

# Low Risk Sharing with Many Assets

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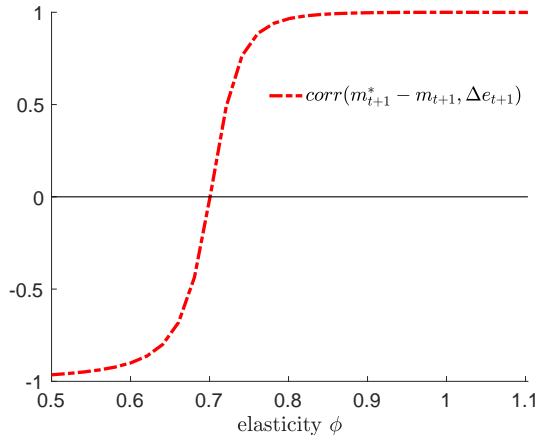
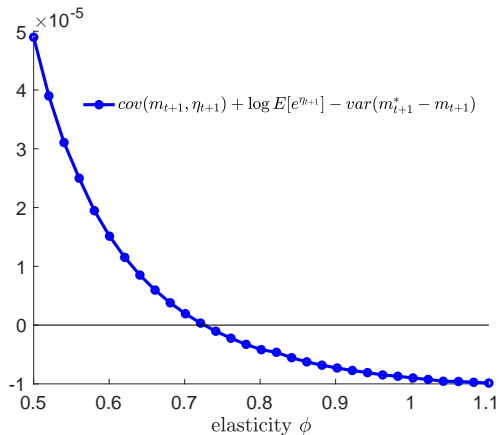
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# Calibrated Example



Unconditional moments calculated from second-order simulation with one million draws.

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Individual consumption draw related to aggregate:

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- Segmentation no longer required — but can be a complementary mechanism [see e.g. Chernov, Haddad, and Itskhoki (2024)]

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# Calibrating HA model

$$* \quad x_{t+1}^2 = \sigma_\delta^2 + \phi \Delta c_{t+1}, \quad c_t = \alpha \Delta e_t + \nu_t$$

- ▶  $\sigma_\delta = 0.4$  [Constantinides (2021)]
- ▶  $s = 10$  [Best, Cloyne, Ilzetzki and Kleven (2020)]
- ▶  $\rho_{-\delta_{t+1}^i, -\Delta e_{t+1}} \geq \frac{0.33}{4} = 0.0825$
- ▶  $\phi = -5.76$  [e.g. Acharya et al., 2023]
- ▶ **Back of the envelope:** [Verner and Gyongyosi (2020)] 30% depreciation of Hungarian forint  
→ increase in debt of 10% of disposable income (MPC=0.22):  $\rho_{-\delta_{t+1}^i, -\Delta e_{t+1}} \approx 0.175$

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# Model Setup

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- **Goods aggregation:**  $C_t = [\alpha^{\frac{1}{\phi}} C_{H,t}^{\frac{\phi-1}{\phi}} + (1-\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\phi}} C_{F,t}^{\frac{\phi-1}{\phi}}]^{\frac{\phi}{\phi-1}}$
- **Endowments and assets:**  $P_t C_t - P_{H,t} Y_{H,t} \leq R_t B_{t-1} - B_t + \mathcal{E}_t(R_t^* B_{t-1}^F - B_t^F)$
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*where  $g_{y_i,t+1} = y_{i,t+1} - y_{i,t}$ . It follows that if  $Y_{H,t}, Y_{F,t}$  are normally distributed, then  $m_{t+1}, m_{t+1}^*, \eta_{t+1}$  and  $\Delta e_{t+1}$  are jointly log-normally distributed.*

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# Further Details on Heterogeneous SDF model

$FX$  process must satisfy:

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Domestic risk sharing implies:

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