On the Instability of Fractional Reserve Banking

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Introduction

Is fractional reserve banking particularly unstable?

- ► Yes:
 - Peel's Banking Act of 1844
 - Chicago plan of banking reform with 100% reserve requirement
 - Friedman (1959) supported the Chicago plan.
 - An important cause of boom-bust cycles: Fisher (1935), Von Mises (1953), Minsky (1957), and Minsky (1970):
- ► No:
 - Becker (1956)
 - Adam Smith's the Wealth of Nations (Book II, chapter 2)
- ► Sargent (2011) summaries the historical debate on this.
- Still on going debate: Switzerland's national referendum of 100% reserve banking in 2018.

This Paper

- ► Focuses on the instability as endogenous cycles (self-fulfilling prophecy)
 - not focusing on banking panic or bank run.
- ► Constructs a search-theoretic monetary model of fractional banking by extending Berentsen et al. (2007, JET)
- ► An economy is more prone to exhibit cyclic, and chaotic dynamics under lower reserve requirements
 - Different from the argument that fluctuations due to exogenous shocks can be amplified by fractional reserve banking.
 - The endogenous cycle arises even if we shut down the stochastic component of the economy

Literature

- ► Money, credit and banking in the search model: Berentsen et al. (2007), Lotz & Zhang (2016), Gu et al. (2016)
- ► Fractional reserve banking: Freeman & Huffman (1991), Freeman & Kydland (2000), Chari & Phelan (2014), Andolfatto et al. (2020)
- ► Endogenous fluctuations, chaotic dynamics, and indeterminacy:
 Baumol & Benhabib (1989), Azariadis (1993), Benhabib & Farmer (1999) Gu et al. (2013), Gu et al. (2019)



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- ► Agents, banks, and the central bank
- ► Preferences

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 - 1. $t = 0, 1, 2..., \infty$
 - 2. Each period has three subperiods:
 - Centralized Settlement Market (CM)
 - Centralized Financial Market (FM)
 - Decentralized Goods Market (DM): bilateral trade, subject to anonymity, limited commitment
 - 3. Perishable DM/CM goods.
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 - 1. Agents: measure 1; maximize life time utility; with prob σ , buyer, with prob $1-\sigma$, seller in the DM; DM types are realized in the FM.
 - 2. Banks accept deposit and lend loan.
 - 3. The central bank control money supply M_t via lump-sum tax/transfer. Let γ money growth rate.
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$$U(X) - H + u(q) - c(q)$$

- CM consumption X; CM disutility for production H; DM consumption q; discount factor: β
- efficient DM consumption, q^* solves $u'(q^*) = c'(q^*)$.

Timeline

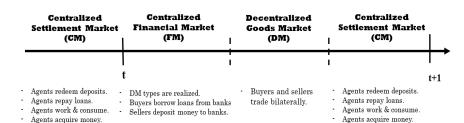


Figure 1: Timeline

CM Problem

$$W_{t}(m_{t}, d_{t}, \ell_{t}) = \max_{X_{t}, H_{t}, \hat{m}_{t+1}} U(X_{t}) - H_{t} + \beta G_{t+1}(\hat{m}_{t+1})$$
s.t. $\phi_{t}\hat{m}_{t+1} + X_{t} = H_{t} + T_{t} + \phi_{t}m_{t} + (1 + i_{d,t})\phi_{t}d_{t} - (1 + i_{l,t})\phi_{t}\ell_{t}$

$$\tag{1}$$

- ▶ Standard results: $W_t(m_t, d_t, \ell_t)$ is linear in m_t , d_t , and ℓ_t
- ▶ FOC for \hat{m}_{t+1} :

$$\phi_t = \beta G'_{t+1}(\hat{m}_{t+1}) \tag{2}$$

FM Problem

► Types are realized at the FM.

$$G_t(m) = \sigma G_{b,t}(m) + (1 - \sigma)G_{s,t}(m)$$
(3)

ightharpoonup Type-j agent solves the following problem

$$G_{j,t}(m) = \max_{d_{j,t},\ell_{j,t}} V_{j,t}(m - d_{j,t} + \ell_{j,t}, d_{j,t}, \ell_{j,t}) \quad \text{s.t} \quad d_{j,t} \le m$$
(4)

where $j \in \{b, s\}$

► FOCs are:

$$\frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial \ell_{j,t}} \le 0 \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial d_{i,t}} - \lambda_d \le 0 \tag{6}$$

where λ_d is the Lagrange multiplier for $d_{i,t} \leq m$.

