

Macroeconomics A; EI060

Short problems

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1 Expected labor

Question: The Home and Foreign output relations are given by:

$$Y = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{PC}{P_H} + \frac{P^* C^*}{P_H^*} \right) = \frac{\mu}{2} \left(\frac{1}{P_H} + \frac{\mu^*}{\mu P_H^*} \right) = \frac{PC}{2} \left(\frac{1}{P_H} + \frac{1}{\mathcal{E} P_H^*} \right)$$

The price indices are:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 2 [P_H]^{0.5} [P_F]^{0.5} \\ P^* &= 2 [P_H^*]^{0.5} [P_F^*]^{0.5} \end{aligned}$$

The various prices are:

$$\begin{aligned} P_H &= \frac{\theta \kappa}{\theta - 1} E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \\ P_F^* &= \frac{\theta \kappa}{\theta - 1} E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} \right) \\ P_F &= (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma^*} \frac{\theta \kappa}{\theta - 1} E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \\ P_H^* &= (\mathcal{E})^{-\gamma} \frac{\theta \kappa}{\theta - 1} E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The exchange rate is $\mathcal{E} = \mu/\mu^*$. The technology is $Y = Zl$.

Show that the expected labor is:

$$E(l) = \frac{\theta - 1}{\theta \kappa}$$

Answer: The labor is:

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \frac{Y}{Z} \\ l &= \frac{1}{Z} \frac{PC}{2} \left(\frac{1}{P_H} + \frac{1}{\mathcal{E} P_H^*} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l &= \frac{\mu}{2Z} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{\theta\kappa}{\theta-1} E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)} + \frac{1}{(\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma} \frac{\theta\kappa}{\theta-1} E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}\right)} \right) \\
l &= \frac{\mu}{2Z} \left(\frac{1}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)} + \frac{(\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}\right)} \right) \frac{\theta-1}{\theta\kappa} \\
l &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\frac{\mu}{Z}}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)} + \frac{\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}\right)} \right) \frac{\theta-1}{\theta\kappa}
\end{aligned}$$

We take the expected value:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(l) &= \frac{1}{2} E \left(\frac{\frac{\mu}{Z}}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)} + \frac{\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}\right)} \right) \frac{\theta-1}{\theta\kappa} \\
E(l) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)} + \frac{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}\right)}{E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z} (\mathcal{E})^{\gamma-1}\right)} \right) \frac{\theta-1}{\theta\kappa} \\
E(l) &= \frac{1}{2} (1+1) \frac{\theta-1}{\theta\kappa} \\
E(l) &= \frac{\theta-1}{\theta\kappa}
\end{aligned}$$

2 Expected log consumption

Question: We can show that when prices are flexible (take this as given):

$$C^{\text{flex}} = \frac{\theta-1}{\theta 2\kappa} (Z)^{0.5} (Z^*)^{0.5}$$

Show that consumption under sticky prices is:

$$C = \frac{(\mu)^{1-\frac{\gamma^*}{2}} (\mu^*)^{\frac{\gamma^*}{2}}}{\left[E\left(\frac{\mu}{Z}\right)\right]^{0.5} \left[E\left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*}\right)\right]^{0.5}} \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\kappa}$$

Show that the gap between the expected log consumption and its value under flexible prices is:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\ln C) - E(\ln C^{\text{flex}}) &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2}\right) \sum_k \pi_k \ln \mu_k + \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \sum_k \pi_k \ln \mu_k^* \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \pi_k \ln Z_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \pi_k \ln Z_k^* \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

where k is an index of state of nature, and π_k denotes the probability of the state.

Answer: Consumption is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= \frac{\mu}{P} \\
C &= \frac{\mu}{2 [P_H]^{0.5} [P_F]^{0.5}} \\
C &= \frac{\mu}{2 \left[\frac{\theta \kappa}{\theta-1} E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \right]^{0.5} \left[(\mathcal{E})^{\gamma^*} \frac{\theta \kappa}{\theta-1} E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \right]^{0.5}} \\
C &= \frac{\mu}{\left[E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \right]^{0.5} \left[\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu^*} \right)^{\gamma^*} E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \right]^{0.5}} \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\kappa} \\
C &= \frac{(\mu)^{1-\frac{\gamma^*}{2}} (\mu^*)^{\frac{\gamma^*}{2}}}{\left[E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \right]^{0.5} \left[E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \right]^{0.5}} \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\kappa}
\end{aligned}$$

