

# Money-in-the-Utility Model

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In other models,  
money is indicated with  
other assets:  $C, K$ .

**Primitives** of the endowment model:

1. preferences:  $U = \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left( \frac{C_t^{1-\sigma} - 1}{1-\sigma} + \kappa \frac{(M_t/P_t)^{1-\phi} - 1}{1-\phi} \right)$ ,
2. endowment:  $Y_t$  is given. *exogenous*

**Competitive equilibrium** boils down to the household problem

$$\max \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left( \frac{C_t^{1-\sigma} - 1}{1-\sigma} + \kappa \frac{(M_t/P_t)^{1-\phi} - 1}{1-\phi} \right)$$

$$\text{s.t. } C_t P_t + B_t + M_t = Y_t P_t + \underbrace{(1 + i_{t-1}^b) B_{t-1}}_{\text{borrow, ceiling, banks pay fed}} + \underbrace{(1 + i_{t-1}^m) M_{t-1}}_{\text{fed pays banks, store money, floor}}$$

Take the FOC wrt  $C_t$ ,  $B_t$  and  $M_t$  respectively:

Gov BC:

$$(1 + i_{t-1}^b) B_{t-1} = B_t + T_b + \Delta M_t$$

$$\beta^t C_t^{-\sigma} = \lambda_t P_t,$$

$$\lambda_t = \frac{B_t C_t^{-\sigma}}{P_t}$$

Market clearing:

$$C_t = y_t$$

$$\lambda_t = \mathbb{E}_t \lambda_{t+1} (1 + i_t^b),$$

$$\mathbb{E}_t \lambda_{t+1} = \frac{\lambda_t}{1 + i_t^b}$$

$$\kappa \beta^t \frac{M_t^{-\phi}}{P_t^{1-\phi}} - \lambda_t + \mathbb{E}_t \lambda_{t+1} (1 + i_t^m) = 0,$$

where  $B_t$  and  $M_t$  are the amount of bonds and money held by a representative household,  $i_t^b$  and  $i_t^m$  are the respective nominal interest rates. Substitute in the Lagrange multiplier from the first equation into the second one to obtain a standard Euler equation:

$$\underbrace{\beta \mathbb{E}_t \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\sigma}}_{\text{Stochastic discount factor}} \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} (1 + i_t^b) = 1. \quad (1)$$

Substitute the first two FOCs into the third one to obtain the optimal money demand:

$$\left( \frac{M_t}{P_t} \right)^{\phi} = \kappa \frac{1 + i_t^b}{i_t^b - i_t^m} C_t^{\sigma}. \quad (2)$$

We can introduce  
money as:

- 1) ad hoc
  - money in utility
  - transaction constraint
  - cash in advance const.

- 2) deep theory of money

- search friction
- financial friction
- memory

*many not apply*

- interbank  
rate between  
 $i_{t-1}^b, i_{t-1}^m$

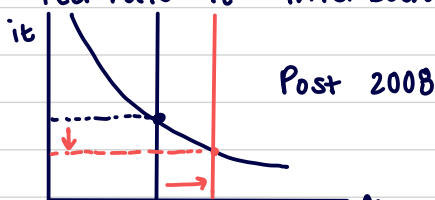
$$\frac{M_t}{P_t} = f(y_t, i_t)$$

## ISLM model

- When the interest rate goes up, demand for money goes down
  - interest rate is the opportunity cost of holding money.
- $M_t \geq 0 \rightarrow i_t \geq 0$  zero lower bound
  - lower bound of zero because holding money would have a higher return b/c you wouldn't be losing money.
  - now we do see countries with negative interest rates for banks, not for households. Households would cause a bank rush. For banks, there are transaction costs, need for financial stability.
  - effective lower bound - interest rates can go negative, but not too negative
- Government Instruments:
  - interest rate  $i_t$  } monetary tools
  - money supply  $M_t$  }
  - taxes  $T_t$  } fiscal tools
  - bonds  $B_t$  }
  - fiscal tools - fix  $\{i_t, M_t\}$  and change  $\{T_t, B_t\}$ .
    - Ricardian equivalence - lower  $T$  today  $\rightarrow$  higher  $T$  tomorrow
    - "monetary dominance"
  - monetary tools - fix  $\{T_t, B_t\}$  and change  $\{i_t, M_t\}$ .
    - "fiscal dominance"
  - fiscal theory of price level - changes gov BC (unconventional)
 
$$\Delta M_t + B_t - (1+i_{t-1})B_{t-1} + \underbrace{P_t \cdot T_t}_{\text{real price level}} = P_t \cdot g_t$$
    - gov chooses  $\{M_t, B_t, i_t, T_t | g_t\}$ .

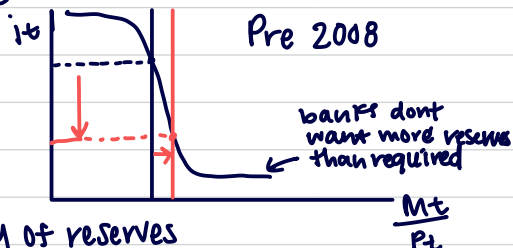
- 1980 - 2008 monetary policy

- fed rate  $i_t$  - interbank rate



Post 2008

$\frac{M_t}{P_t}$  - Supply of reserves



Pre 2008

banks don't want more reserves than required

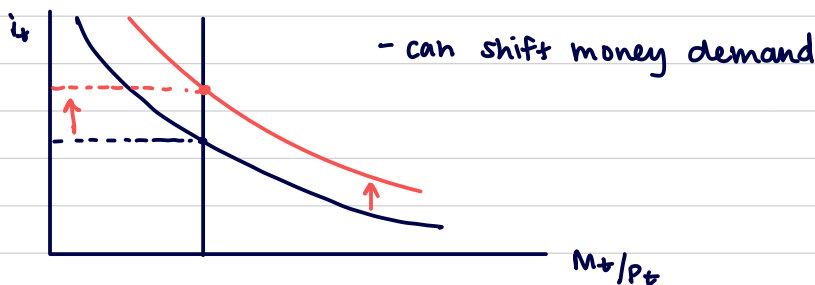
- By changing the supply of reserves slightly, the interest rate changed dramatically before 2008. Very elastic demand for money.

- quantitative easing

- now the HHBC is:

$$C_t P_t + M_t + B_t = P_t Y_t + T_t + (1 + i_{t-1}) B_{t-1} + (1 + i_{t-1}^M) M_{t-1}$$

- earn interest on money reserves



- can shift money demand

- optimal monetary policy -  $M_t/P_t \uparrow$ ,  $i_t = 0$ .

- Friedman rule

-  $k \rightarrow 0$  "cashless limit"