Currency Areas and Voluntary Transfers

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This Mathematica notebook contains the simulation of the costs and benefits of currency areas compared to flexible exchange rates.

Here are some definitions used in the paper. The letter z defines the exogenous shock (z in (0,1)). The letter a defines the inverse productivity. The letters G and B stand for good and bad shock. M0 is the normalized money supply. V is the utility for aggregate consumption. The parameters σ , μ , γ , and θ are as defined in the paper. The parameter ψ is the Frisch elasticity measure, which is set equal to 1 in the paper.

In[1]:= aG = z; aB = z; A =
$$(1 + z^{1-\sigma})^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}$$
;
bB = $2/(1 + z^{1-\sigma})$; bG = $2z^{1-\sigma}/(1 + z^{1-\sigma})$;
M0 = $(1 - \mu)/\mu$;
 $V[x_{-}] = \frac{x^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma}$;
 $\xi = \mu^{\mu} (1 - \mu)^{1-\mu}$;
 $\kappa \theta = \xi^{\gamma-1} \mu^{-\gamma} \theta / (\theta - 1)$;

We set some benchmark values for the constants. We may use them or not. If you evaluate the notebook without changing those variables, then all results are computed for those values.

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ln[7]:= \{z0, \mu0, \theta0, \sigma0, \gamma0, \psi0\} = \{.9, .99, 5, 2, 4, 1\};
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Here are some variable to calibrate the display of graphs. The parameter z is displayed from zmin to 1.

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ln[8]:= zmin = .8;
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We denote the parameter values of a specific point A in the space z, σ and δ .

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ln[9]:= \{zA, \sigma A, \delta A\} = \{.95, \sigma 0, .97\};
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Currency Area

We set the values of price indices P, labor supply L, consumption X, utility U and wage W under currency area.

The letter c denotes currency area.

Currency Area in general

We set the price indices P, labor supply L, consumption X, utility U for any value of shock z, and wage W.

Shock z and transfer TB are exogenous. We set the value of wage W as a function of shock z and transfer TB.

Currency Area and Consumption Sharing

We set the values of price indices P, labor supply L, consumption X, utility U and wage W under consumption equalizing. In this case the transfer TB is set so that consumption is equalized across countries.

Shock z is exogenous.

The letter "o" denotes the "optimum", that is full consumption sharing.

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TBco[z_{-}] = \frac{1}{2} (bG - bB);
(* consumption equalizing transfer *)
Wco[z_{-}] = Wc[z, TBco[z]];
UGco[z_{-}] = V[XGc[z, TBco[z], Wco[z]]] - \frac{(LGc[Wco[z]])^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi};
UBco[z_{-}] = V[XBc[z, TBco[z], Wco[z]]] - \frac{(LBc[Wco[z]])^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi};
EUco[z_{-}] = \frac{1}{2} UGco[z] + \frac{1}{2} UBco[z];
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Flexible Exchange Rate

We set the values of price indices P, labor supply L, consumption X, utility U and wage W under flexible exchange rate system. The letter f denotes the flexible exchange rate system.

Flexible Exchange Rate in General

We set the price indices P, labor supply L, consumption X, utility U for any value of shock z, and wage W under flexible exchange rate system.

Here the price index P=ABW where B depends on the exchange rate.

Shock z and transfer TB are exogenous.

We set the value of wage W as a function of shock z and transfer TB.

Note Home transfer in bad shock is TB>0.

Exchange rate is $\epsilon = \epsilon G = \epsilon RootG[TB]$ is computed in the good domestic shock!

So,
$$T_G^* = -T_B/\epsilon_B \iff T_G^* = -T_B^* \epsilon_G$$
. So we must replace TG by $-T_B^* \epsilon$.

We make two definitions of the exchange rate. One as a function

of the transfer in good state and the other as function of transfer in bad state (this is the one used in the paper...).