We then write:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\ln C) &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) E(\ln \mu) + \frac{\gamma^*}{2} E(\ln \mu^*) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \right] + \ln \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\kappa} \\
E(\ln C) - E(\ln C^{\text{flex}}) &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) E(\ln \mu) + \frac{\gamma^*}{2} E(\ln \mu^*) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \right] + \ln \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\kappa} \\
&\quad - \ln \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} E(\ln Z) - \frac{1}{2} E(\ln Z^*) \\
E(\ln C) - E(\ln C^{\text{flex}}) &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) E(\ln \mu) + \frac{\gamma^*}{2} E(\ln \mu^*) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} E(\ln Z) - \frac{1}{2} E(\ln Z^*) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[E \left(\frac{\mu}{Z} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[E \left(\frac{\mu^*}{Z^*} (\mathcal{E})^{1-\gamma^*} \right) \right] \\
E(\ln C) - E(\ln C^{\text{flex}}) &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) \sum_k \pi_k \ln \mu_k + \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \sum_k \pi_k \ln \mu_k^* \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \pi_k \ln Z_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \pi_k \ln Z_k^* \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

3 Optimal Home policy

Question: Show that the value of a specific state μ_k that maximizes $E(\ln C) - E(\ln C^{\text{flex}})$ is:

$$0 = \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} - \frac{1-\gamma^*}{2} \frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}$$

We take a log linear approximation around $\mu_k = \mu_k^* = Z_k = Z_k^* = \mu_0 = Z_0 = 1$. For instance:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} &= \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0} + \frac{1}{Z_0} (\mu_k - \mu_0) - \frac{\mu_0}{(Z_0)^2} (Z_k - Z_0) \\ \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} &= \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0} \left[1 + \frac{\mu_k - \mu_0}{\mu_0} - \frac{Z_k - Z_0}{Z_0} \right] \\ \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} &= \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0} [1 + [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_0)] - [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_0)]] \\ \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} &= \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0} [1 + \ln(\mu_k) - \ln(Z_k)]\end{aligned}$$

Note that to a first order, $E[\ln(\mu_k)] = E[\ln(Z_k)] = 0$. Show that with this approximation:

$$\left[1 + (1 - \gamma^*)^2 \right] \ln(\mu_k) = \ln(Z_k) + (1 - \gamma^*) \ln(Z_k^*) - \gamma^* (1 - \gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k^*)$$

Answer: We take the derivative as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \frac{\partial E(\ln C) - E(\ln C^{\text{flex}})}{\partial \mu_k} \\ 0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) \pi_k \frac{1}{\mu_k} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} \frac{\partial \left(\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} \right)}{\partial \mu_k} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} \frac{\partial \left(\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*} \right)}{\partial \mu_k} \\ 0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) \pi_k \frac{1}{\mu_k} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} \pi_k \frac{1}{Z_k} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 - \gamma^*}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*} \\ 0 &= \frac{\pi_k}{\mu_k} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 - \gamma^*}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*} \right] \\ 0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} - \frac{1 - \gamma^*}{2} \frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}\end{aligned}$$

We now take a log approximation of the various elements:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} &= \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{Z_0}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0}} + \frac{\frac{1}{Z_0}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0}} (\mu_k - \mu_0) - \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{(Z_0)^2}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0}} (Z_k - Z_0) \\ &\quad - \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{(Z_0)^2}}{\left(\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_0}{Z_0} \right)^2} \sum_k \pi_k \left[\frac{1}{Z_0} (\mu_k - \mu_0) - \frac{\mu_0}{(Z_0)^2} (Z_k - Z_0) \right] \\ \frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} &= 1 + \frac{\mu_k - \mu_0}{\mu_0} - \frac{Z_k - Z_0}{Z_0} - \sum_k \pi_k \left[\frac{\mu_k - \mu_0}{\mu_0} - \frac{Z_k - Z_0}{Z_0} \right] \\ \frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} &= 1 + [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_0)] - [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_0)] - \sum_k \pi_k [[\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_0)] - [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_0)]] \\ \frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} &= 1 + \ln(\mu_k) - \ln(Z_k)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} &= \frac{\frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0}} \\
&+ \frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0}} \left[\begin{aligned} &(1-\gamma^*) \frac{(\mu_0)^{-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0} (\mu_k - \mu_0) \\ &+ \gamma^* \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*-1}}{Z_0} (\mu_k^* - \mu_0) \\ &- \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{(Z_0)^2} (Z_k^* - Z_0) \end{aligned} \right] \\
&- \frac{\frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0}}{\left(\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0} \right)^2} \sum_k \pi_k \left[\begin{aligned} &(1-\gamma^*) \frac{(\mu_0)^{-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_0} (\mu_k - \mu_0) \\ &+ \gamma^* \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*-1}}{Z_0} (\mu_k^* - \mu_0) \\ &- \frac{(\mu_0)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_0)^{\gamma^*}}{(Z_0)^2} (Z_k^* - Z_0) \end{aligned} \right] \\
\frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} &= 1 + (1-\gamma^*) \frac{\mu_k - \mu_0}{\mu_0} + \gamma^* \frac{\mu_k^* - \mu_0}{\mu_0} - \frac{Z_k^* - Z_0}{Z_0} \\
&- \sum_k \pi_k \left[(1-\gamma^*) \frac{\mu_k - \mu_0}{\mu_0} + \gamma^* \frac{\mu_k^* - \mu_0}{\mu_0} - \frac{Z_k^* - Z_0}{Z_0} \right] \\
\frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} &= 1 + (1-\gamma^*) [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_0)] + \gamma^* [\ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(\mu_0)] - [\ln(Z_k^*) - \ln(Z_0)] \\
&- \sum_k \pi_k [(1-\gamma^*) [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_0)] + \gamma^* [\ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(\mu_0)] - [\ln(Z_k^*) - \ln(Z_0)]] \\
\frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} &= 1 + (1-\gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k) + \gamma^* \ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(Z_k^*)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining these elements, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{\mu_k}{Z_k}} - \frac{1-\gamma^*}{2} \frac{\frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}}{\sum_k \pi_k \frac{(\mu_k)^{1-\gamma^*} (\mu_k^*)^{\gamma^*}}{Z_k^*}} \\
0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^*}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} [1 + \ln(\mu_k) - \ln(Z_k)] \\
&- \frac{1-\gamma^*}{2} [1 + (1-\gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k) + \gamma^* \ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\
0 &= -\frac{1}{2} [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(Z_k)] - \frac{1-\gamma^*}{2} [(1-\gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k) + \gamma^* \ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\
0 &= \ln(\mu_k) - \ln(Z_k) + (1-\gamma^*) [(1-\gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k) + \gamma^* \ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\
0 &= [1 + (1-\gamma^*)^2] \ln(\mu_k) + \gamma^* (1-\gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k^*) - \ln(Z_k) - (1-\gamma^*) \ln(Z_k^*)
\end{aligned}$$