DM trade

- ▶ In the DM, a buyer meets a seller with probability α and a seller meets a buyer with probability α_s .
- ► The buyer's DM value function

$$V_{b,t}(m_t - d_{b,t} + \ell_{b,t}, d_{b,t}, \ell_{b,t}) = \alpha[u(q_t) - p_t] + W(m_t - d_{b,t} + \ell_{b,t}, d_{b,t}, \ell_{b,t})$$
 where $p_t \leq m_t - d_{b,t} + \ell_{b,t}$.

► The seller's DM value function

$$V_{s,t}(m_t - d_{s,t} + \ell_{s,t}, d_{s,t}, \ell_{s,t}) = \alpha_s[p_t - c(q_t)] + W_t(m_t - d_{s,t} + \ell_{s,t}, d_{s,t}, \ell_{s,t})$$

DM trade

A general trading mechanism p = v(q), where $p \le z$ and v'(q) > 0. (Gu & Wright 2016). (This includes Nash bargaining and Kalai bargaining)

- ▶ Let p^* be a payment to get q^* .
- ► Terms of trade are given by

$$p = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z < p^* \\ p^* & \text{if } z \ge p^* \end{cases} \qquad q = \begin{cases} v^{-1}(z) & \text{if } z < p^* \\ q^* & \text{if } z \ge p^* \end{cases}$$

DM trade

Differentiating $V_{b,t}$ yields

$$\frac{\partial V_{b,t}}{\partial m} = \phi_t[\alpha \lambda(q_t) + 1] \tag{7}$$

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where liquidity premium λ is defined as $\lambda(q) \equiv u'(q)/v'(q) - 1$ if $p^* > z$ and $\lambda(q) \equiv 0$ if $z \geq p^*$. Differentiating $V_{s,t}$ yields

$$\frac{\partial V_{s,t}}{\partial m_t} = \phi_t, \qquad \frac{\partial V_{s,t}}{\partial d} = \phi_t i_d, \qquad \frac{\partial V_{s,t}}{\partial \ell} = -\phi_t i_l.$$

Bank's Problem

- A representative bank accepts nominal deposit and lends nominal loan.
- ► The bank maximizes profit

$$\max_{d,\ell} \quad (i_l \ell - i_d d) \quad s.t. \quad \chi \ell \le d \tag{10}$$

subject to reserve requirement, χ

► FOCs are

$$0 = i_I - \lambda_L \tag{11}$$

$$0 = -i_d + \lambda_L/\chi \tag{12}$$

▶ For $\lambda_L > 0$, we have

$$i_I = \chi i_d$$

Equilibrium

Definition

Given (γ, χ) , an equilibrium consists of the sequences of prices $\{\phi_t, i_{l,t}, i_{d,t}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, real balances $\{m_t, \ell_{b,t}, \ell_{s,t}, d_{b,t}, d_{s,t}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, and allocations $\{q_t, X_t, \ell_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ satisfying the following:

- ► Agents solve CM and FM problems: (1) and (4)
- ► A representative bank solves its profit maximization problem: (10)
- ► Markets clear in every period:
 - 1. Deposit Market: $\sigma d_{b,t} + (1-\sigma)d_{s,t} = d_t$
 - 2. Loan Market: $\sigma \ell_{b,t} + (1-\sigma)\ell_{s,t} = \ell_t$
 - 3. Money Market: $m_t = M_t$

Equilibrium

Given (γ, χ) , an equilibrium can be summarizes into the following difference equation:

$$z_{t} = f(z_{t+1}) \equiv \frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi} \alpha L(z_{t+1}) + 1 \right]$$
 (13)

where
$$1 + i \equiv \gamma/\beta$$
, $z_t = \phi_t m_t (1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi)/\sigma \chi$, and $L(z) \equiv \lambda \circ v^{-1}(z)$ is liquidity premium.

Stationary Equilibrium

▶ Given $i \in [0, \bar{\iota})$ and $\chi \in (0, 1]$ with $\bar{\iota} = \alpha(1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi)L(0)/\chi$, an unique stationary monetary equilibrium exists satisfying

$$\chi i = (1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi) \alpha L(z_s)$$

where $z_s = v(q_s)$.