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In[31]:= \epsilon \theta [z_{-}, \sigma_{-}] = \left(\frac{bG}{hB}\right)^{\frac{-1}{\sigma}};
                       (* exchange rate at zero transfers*)
                       (* implicit equation for exchange rate Home in
                               good state for a TG<0 *)
                     ExchEQGTG[eG_{, z_{, TG_{, T
                      \in RootGTG[z_{-}, TG_{-}, \sigma_{-}] :=
                                (* exchange rate in Home in Good state when
                                            transfer is TG <0:
                                   a root of the previous implicit equation*)
                              Module [{},
                                   If TG = 0,
                                       Return [\epsilon 0[z, \sigma]],
                                       eG /. FindRoot [ExchEQGTG[eG, z, TG, \sigma],
                                                {eG, \epsilon 0[z, \sigma]}]
                                   ]
                               ];
                       (* implicit equation for exchange rate Home in
                               good state for a transfer TB=
                          -TG/\epsilon > 0 from foreign in bad state *)
                     ExchEQGTB[eG_{,}, z_{,}, TB_{,}, \sigma_{,}] = eG - \left(\frac{bG}{hR}\right)^{\frac{-1}{\sigma}} \left(\frac{1 + eGTB}{1 + eGTB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}};
                      \in RootGTB[z_{-}, TB_{-}, \sigma_{-}] :=
                           (* exchange rate in Home in Good state when
                                   transferin bad state is TB=
                               -TG/\epsilon > 0: a root of the previous implicit
                                       equation*)
                          Module [{},
                               If [TB = 0,
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Return [\epsilon 0[z, \sigma]],
    eG /. FindRoot [ExchEQGTB[eG, z, TB, \sigma],
      \{eG, \epsilon 0[z, \sigma]\}
  ]
 1
(*attention ∈RootGTB function may not find the
 appropriate root for large TB,
close to one*)
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Sustainable Transfer **Systems**

We plot the utility under flexible exchange rates with no transfers and the utility under currency area with full consumption sharing for a range of shocks z and elasticity of substitution σ and for two sets of elasticity of labor supply Ψ and risk aversion γ . Basically we compute the locus where EUc is equal to EUf.

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In[44]:= ThisPlotPoints = 50;
       zmin = .8;
       rule2 = \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 0, \theta \rightarrow \theta 0, \psi \rightarrow 1\};
       ThisFrameLabel = {
           "z",
           \sigma,
           "EUc-EUf",
           ThisString =
             ("\theta=" <> ToString[\theta0] <> ", \mu=" <> ToString[\mu0])};
       TPlot1 = Show[
           Table [
            ContourPlot [
              EUc[z, TBco[z], Wc[z, TBco[z]]] - EUf[z, e, 0, W] //.
                  \{e \rightarrow \in RootGTB[z, 0, \sigma], W \rightarrow Wf[z, e, 0]\} /.
                 rule2 // Evaluate, {z, zmin, .999},
              \{\sigma, 1.01, 3.25\}, Contours \rightarrow \{0\},
              ContourShading → False,
              PlotPoints → Floor [ThisPlotPoints],
              ContourStyle → GrayLevel[0.1]],
            \{\gamma, 1.0001, 6.0001, 1\}
         ];
       TPlot = Show[TPlot1, Frame → True];
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Sustaining consumption sharing

Consumption sharing transfers are sustainable if the value function V_G is positive when transfers implement consumption sharing.

The value function V_G is denoted by the function VGsc where the letter "s" stands for "sustaining consumption sharing".

The letter c and f denote currency area and flexible exchange rate system.

