Macro-Backbone

Monetary Policy and Exchange Rate Volatility in a Small Open Economy

Benchmark Results: optimal monetary policy in close economy

- Optimal Monetary Policy: the one that replicates the flexible price equilibrium allocation Rotemberg and Woodford (1999)
 - Intuition:在完全彈性價格(無黏著)下,企業每期都選擇效率加成、市場出清、 沒有價格分散。
 - 補貼 τ 消除了長期的壟斷加成扭曲;當央行讓 $\tilde{m}c_t = 0$ (產出缺口與實質邊際成本,以對數偏離計)黏著的限制變成「不痛不癢」:沒有人有改價誘因,結果與「大家每期都能改價」的有效率配置等價。

Benchmark Results: Similar results with other open economy Literature

- Optimal Monetary Policy : 偏離 $\tilde{mc}_t = 0$,因為多了改善貿易條件(terms of trade)的誘因
 - 貿易條件(TOT):常指出口價格/進口價格。對本國而言, ToT 變好代表用同樣的出口能換到更多進口,等同於進口相對變便宜,對本國消費者是好事。
 - 有價格黏著(Calvo/黏性價格)時,名目匯率與總需求的變動會短期改動進口與出口的相對價格(視定價貨幣與定價假設而定),因此央行能藉由利率/匯率反應,影響 ToT。
 - 貨幣當局可以用通膨與匯率在短期內模仿關稅/補貼的效果,把部分福利由外國「搬」到本國(典型的beggar-thy-neighbor誘因)

Results of this paper

- Optimal Monetary Policy: Special Case
 - Parameter settings : $\sigma = \eta = \gamma = 1$
 - Optimal Allocation by Social planner:
 - Maximize : $U_N(C_t, N_t)$
 - Subject to $Y_{t} = A_{t}N_{t}$ $C_{t} = \vartheta_{i}C_{t}^{i}Q_{i,t}^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$ $Y_{t} = (\frac{P_{H,t}}{P_{t}})^{-\eta}C_{t}\left[(1-\alpha) + \alpha\int_{0}^{1}(S_{t}^{i}S_{i,t})^{\gamma-\eta}Q_{i,t}^{\eta-\frac{1}{\sigma}}di\right]$

Results of this paper

- Optimal Monetary Policy: Special Case
 - Optimal Allocation must satisfies:

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$$-\frac{U_N(C_t, N_t)}{U_C(C_t, N_t)} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{C_t}{N_t}$$
• $1 - \frac{1}{e} = (1 - \tau) \bar{N} t^{1+\varphi}$

- In the closed economy case, the optimal monetary policy requires stabilizing the output gap
 - . Setting τ such that $(1-\tau)(1-\alpha)=1-\frac{1}{\epsilon}$

Results of this paper

- Optimal Monetary Policy: General Case (Under Domestic Inflation Targeting D.I.T)
 - $x_t = \pi_{H,t} = 0$ (by D.I.T) $\Longrightarrow y_t = \bar{y}_t$ and $r_t = r\bar{r}_t$
 - Central Bank should not follow $r_t = r\bar{r}_t$ blindly (Multi-equilibria and fluctuations)
 - Suppose Central bank follows:
 - $r_t = \bar{r}r + \phi_\pi \pi_{H,T} + \phi_x x_t$ and $\kappa_\alpha(\phi_\pi 1) + (1 \beta)\phi_x > 0 \iff \exists !$ optimal equilibrium allocation

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