- ▶ Simple examples for $\bar{\iota}$ under the Inada condition $u'(0) = \infty$
 - with the Nash bargaining we have $\bar{\iota} = \infty$
 - with the Kalai bargaining we have $\bar{\iota} = \theta \alpha (1 \sigma + \sigma \chi) / \chi (1 \theta)$

Proposition

In the stationary equilibrium, lowering the nominal interest rate or lowering reserve requirement increases DM consumption.

Cycles

Recall the difference equation (13)

$$z_t = f(z_{t+1}) \equiv \underbrace{\frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i}}_{\text{increasing in } z_{t+1}} \underbrace{\left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi}\alpha L(z_{t+1})+1\right]}_{\text{decreasing in } z_{t+1}}$$

- ▶ $f(z_{t+1})$ is generally nonmonotone.
- ▶ If the second term dominates the first term, we can have $f'(\cdot) < -1$ which is a standard condition for the existence of cyclic equilibria
 - If $f'(z_s) < -1$, there is a two-period cycle with $z_1 < z_s < z_2$. (Azariadis 1993)

Proposition

Assume that the buyer makes a take-it-or-leave-it offer to the seller in the DM. Let $-qu''(q)/u'=\eta$ and c(q)=q. If $\chi\in(0,\chi_m)$, where

$$\chi_m \equiv \frac{\alpha \eta (1 - \sigma)}{\eta (1 - \alpha \sigma) + (2 - \eta)(1 + i)} \tag{14}$$

then $f'(z_s) < -1$.

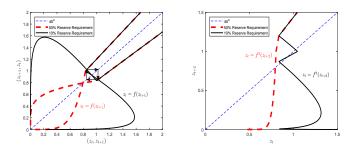


Figure 2: A Two-period Cycle under Fractional Reserve Banking

Proposition (Three-period Monetary Cycle and Chaos)

There exists a three-period cycle with $z_1 < z_2 < z_3$ if $\chi \in (0, \hat{\chi}_m)$, where

$$\hat{\chi}_m \equiv \frac{(1-\sigma)\alpha L\left(\frac{p^*}{1+i}\right)}{(1+i)^3 - 1 - \sigma\alpha L\left(\frac{p^*}{1+i}\right)}$$

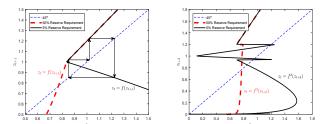


Figure 3: A Three-period Cycle under Fractional Reserve Banking

The existence of three period-cycle implies cycles of all orders as well as chaotic dynamics (see Sharkovskii 1964 and Li & Yorke 1975).

Self-Fulfilling Bubble and Burst Equilibria

- ► For simplicity, assume followings
 - the buyer makes a take-it-or-leave-it offer to the seller;
 - the DM utility function and the cost function satisfies $-qu''(q)/u'(q) = \eta$ and c(q) = q.
- ► Consider the equilibria that real balance increases above the steady state until certain time, *T*, and crashes to zero.
 - More specifically, consider a sequence of real balance $\{z_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ with $z_T \equiv \max\{z_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty} > z_s$ (bubble) that crashes to 0 (burst) as $t \to \infty$, where $T \ge 1$ and $z_T > z_0 > 0$.

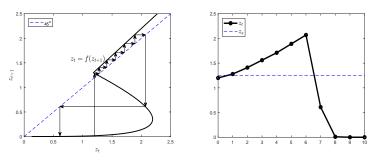


Figure 4: Self-Fulfilling Bubble and Burst Equilibria

Definition (Self-Fulfilling Bubble and Burst Equilibria)

For initial level of real balance $z_0 > 0$, a self-fulfilling bubble and burst is a set of sequence $\{z_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ satisfying (15)

$$z_{t} = \frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi} \alpha [u'(z_{t+1})-1] + 1 \right]$$
 (15)

where $0 < z_s < z_T$, $\lim_{t \to \infty} z_t = 0$, $z_T = \max\{z_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ with $T \ge 1$.

Self-Fulfilling Bubble and Burst Equilibria

Proposition (Existence of Self-Fulfilling Bubble and Burst Equilibria)

There exist self-fullfilling bubble and burst equilibria, $\{z_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ if

$$0<\chi<\min\left\{\frac{(1-\sigma)\alpha\eta(1+i)}{(1-\eta)^2q^*+(1+i)[(1-\eta)(3+i-\eta)-\alpha\sigma\eta]},\frac{(1-\sigma)\alpha\eta}{2+i(2-\eta)-\alpha\sigma\eta}\right\}$$

- ▶ When $z_s > \bar{z}$, where \bar{z} solves $f'(\bar{z}) = 0$, there exist multiple equilibria.
- ▶ Then, if $f(\bar{z}) \ge q^*$, the self-fulfilling bubble and burst equilibria exist.