The critical discount factors δ are found where VGsc=0 and is

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ln[36]:= VGsc[z, \delta, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \chi 1, \psi 1]:=
             Module T = TBco[z], Wc0 = Wc[z, 0], WcoT, \triangle UGc, \triangle UBc,
               WcoT = Wc[z, T];
               \triangle UGc = UGc[z, T, WcoT] - UGc[z, 0, Wc0];
               \triangle UBc = UBc[z, T, WcoT] - UBc[z, 0, Wc0];
               UGc[z, 0, Wc0] - UGc[z, 0, WcoT] +
                     \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGC+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBC\right) /.
                   \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
             ];
         \delta \mathsf{uc} \left[ z , \mu , \sigma , \theta , \gamma , \psi \right] :=
             \delta /. FindRoot [VGsc [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] == 0,
                   \{\delta, .6, .999\}] // Chop:
ln[38]:= VGsf[z, \delta, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \chi 1, \psi 1]:=
             Module [TB = TBco[z], \in 00, \in GTB, Wf0, WfoT, \triangle UGf]
                 ΔUBf).
               \epsilon 00 = \epsilon 0 [z, \sigma 1];
               Wf0 = Wf [z, \in00, 0];
               \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z, TB, \sigma1];
               WfoT = Wf[z, \epsilonGTB, TB] (* Wc[z,T]*);
               \triangle UGf = UGf[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT] - UGf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
               \triangle UBf = UBf[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT] - UBf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
               \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{Wf0}] - \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{WfoT}] +
                     \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGf+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBf\right) /.
                   \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
             ];
         \delta uf[z, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] :=
            (* Finds the critical discount factor,
           with the assumption that VGsf is monotone
             increasing in \delta.*)
           Module [\{\delta 1, \delta 2, V1, V2, VV1, VV2\},
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\delta 1 = .000001;
 \delta 2 = 0.999999;
 V1 = VGsf[z, \delta1, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi];
 V2 = VGsf[z, \delta2, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi];
 Which[
  V1 <= 0 \&\& V2 >= 0,
  \delta /. FindRoot [VGsf[z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] == 0,
       \{\delta, .1, .999\}] // Chop,
   (* this is the regular
    case: monotone increasing and intersects zero
      axis*)
  V1 < 0 \&\& V2 <= 0, 1,
   (* monotone increasing is below zero axis*)
  V1 > 0 & V2 > 0, 0,
   (* monotone increasing is above intersect zero
    axis*)
  V1 > 0 && V2 <= 0, Print["error:VGsf\tau badly shape"]; -1
 ]
]
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Sustaining Small Transfers

Infinitely small transfers are sustainable if the value function V_G is positive.

In this numerical exercise, a small transfer is 1/1000 of the consumption sharing transfer.

The letter c and f denote currency area and flexible exchange rate system.

The value function V_G is denoted by the function VGsc where the letter "d" stands for "down".

The critical discount factors δ are found where VGdc=0 and is denoted δd where "d" reads as "down".

(d/dT)VGf[0] is given by VGf[small T]-VGf[0]=VGf[small T]

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ln[40] = \Delta VGdc[z_, \delta_, \mu_1_, \sigma_1_, \theta_1_, \chi_1_, \psi_1_] :=
           Module [ {Wc0, WcTB, ΔUGc, ΔUBc, TB},
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TB = TBco[z] / 1000;
      (* small T is 1/1000 the consumption sharing
       transfer*)
      Wc0 = Wc[z, 0];
      WcTB = Wc[z, TB];
      \triangle UGc = UGc[z, TB, WcTB] - UGc[z, 0, Wc0];
      \triangle UBc = UBc[z, TB, WcTB] - UBc[z, 0, Wc0];
      UGc[z, 0, Wc0] - UGc[z, 0, WcTB] +
            \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGC+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBC\right) /.
          \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
    ];
\delta dc[z_{,}\mu_{,}\sigma_{,}\theta_{,}\chi_{,}\psi_{]}:=
    \delta /. FindRoot [\DeltaVGdc [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] == 0,
          \{\delta, .5, .999\}] // Chop;
\Delta VGdf[z, \delta, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1] :=
   Module [TB, \in 00, \in GTB, Wf0, WfoT, \triangle UGf, \triangle UBf],
      TB = TBco[z] / 1000;
      \epsilon 00 = \epsilon 0[z, \sigma 1];
      Wf0 = Wf [z, \epsilon00, 0];
      \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z, TB, \sigma1];
     WfoT = Wf [z, \epsilonGTB, TB];
      \triangle UGf = UGf[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT] - UGf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
      \triangle UBf = UBf[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT] - UBf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
      \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{Wf0}] - \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{WfoT}] +
            \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGf+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBf\right) /.
          \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
   ];
\delta \mathsf{df}[z_{}, \mu_{}, \sigma_{}, \theta_{}, \gamma_{}, \psi_{}] :=
    \delta /. FindRoot [\DeltaVGdf [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] == 0,
          \{\delta, .5, .999\}] // Chop;
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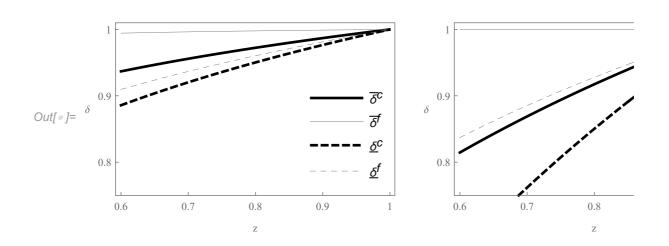
Figure 2

We plot FIGURE 2 in the text where all the discount factors are displayed together.

