2} + 0}{2} = \frac{PY}{2 \times 2} = \frac{PY}{4}$$

- Average money holding when  $N = 3$

$$\frac{\frac{PY}{3} + 0}{2} = \frac{PY}{2 \times 3} = \frac{PY}{6}$$

- Average money holding for  $N$  trips

$$\frac{PY}{2 \times N} = \frac{PY}{2N}$$

# Baumol (1952) and Tobin (1956) Model of Transaction Demand

- **Total cost incurred by the individual:**

$$C = \frac{PY}{2N}i + PFN$$

- **Individual chooses  $N$  to minimize  $C$ :**

$$N^* = \sqrt{\frac{iY}{2F}}$$

- Higher interest rate induces people to withdraw less money in each trip  $\Rightarrow$  number of trip to bank rises
- Higher shoe leather cost induces people to take less number of trips

# Baumol (1952) and Tobin (1956) Model of Transaction Demand

- **Average money holding:**

$$M^* = \frac{PY}{2N^*} = P\sqrt{\frac{YF}{2i}}$$

- Even transaction demand for money depends both on income and interest rate
  - **positively on  $Y$**  : higher transaction needs more money
  - **negatively on  $i$**  : rise in  $i$  reduces  $N$  and increases  $M$
  - rise in  $F$  reduces  $N$  and increases  $M$

# Tobin (1958) Model of Speculative Demand

- **Total wealth or portfolio:**  $\overline{W}$

- Fraction  $(1 - \alpha)$  held in cash
- Rest in bond

$$\begin{aligned} W &= M + B \\ &= (1 - \alpha) W + \alpha W, 0 < \alpha < 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Tobin (1958) Model of Speculative Demand

- Return on holding money: 0
- Expected return of bond:  $r_b$
- Portfolio return:

$$R = \alpha r_b \quad (3)$$

- Portfolio risk:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \alpha^2 \sigma_b^2 \\ \alpha &= \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_b} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- Higher risk associated with bond ( $\sigma_b$ ) reduces bond holding and increases money holding



# Tobin (1958) Model of Speculative Demand

- Equation (3) and (4) gives,

$$R = \frac{r_b}{\sigma_b} \sigma \quad (5)$$

- Slope:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{r_b}{\sigma_b} > 0$$

# Tobin (1958) Model of Speculative Demand

- **Individual earns utility from risk and return of the portfolio:**

$$u = u(R, \sigma)$$
$$u_1 > 0, u_2 < 0$$

- **Slope of the indifference curve:**

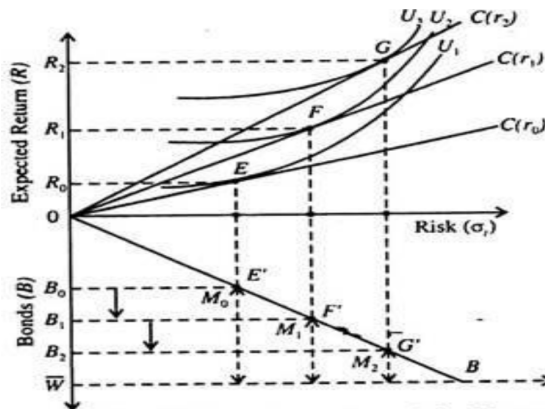
$$\frac{dR}{d\sigma} = -\frac{u_2}{u_1} > 0 \quad (6)$$

- Higher risk should be compensated by higher return to keep a person indifferent for buying the bond

# Tobin (1958) Model of Speculative Demand

- Maximizing (7) subject to (6) gives

$$-\frac{u_2}{u_1} = \frac{r_b}{\sigma_b}$$



# Tobin (1958) Model of Speculative Demand

- Higher expected return of bond ( $r_b$ ) makes the budget constraint steeper and induces individual to hold more bond and less money
- Higher risk associated with bond ( $\sigma_b$ ) reduces slope of the budget constraint and induces people to hold more money and less bond
- Higher wealth increases demand for both money and bond

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Production Function in percapita form:**

$$Y(t) = F(K(t), N(t))$$

- diminishing marginal productivity

$$F_K > 0, F_{KK} < 0$$

$$F_N > 0, F_{NN} < 0$$

$$F_{KK}F_{NN} - F_{KN}^2 > 0$$

- **Constant Return to Scale (CRS):**

$$\frac{Y(t)}{N(t)} = F\left(\frac{K(t)}{N(t)}, 1\right)$$

$$y(t) = f(k(t)), f' > 0, f'' < 0$$

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Lifetime utility function:**

$$U = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} u(c(t), m(t)) dt$$

- Individual derives utility from consumption and real money balance

$$\left( m(t) = \frac{M(t)}{P(t)} \right)$$

- $u_c > 0, u_m > 0, u_{cc} < 0, u_{mm} < 0$
- discount factor:  $0 < \rho < 1$

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Resource constraint (without population growth):** Define total asset,

$$a(t) = m(t) + b(t) + k(t)$$

$$\dot{a}(t) = \dot{m}(t) + \dot{b}(t) + \dot{k}(t)$$

$$f(k(t)) + (i(t) - \pi(t))b(t) - \pi(t)m(t) + \tau(t) = \dot{a}(t)$$

- $\tau(t)$ : **lumpsum transfer**

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Problem**

$$\max_{\{c(t), b(t), k(t), m(t)\}} U = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} u(c(t), m(t)) dt$$

subject to,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}(t) + \dot{b}(t) + \dot{k}(t) &= f(k(t)) - \delta k(t) - \pi(t) m(t) \\ &\quad + (i(t) - \pi(t)) b(t) + \tau(t) - c(t) \end{aligned}$$