Introducing Unsecured Credit

Assume the buyer makes a take-it-or-leave-it offer to the seller in the DM and c(q) = q

$$V_t^b(m_t + \ell_t, 0, \ell_t) = \alpha[u(q_t) - q_t] + W_t(m_t + \ell_t, 0, \ell_t)$$

where $q_t = \min\{q^*, \phi_t(m_t + \ell_t) + \bar{b}_t\}$.

- ▶ For compact notation, let $w_{t+1} \equiv z_{t+1} + \bar{b}_{t+1}$.
- ▶ Given \bar{b}_t , solving equilibrium yields

$$z_{t} = \begin{cases} \frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i} \left\{ \frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi} \alpha \left[u'(q_{t+1}) - 1 \right] + 1 \right\} & \text{if } w_{t+1} < q^{*} \\ \frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i} & \text{if } w_{t+1} \ge q^{*}. \end{cases}$$
(16)

where
$$z_{t+1} = (1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi) \phi_{t+1} m_{t+1} / (\sigma \chi)$$
 appendix

Endogenous Credit Limits

- ▶ Credit limit, \bar{b}_t , is determined by the incentive condition for voluntary repayment as Kehoe & Levine (1993).
- ▶ The buyer is captured with probability μ if she reneges.
- ► The punishment for a defaulter is permanent exclusion from the DM trade.
- ► The incentive condition for voluntary repayment is

$$\underbrace{-b_t + W_t(0,0,0)}_{\text{value of honoring debts}} \ge \underbrace{(1-\mu)W_t(0,0,0) + \mu \underline{W}(0,0,0)}_{\text{value of not honoring debts}}.$$

▶ where the value of autarky is $\underline{W}(0,0,0) = \{U(X^*) - X^* + T\}/(1-\beta)$

Use the incentive condition to get the difference equation of credit limit:

$$\bar{b}_{t} = \begin{cases} \beta \bar{b}_{t+1} + \frac{\chi \mu \sigma[-\gamma z_{t} + \beta z_{t+1}]}{1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi} + \beta \alpha \mu \sigma S(w_{t+1}) & \text{if } w_{t+1} < q^{*} \\ \beta \bar{b}_{t+1} + \frac{\chi \mu \sigma[-\gamma z_{t} + \beta z_{t+1}]}{1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi} + \beta \alpha \mu \sigma S(q^{*}) & \text{if } w_{t+1} \ge q^{*} \end{cases}$$

$$(17)$$

where $S(w_{t+1}) \equiv [u(w_{t+1}) - w_{t+1}]$ is the buyer's trade surplus and $w_{t+1} = z_{t+1} + \bar{b}_{t+1}$.

The equilibrium can be collapsed into a dynamic system satisfying (16)-(17).

See more on money-credit economy

Cycles with Unsecured Credit

For compact notation, let $\iota \equiv \max\{i, r\}$ where $r = 1/\beta - 1$.

Proposition (Monetary Cycles with Unsecured Credit)

There exist two period cycles of money and credit with $w_1 < q^* < w_2$ if $\chi \in (0, \chi_c)$, where $w_j = z_j + \bar{b}_j$ and

$$\chi_c \equiv \frac{(1-\sigma)\alpha \left[u'\left(\frac{q^*}{1+\iota}\right)-1\right]}{(1+i)^2-1-\sigma\alpha \left[u'\left(\frac{q^*}{1+\iota}\right)-1\right]}.$$

There exist three period cycles of money and credit with $w_1 < q^* < w_2 < w_3$, if $\chi \in (0, \hat{\chi}_c)$, where

$$\hat{\chi}_c \equiv \frac{(1-\sigma)\alpha \left[u'\left(\frac{q^*}{1+\iota}\right)-1\right]}{(1+i)^3-1-\sigma\alpha \left[u'\left(\frac{q^*}{1+\iota}\right)-1\right]}.$$

Other Applications

Sunspot cycles

Stochastic cycles which are independent from the fundamental.