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ln[59] = \{ \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1 \} = \{.99, 2.5, 5, 1.00001, 1 \};
         p2bbw = Plot [ {
                \delta uc[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1],
                \delta uf[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1],
                \delta dc[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1],
                \delta df[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1]\},
              \{z, 0.6, .999\},\
               PlotStyle → {{AbsoluteThickness[Large], Black},
                  {AbsoluteThickness[Tiny], Gray},
                  {AbsoluteThickness[Large], Dashed, Black},
                  {AbsoluteThickness[Tiny], Dashed, Gray}},
              PlotRange → \{0.75, 1.01\},
              Frame → True,
              RotateLabel → False,
              FrameLabel \rightarrow \{ \{ "\delta", "" \}, \{ "z", "" \} \},
               \textbf{PlotLegends} \rightarrow \textbf{Placed} \left[ \left\{ "\overline{\delta}^{c} ", "\overline{\delta}^{f} ", "\underline{\delta}^{c} ", "\underline{\delta}^{f} " \right\}, \right. 
                  \{.83, .34\}
              FrameTicks \rightarrow {{\{.8, .9, 1\}, None\},
                  \{\{.6, .7, .8, .9, 1\}, None\}\},\
              ImageSize → 0.95 * imagesize];
         \{\mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1\} = \{.99, 1.5, 5, 1.00001, 1\};
         p3bbw = Plot [{
                \delta uc[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1],
                \delta uf[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1],
                \delta dc[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1],
                \delta df[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1]\}
              \{z, 0.6, .999\},\
               PlotStyle → {{AbsoluteThickness[Large], Black},
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{AbsoluteThickness[Tiny], Gray},
{AbsoluteThickness[Large], Dashed, Black},
{AbsoluteThickness[Tiny], Dashed, Gray}},
PlotRange → {0.75, 1.01},
Frame → True,
RotateLabel → False,
FrameLabel → {{"δ", ""}, {"z", ""}},
PlotLegends → Placed[{"δ̄c", "δ̄f", "δ̄c", "δ̄f"},
{.83, .34}],
FrameTicks → {{{.8, .9, 1}, None},
{{.6, .7, .8, .9, 1}, None}},
ImageSize → 0.95 * imagesize];

p32bbw = GraphicsGrid[{{p3bbw, p2bbw}},
ImageSize → imagesize * 2]
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First best transfers in

flexible exchange rate system

We here compute the first best transfers under flexible exchange rate system.

We define the levels and expectation of utility for a specific transfer T.

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ln[64]:= UGFBf[z1, TB, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1]:=
             Module [{∈GTB, WfT},
               \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
              WfT = Wf [z1, \epsilonGTB, TB];
              UGf [z1, \epsilonGTB, TB, WfT] /.
                   \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
             ];
         UBFBf[z1_, TB_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1_] :=
             Module [{∈GTB, WfT},
               \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
              WfT = Wf [z1, \epsilonGTB, TB];
              UBf [z1, \epsilonGTB, TB, WfT] /.
                   \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
             ];
         Welfaref[z1_, TB_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1_] :=
             Module [\epsilon GTB, WfT],
               \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
              WfT = Wf [z1, \epsilonGTB, TB];
               \frac{1}{2} UGf[z1, eGTB, TB, WfT] + \frac{1}{2} UBf[z1, eGTB, TB, WfT] /.
                   \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
             |;
         TFirstBestf[z, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1] :=
             (* fast but can miss global maximum *)
             FindMaximum [Welfaref [z, T, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
               \{T, 0.01, -.9, .99\}\}
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We compute the critical discount factors that sustain first best.