- Given:  $k_0$
- TVC:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\rho t} \lambda(t) x(t) = 0, x(t) = b(t), k(t), m(t)$



# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Current value Hamiltonian:**

$$H = u(c(t), m(t)) + \lambda(t) \left[ \begin{array}{l} f(k(t)) - \delta k(t) - \pi(t) m(t) \\ + (i(t) - \pi(t)) b(t) + \tau(t) - c(t) \end{array} \right]$$

FOCs:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda(t)} = \dot{a}(t) \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial c(t)} = u_c(c(t), m(t)) - \lambda(t) = 0 \quad (8)$$

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Current value Hamiltonian:**

FOCs:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial H}{\partial m(t)} &= -\dot{\lambda}(t) + \rho\lambda(t) = u_m(c(t), m(t)) - \lambda(t)\pi(t) \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial k(t)} &= -\dot{\lambda}(t) + \rho\lambda(t) = \lambda(t) [f'(k(t)) - \delta] \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial b(t)} &= -\dot{\lambda}(t) + \rho\lambda(t) = \lambda(t) [i(t) - \pi(t)]\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Equation (9) gives Fischer equation**

$$i(t) - \pi(t) = f'(k(t)) - \delta$$

- **Taking log both sides of equation (8) and differentiating and using (??) gives,**

$$\frac{\dot{c}(t)}{c(t)} = \frac{f'(k(t)) - \delta - \rho}{\sigma_{u,c}} - \frac{u_{cm}m}{u_{cc}c} \frac{\dot{m}(t)}{m(t)} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{u_m(c(t), m(t))}{u_c(c(t), m(t))} = i(t) \quad (11)$$

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

### • **Equation (10):** Euler Equation

- we get standard Ramsey back when utility is additively separable between  $c(t)$  and  $m(t) \Rightarrow u_{cm} = 0$
- $\sigma_{u,c} = -\frac{u_{cc}(c(t),m(t))c(t)}{u_c(c(t),m(t))}$ , elasticity of utility with respect to consumption. It is a measure of Relative Risk Aversion (RRA)
- RRA rises as  $\sigma_{u,c}$  rises.

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Equation (11) gives,**

- rise in  $i(t)$  increases  $\frac{u_m(c(t), m(t))}{u_c(c(t), m(t))}$
- rise in  $u_m(c(t), m(t))$  reduces  $m(t)$  due to concavity of utility function
- rise in  $c(t)$  reduces  $u_c(c(t), m(t))$  given  $i(t)$ .  $u_m(c(t), m(t))$  should fall. Implies reduces  $m(t)$  to rise

# Sidrauski (1967) Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Money Demand

## Money in the Utility Function (MIU) Model

- **Steady State:**  $\dot{m}(t) = 0 = \dot{b}(t) = \dot{k}(t)$

- equation (10) gives,

$$f'(k_{SS}) = \delta + \rho$$

- $\tau_{SS} = \pi_{SS} m_{SS} \Rightarrow$  seigniorage (revenue generated by government by printing money)
- budget constraint with  $b_{SS} = 0$  gives,

$$c_{SS} = f(k_{SS}) - \delta k_{SS}$$

- $\dot{m}(t) = 0$  implies  $\frac{\dot{M}(t)}{M(t)} = \pi_{SS}$ . How to determine  $\frac{\dot{M}(t)}{M(t)}$ ?
- **Real variables are independent of money and growth of money ( $\pi$ )  $\Rightarrow$  money is superneutral and superneutral**

# Seigniorage and Hyperinflation

- **Seigniorage:**

$$\frac{\dot{M}(t)}{P(t)} = \frac{\dot{M}(t)}{M(t)} \frac{M(t)}{P(t)}$$

- Printing money gives seigniorage revenue to the government but increase inflation too which reduces the revenue
- There exists an optimal inflation that maximizes seigniorage revenue
- Implies inflation has a Laffer curve

# Seigniorage and Hyperinflation

- Consider the following money demand function at

$$\frac{\dot{M}(t)}{P(t)} = Y(t) e^{-\alpha(r(t)+\pi(t))}, \alpha > 0$$

- Seigniorage at steady state:

$$\left. \frac{\dot{M}(t)}{P(t)} \right|_{SS} = \pi_{SS} Y_{SS} e^{-\alpha(r_{SS}+\pi_{SS})}$$

- Seigniorage revenue is maximum at  $\pi_{SS} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$
- Printing money gives revenue to government but may put government at wrong part of Laffer curve where  $\pi_{SS} > \frac{1}{\alpha}$ .**
  - Government earn less revenue but creates more inflation  $\Rightarrow$  hyperinflation
  - Revenue can be increased by lowering inflation (nominal money growth,

$$\frac{\dot{M}(t)}{M(t)}$$



- **Printing money gives revenue to government but may put government at wrong part of Laffer curve where  $\pi_{SS} > \frac{1}{\alpha}$ .**
  - Laffer curve is hump-shaped. Government earns less revenue but creates more inflation  $\Rightarrow$  hyperinflation
  - Revenue can be increased by lowering inflation (nominal money growth,  $\frac{\dot{M}(t)}{M(t)}$ )

# Cost of Inflation

- **Shoeleather cost:** Have to go to bank more frequently to withdraw money as value of money gets reduced
- **Menu Cost:** Firm has to change price frequently (restaurant has to print menu frequently)
- **Redistribution of Income:** Higher expected inflation reduces real interest rate. Creditors suffers but debtors gain
- **Liquidity effect:** increases nominal interest rate. Debt denominated in nominal terms (mortgage loan) rises

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