Sunspot cycles

Empirical Evaluation

Negative association between required reserve ratio and volatility of real balance of inside money.

See empirical evaluation

Conclusion

- ► Lowering reserve requirement induce instability: more prone to exhibit endogenous cyclic, chaotic, and stochastic dynamics
- ▶ This result holds in the extended model with credit.
- ► Lowering the reserve requirement increases the welfare at the steady state.



Trade Mechanisms

A general trading mechanism Γ mapping the buyer's z_b into pair (p,q) with it feasibility constraint $p \leq z_b$

- ► **Axiom 1**: (Feasibility) $\forall z, 0 \le \Gamma_p(z) \le z, 0 \le \Gamma_q(z)$.
- ► **Axiom 2**: (Individual Rationality) $\forall z, u \circ \Gamma_a(z) \geq \Gamma_p(z)$ and $\Gamma_p(z) \geq c \circ \Gamma_a(z)$
- ► **Axiom 3**: (Monotonicity) $\Gamma_p(z_2) > \Gamma_p(z_2) \Leftrightarrow \Gamma_q(z_2) > \Gamma_q(z_2)$
- ▶ **Axiom 4**: (Bilateral Efficiency) $\forall z, (p', q')$ with $p' \geq z$ such that $u(q') p' \leq u \circ \Gamma_q(z) \Gamma_p(z)$ and $p' c(q') \geq \Gamma_p(z) c \circ \Gamma_q(z)$

Trade Mechanisms

- ▶ Let $p^* = \inf{\{\hat{z}_b : \Gamma_p(\hat{z}_b) = q^*\}}$ be a payment to get q^* .
- ► Gu & Wright (2016) show that Any Γ satisfying Axioms 1-4 takes the following form

$$\Gamma_p(z) = egin{cases} z & ext{if } z < p^* \\ p^* & ext{otherwise} \end{cases} \qquad \Gamma_q(z) = egin{cases} v^{-1}(z) & ext{if } z < p^* \\ q^* & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where v is some strictly increasing function with v(0) = 0 and $v(q^*) = p^*$

DM trade

Sunspot Cycles

- ▶ Consider a Markov sunspot variable $S \in \{1, 2\}$. This sunspot variable is not related with fundamentals.
- ► Let $Pr(S_{t+1} = 1 | S_t = 1) = \zeta_1$, $Pr(S_{t+1} = 2 | S_t = 2) = \zeta_2$
- ► The sunspot is realized in the CM.
- CM value function is written as

$$W_t^{S}(m_t, d_t, \ell_t) = \max_{X_t, H_t, \hat{m}_{t+1}} U(X_t) - H_t + \beta \left[\zeta_s G_{t+1}^{S}(\hat{m}_{t+1}) + (1 - \zeta_s) G_{t+1}^{-S}(\hat{m}_{t+1}) \right]$$

$$\text{s.t. } \phi_t^S \hat{m}_{t+1} + X_t = H_t + T_t + \phi_t^S m_t + (1 + i_{d,t}) \phi_t^S d_t - (1 + i_{l,t}) \phi_t^S \ell_t.$$

► The first order condition can be written as

$$-\phi_t^S + \beta \zeta_s G_{t+1}^{S}(\hat{m}_{t+1}) + \beta (1 - \zeta_s) G_{t+1}^{S}(\hat{m}_{t+1}) = 0.$$
 (18)

$$G_{t+1}^{S}(m_{t+1}^{S}) = \phi_{t+1}^{S} \left[\frac{1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi}{\chi} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^{S}) + 1 \right]$$
(19)
Substituting (19) into (18) and multiplying
$$(1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi) m_{t+1}/(\sigma \chi) \text{ to the both sides yield}$$

$$z_t^S = \frac{\zeta_s z_{t+1}^S}{1+i} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^S) \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{$$

 $z_t^{S} = \frac{\zeta_s z_{t+1}^{S}}{1+i} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\gamma} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^{S}) + 1 \right]$

$$z_t^{\mathcal{S}} = \frac{\zeta_s Z_{t+1}^{\mathcal{S}}}{1+i} \left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^{\mathcal{S}}) + 1 \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
1 + i & \chi \\
 & + \frac{(1 - \zeta_s)z_{t+1}^{-S}}{1 + i} \left[\frac{1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi}{1 + i} \alpha L(z_{t+1}^{-S}) + 1\right]
\end{array}$$

$$+\frac{(1-\zeta_s)z_{t+1}^{-S}}{1+i}\left[\frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi}\alpha L(z_{t+1}^{-S})+1\right]$$

 $=\zeta_{5}f(z_{t+1}^{5})+(1-\zeta_{5})f(z_{t+1}^{-5})$

(20)

Sunspot Cycles

Definition (**Proper Sunspot Equilibrium**)

A proper sunspot equilibrium consists of the sequences of real balances $\{z_t^S\}_{t=0,S=1,2}^{\infty}$, where z_1 is not equal to z_2 , and probabilities (ζ_1,ζ_2) , solving (20) for all t.