which implies:

$$[1 + (1-\gamma^*)^2] \ln(\mu_k) = \ln(Z_k) + (1-\gamma^*) \ln(Z_k^*) - \gamma^* (1-\gamma^*) \ln(\mu_k^*)$$

4 Joint optimal rule

Question: Following similar steps, we can show (take this as given):

$$\left[1 + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] \ln(\mu_k^*) = (1 - \gamma) \ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*) - \gamma(1 - \gamma) \ln(\mu_k)$$

Assuming a symmetric situation ($\gamma = \gamma^*$) show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*) &= \ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*) \\ \ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_k^*) &= \frac{\gamma}{1 + (1 - 2\gamma)(1 - \gamma)} [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \end{aligned}$$

hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\mu_k) &= \frac{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma)}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*) \\ \ln(\mu_k) &= \frac{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma)}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*) + \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) \end{aligned}$$

Answer: The linearized optimality conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[1 + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] \ln(\mu_k) &= \ln(Z_k) + (1 - \gamma) \ln(Z_k^*) - \gamma(1 - \gamma) \ln(\mu_k^*) \\ \left[1 + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] \ln(\mu_k^*) &= (1 - \gamma) \ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*) - \gamma(1 - \gamma) \ln(\mu_k) \end{aligned}$$

Take the sum of these conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[1 + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] [\ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*)] &= (2 - \gamma) [\ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*)] - \gamma(1 - \gamma) [\ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*)] \\ \left[1 + (1 - \gamma)^2 + \gamma(1 - \gamma)\right] [\ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*)] &= (2 - \gamma) [\ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*)] \\ (2 - \gamma) [\ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*)] &= (2 - \gamma) [\ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*)] \\ \ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*) &= \ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*) \end{aligned}$$

Then take the difference:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[1 + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_k^*)] &= \gamma [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] + \gamma(1 - \gamma) [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_k^*)] \\ \left[1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_k^*)] &= \gamma [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\ \left[1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2\right] [\ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_k^*)] &= \gamma [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\ \ln(\mu_k) - \ln(\mu_k^*) &= \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \end{aligned}$$

Combining these relations, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k^*) &= \ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*) \\ \ln(\mu_k) + \ln(\mu_k) &= \ln(Z_k) + \ln(Z_k^*) + \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\ 2 \ln(\mu_k) &= \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2}\right) \ln(Z_k) + \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2}\right) \ln(Z_k^*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \ln(\mu_k) &= \frac{1 + \gamma^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{2 - 2\gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} (1 - \gamma) \ln(Z_k^*) \\
\ln(\mu_k) &= \frac{1 + \gamma^2 - \gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*) \\
\ln(\mu_k) &= \frac{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma)}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally:

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln(\mu_k^*) &= \ln(\mu_k) - \frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} [\ln(Z_k) - \ln(Z_k^*)] \\
\ln(\mu_k^*) &= \frac{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) - \gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2 + \gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*) \\
\ln(\mu_k^*) &= \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{\gamma^2 + 1 - 2\gamma + \gamma}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*) \\
\ln(\mu_k^*) &= \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k) + \frac{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma)}{1 - \gamma(1 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma)^2} \ln(Z_k^*)
\end{aligned}$$