

Replication files for:
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1 The toolbox

All results of the paper are obtained by solving the model with Taylor projection, a solution method developed by Levintal (2018) and used by Fernandez-Villaverde and Levintal (2018) to solve DSGE models with rare disasters.

For all the details about the solution method please refer to the paper and the online appendix of Fernandez-Villaverde and Levintal (2018).

For all the preliminary steps and the instructions to run the toolbox in Matlab please see the file “User Guide.pdf” and Oren Levintal’s website (<https://sites.google.com/site/orenlevintal/taylor-projection>).

2 Replicate Figures 4 and 5

Open folder “CMP_JDE_Replication_codes\Model_baseline”.

To replicate figure 4:

- Set calibration of disasters by opening the file `params_SS1\RBC_EZ_adjCost_Calvo\parameters.m` and by setting `do_disaster_prone=1`;
- Run file `do_solve.m`;
- Run file `accuracy_and_simulation.m`;
- Run file `make_Figure_II.m`;
- Run file `IRFs_disaster.m`.

To replicate figure 5:

- Change the calibration of the size of disasters by opening the file `params_SS1\RBC_EZ_adjCost_Calvo\parameters.m` and by setting `do_calibration_Haiti=1`;
- Run file `do_solve.m`;
- Run file `accuracy_and_simulation.m`;
- Run file `make_Figure_II.m`;
- Run file `IRFs_Haiti.m`.

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3 Replicate Tables 4-8

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To replicate Table 4:

- Set calibration of disasters by opening the file `params_SS1\RBC_EZ_adjCost_Calvo\parameters.m` and by setting `do_disaster_prone=1`;
- Run file `do_solve.m`;
- Run file `accuracy_and_simulation.m`;
- Run file `present_tables.m` which produces the simulation averages for disaster-prone countries and store the results;
- Set calibration of disasters by opening the file `params_SS1\RBC_EZ_adjCost_Calvo\parameters.m` and by setting `do_non_disaster_prone=1`;
- Run file `do_solve.m`;
- Run file `accuracy_and_simulation.m`;
- Run file `present_tables.m` which produces the simulation averages for non-disaster-prone countries and store the results;
- Follow instructions in the note to Table 4 to calculate differences in simulation averages. The consumption equivalent loss is approximated by the percent difference in households' welfare.

To replicate Tables 5-8:

- Select the relevant calibration of disasters and/or of the parameters in the file `params_SS1\RBC_EZ_adjCost_Calvo\parameters.m` as reported in each table;
- Run file `do_solve.m`;
- Run file `accuracy_and_simulation.m`;
- Run file `present_tables.m` which produces the simulation averages and store the results;
- Follow instructions in the note to the tables to calculate differences in simulation averages. The consumption equivalent loss is approximated by the percent difference in households' welfare.

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