Using the textbook treatment from Azariadis (1993), it is straightforward to show that if $f'(z_s) < -1$, there exist (ζ_1, ζ_2) , $\zeta_1 + \zeta_2 < 1$, such that the economy has a proper sunspot equilibrium in the neighborhood of z_s .

Equilibrium

The equilibrium can be collapsed in to a dynamic system satisfying (21)-(22).

$$z_{t} = \begin{cases} \frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i} \left\{ \frac{1-\sigma+\sigma\chi}{\chi} \alpha \left[u'(w_{t+1}) - 1 \right] + 1 \right\} & \text{if } w_{t+1} < q^{*} \\ \frac{z_{t+1}}{1+i} & \text{if } w_{t+1} \ge q^{*}. \end{cases}$$

$$(21)$$

$$\bar{b}_{t} = \begin{cases} \beta \bar{b}_{t+1} + \frac{\chi \mu \sigma [-\gamma z_{t} + \beta z_{t+1}]}{1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi} + \beta \alpha \mu \sigma S(w_{t+1}) & \text{if } w_{t+1} < q^{*} \\ \beta \bar{b}_{t+1} + \frac{\chi \mu \sigma [-\gamma z_{t} + \beta z_{t+1}]}{1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi} + \beta \alpha \mu \sigma S(q^{*}) & \text{if } w_{t+1} \ge q^{*} \end{cases}$$
(22)

where
$$z_{t+1} = (1 - \sigma + \sigma \chi)\phi_{t+1}m_{t+1}/(\sigma \chi)$$
, $w_{t+1} = z_{t+1} + \bar{b}_{t+1}$, and $S(z_{t+1} + \bar{b}_{t+1}) \equiv [u(z_{t+1} + \bar{b}_{t+1}) - z_{t+1} - \bar{b}_{t+1}]$.

Stationary Equilibrium

Let $r=1/\beta-1$. The debt limit at the stationary equilibrium, \bar{b} , is a fixed point satisfying $\bar{b}=\Omega(\bar{b})$ where

$$\Omega(\bar{b}) = \begin{cases}
\frac{\mu\sigma\alpha}{r} [u(\tilde{q}) - \tilde{q}] - \frac{i\mu\sigma\chi}{1 - \sigma + \sigma\chi} [\tilde{q} - \bar{b}] & \text{if } \tilde{q} > \bar{b} \ge 0 \\
\frac{\mu\sigma\alpha}{r} [u(\bar{b}) - \bar{b}] & \text{if } q^* > \bar{b} \ge \tilde{q} \\
\frac{\mu\sigma\alpha}{r} [u(q^*) - q^*] & \text{if } \bar{b} \ge q^*
\end{cases}$$
(23)

where \tilde{q} solves $u'(\tilde{q}) = 1 + i\chi/[\alpha(1 - \sigma + \sigma\chi)]$. Money and credit coexist if and only if $0 < \mu < \min\{1, \tilde{\mu}\}$, where

$$\tilde{\mu} \equiv \sigma \left\{ i \chi [(1-\sigma+\sigma\chi)/\tilde{q}-1] + (\alpha/r)(1-\sigma+\sigma\chi)^2 [u(\tilde{q})/\tilde{q}-1] \right\}$$

since they coexist when $\bar{b}<\tilde{q}$. The DM consumption is decreasing in i in the monetary equilibrium.

Table 1: Effect of Required Reserve Ratio

Price level	C	PI	Core	: CPI	Р	CE	Core	PCE
Dependent	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR
variable: σ_t^{Roll}	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
χ	-0.283***	-0.245***	-0.267***	-0.221***	-0.306***	-0.227***	-0.307***	-0.220***
	(0.027)	(0.002)	(0.027)	(0.003)	(0.029)	(0.004)	(0.027)	(0.005)
ffr		-0.109***		-0.125***		-0.187***		-0.207***
		(0.002)		(0.003)		(0.004)		(0.004)
Constant	0.074***	0.074***	0.070***	0.071***	0.074***	0.075***	0.073***	0.073***
	(0.003)	(0.000)	(0.004)	(0.000)	(0.004)	(0.000)	(0.004)	(0.000)
Obs.	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
adjR ²	0.700	0.621	0.728	0.648	0.740	0.650	0.764	0.665
$\lambda_{trace}(r=0)$	9.807	35.688	9.120	35.145	9.109	35.367	8.593	35.028
5% CV	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68
$\lambda_{ ext{trace}}(r=1)$ 5% CV	3.324	10.682	2.839	10.065	2.723	9.894	2.417	9.345
5% CV	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41

Note: For (1), (3), (5) and (7), OLS estimates are reported, and Newey-West standard errors with lag 1 are reported in parentheses. For (2), (4), (6), and (8), first-stage long-run variance estimations for CCR are based on the quadratic spectral kernel and Bayesian information criterion. The bandwidth selection is based on Newey-West fixed lag, $4 \times (T/100)^{2/9}$; χ denotes the required reserve ratio, ffr denotes federal funds rates and σ_t^{Roll} denotes the cyclical volatility of real inside money balances. ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1, 5, and 10 percent levels, respectively.

Table 2: Unit Root Tests

		Phillips-Pe	erron test	ADF test
		$Z(\rho)$	Z(t)	Z(t) w/ lag 1
ffr		-6.766	-1.704	-2.362
χ		-1.492	-1.173	-1.341
σ_t^{Roll}	(CPI)	-4.708	-2.191	-2.090
σ_t^{Roll}	(Core CPI)	-4.681	-2.189	-1.978
_α RoII	(PCE)	-4.329	-2.038	-2.047
σ_t^{Roll}	(Core PCE)	-4.076	-1.954	-1.930
Δ ffr		-28.373***	-5.061***	-6.357***
$\Delta \chi$		-31.818***	-4.802***	-3.693***
$\Delta \sigma_{t}^{Roll}$	(CPI)	-24.905***	-3.416**	-2.942**
$\Delta \sigma_{\cdot}^{Roll}$	(Core CPI)	-24.758***	-3.509**	-2.942**
$\Lambda \propto Roll$	(PCE)	-23.691***	-3.330**	-2.842*
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(Core PCE)	-22.826***	-3.296**	-2.768*

Note: ffr denotes federal funds rates, χ denotes required reserve ratio, and σ_t^{Roll} denotes cyclical volatility of real inside money balances. ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1, 5, and 10 percent levels, respectively.

Table 3: Effect of Required Reserve Ratio:Robustness Check (Quarterly)

B: 1		DI.		CDI		CE		DCE
Price level		PI		: CPI		CE		PCE
Dependent	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR
variable: σ_t^{Roll}	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
χ	-0.282***	-0.452***	-0.266***	-0.400***	-0.305***	-0.485***	-0.306***	-0.476***
, ,	(0.016)	(0.001)	(0.014)	(0.003)	(0.015)	(0.000)	(0.014)	(0.006)
ffr		-0.050***		-0.058***		-0.015***		-0.047***
		(0.000)		(0.002)		(0.000)		(0.005)
Constant	0.074***	0.085***	0.070***	0.079***	0.074***	0.089***	0.073***	0.086***
	(0.002)	(0.000)	(0.002)	(0.000)	(0.002)	(0.000)	(0.002)	(0.001)
Obs.	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196
adjR ²	0.696	0.240	0.725	0.263	0.737	0.222	0.761	0.268
$\lambda_{trace}(r=0)$ 5% CV	9.496	31.950	11.045	33.808	10.930	34.481	12.103	35.951
5% CV	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68
$\lambda_{trace}(r=1)$	1.677	11.162	1.959	12.266	1.938	12.094	1.887	12.485
5% CV	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41

Note: For (1), OLS estimates are reported, and Newey-West standard errors with lag 1 are reported in parentheses. For (2) and (3), first-stage long-run variance estimations for CCR are based on the quadratic spectral kernel and Bayesian information criterion. The bandwidth selection is based on Newey-West fixed lag, $4 \times (7/100)^{2/9}$; ffr denotes federal funds rates and σ_t^{Roll} denotes cyclical volatility of real inside money balances. ****, ***, and * denote significance at the 1, 5, and 10 percent levels, respectively.

Table 4: Unit Root Tests:Robustness Check (Quarterly)

		Phillips-Pe	erron test	ADF test
		$Z(\rho)$	Z(t)	Z(t) w/ lag 1
ffr		-8.611	-1.956	-2.183
χ		-1.335	-1.145	-1.199
σ_t^{Roll}	(CPI)	-4.320	-2.062	-1.554
σ_t^{Roll}	(Core CPI)	-4.388	-2.201	-1.924
σ_t^{Roll}	(PCE)	-3.822	-1.946	-1.868
σ_t^{Roll}	(Core PCE)	-3.565	-1.928	-2.023
Δ ffr		-139.701***	-10.792***	-10.288***
$\Delta \chi$		-163.796***	-12.272***	-9.909***
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(CPI)	-23.132***	-2.604*	-3.576***
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(Core CPI)	-30.423***	-3.544***	-4.894***
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(PCE)	-24.507***	-2.874*	-4.362***
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(Core PCE)	-28.054***	-3.373**	-5.138***

Note: ffr denotes federal funds rates, χ denotes required reserve ratio, and σ_t^{Roll} denotes cyclical volatility of real inside money balances. ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1, 5, and 10 percent levels, respectively.

Table 5: Effect of Required Reserve Ratio:Robustness Check (pre-2008)

Price level	C	PI	Core	e CPI	P	CE	Core	PCE
Dependent	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR	OLS	CCR
variable: σ_t^{Roll}	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
χ	-0.266***	-0.297***	-0.266***	-0.268***	-0.307***	-0.288***	-0.305***	-0.277***
	(0.030)	(0.001)	(0.030)	(0.001)	(0.032)	(0.002)	(0.029)	(0.002)
ffr		-0.107***		-0.124***		-0.189***		-0.210***
		(0.001)		(0.001)		(0.002)		(0.002)
Constant	0.070***	0.080***	0.070***	0.076***	0.074***	0.082***	0.072***	0.080***
	(0.004)	(0.000)	(0.004)	(0.000)	(0.004)	(0.000)	(0.004)	(0.002)
Obs.	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
adjR ²	0.727	0.659	0.727	0.710	0.739	0.708	0.759	0.734
$\lambda_{trace}(r=0)$	8.373	32.228	7.438	31.299	7.661	31.867	6.897	31.250
5% CV	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68	15.41	29.68
$\lambda_{trace}(r=1)$	1.504	9.554	1.125	8.428	1.146	8.603	0.938	7.693
5% CV	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41	3.76	15.41

Note: For (1), OLS estimates are reported, and Newey-West standard errors with lag 1 are reported in parentheses. For (2) and (3), first-stage long-run variance estimations for CCR are based on the quadratic spectral kernel and Bayesian information criterion. The bandwidth selection is based on Newey-West fixed lag, $4\times (T/100)^{2/9}$; ffr denotes federal funds rates and σ_t^{Roll} denotes cyclical volatility of real inside money balances. ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1, 5, and 10 percent levels, respectively.

Table 6: Unit Root Tests:Robustness Check (pre-2008)

		Phillips-Pe	erron test	ADF test
		$Z(\rho)$	Z(t)	Z(t) w/ lag 1
ffr		-9.476	-2.258	-2.868**
χ		-0.768	-0.660	-0.877
σ_{t}^{Roll}	(CPI)	-2.966	-1.738	-1.770
_α RoII	(Core CPI)	-2.860	-1.641	-1.495
σ_{t}^{Roll}	(PCE)	-2.662	-1.515	-1.627
σ_t^{Roll}	(Core PCE)	-2.412	-1.371	-1.400
Δffr		-25.378***	-4.773***	-5.833***
$\Delta \chi$		-28.208***	-4.594***	-3.658***
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(CPI)	-25.627***	-4.281***	-3.813***
$\Delta \sigma_{\mathbf{t}}^{Roll}$	(Core CPI)	-25.836***	-4.329***	-3.764***
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(PCE)	-24.420***	-4.101***	-3.594**
$\Delta \sigma_t^{Roll}$	(Core PCE)	-23.848***	-4.034***	-3.464**

Note: ffr denotes federal funds rates, χ denotes required reserve ratio, and σ_t^{Roll} denotes cyclical volatility of real inside money balances. ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1, 5, and 10 percent levels, respectively.

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