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ln[68]:= VGsfFB[z_, \delta_, \mu_1_, \sigma_1_, \theta_1_, \chi_1_, \psi_1_]:=
              Module [TBFB, \epsilon00, \epsilonGTB, Wf0, WfoT, \DeltaUGf, \DeltaUBf},
                TBFB = T /. TFirstBestf[z, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1][[2]];
                \epsilon 00 = \epsilon 0[z, \sigma 1];
                Wf0 = Wf[z, \in00, 0];
                \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z, TBFB, \sigma1];
                WfoT = Wf[z, \epsilonGTB, TBFB];
                \triangle UGf = UGf[z, \in GTB, TBFB, WfoT] - UGf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
                \triangle UBf = UBf[z, \in GTB, TBFB, WfoT] - UBf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
                \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{Wf0}] - \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{WfoT}] +
                      \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGf+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBf\right) /.
                    \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
              ];
          \deltaufFB[z_{,}\mu_{,}\sigma_{,}\theta_{,}\chi_{,}\psi_{]}:=
              \delta /. FindRoot [VGsfFB[z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] == 0,
                    \{\delta, .5, .999\}] // Chop;
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Constrained Transfers

We here compute the sustained equilibrium with constrained transfers.

Constrained transfers are the consumption sharing transfers if V_G is positive.

If not, they are set so that the value function V_G is zero.

Currency area and constrained transfers

The function VGTBc gives the value function V_G as a function of transfer TB.

The function TBCc gives the transfer where V_G is zero.

The function EUCc gives the expected utility for the constrained transfer.

We also define functions for the expected consumption, the wage and transfer.

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\ln[44] \coloneqq \mathsf{VGTBc} \, [ \, \mathsf{TB}_{\_} , \, \mathsf{z}_{\_} , \, \delta_{\_} , \, \mu \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \theta \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \chi \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \psi \mathsf{1}_{\_} ] \, := \, \mathsf{Im}[44] \coloneqq \mathsf{VGTBc} \, [ \, \mathsf{TB}_{\_} , \, \mathsf{z}_{\_} , \, \delta_{\_} , \, \mu \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \chi \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \psi \mathsf{1}_{\_} ] \, := \, \mathsf{Im}[44] \coloneqq \mathsf{VGTBc} \, [ \, \mathsf{TB}_{\_} , \, \mathsf{z}_{\_} , \, \delta_{\_} , \, \mu \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \chi \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \psi \mathsf{1}_{\_} ] \, := \, \mathsf{Im}[44] \coloneqq \mathsf{VGTBc} \, [ \, \mathsf{TB}_{\_} , \, \mathsf{z}_{\_} , \, \delta_{\_} , \, \mu \mathsf{1}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} ] \, := \, \mathsf{Im}[44] \coloneqq \mathsf{VGTBc} \, [ \, \mathsf{TB}_{\_} , \, \mathsf{Z}_{\_} , \, \delta_{\_} , \, \mathsf{Z}_{\_} , \, \delta_{\_} , \, \mathsf{Z}_{\_} , \, \sigma \mathsf{1}_{\_} ] \, := \, \mathsf{Im}[44] \coloneqq \mathsf{Im}[44] = \, \mathsf{
                                                  Module [ {Wc0, WcoT, △UGc, △UBc},
                                                         Wc0 = Wc[z, 0];
                                                          WcoT = Wc[z, TB];
                                                          \triangle UGc = UGc[z, TB, WcoT] - UGc[z, 0, Wc0];
                                                          \triangle UBc = UBc[z, TB, WcoT] - UBc[z, 0, Wc0];
                                                          UGc[z, 0, Wc0] - UGc[z, 0, WcoT] +
                                                                                \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGC+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBC\right) /.
                                                                         \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
                                                   ];
                                    TBCc [z_{-}, \delta_{-}, \mu_{-}, \sigma_{-}, \theta_{-}, \gamma_{-}, \psi_{-}] :=
                                           Module[{},
                                                  TB /. FindRoot [VGTBc [TB, z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi],
                                                                          {TB, 0.999}] // Chop
                                           ]
                                    EUCc[z1, \delta 1, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1] :=
                                           Module[{TB, WcT, rule},
                                                   rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
                                                                 \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
                                                   TB = Min[TBCc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
                                                                 TBco[z1] /. rule];
                                                  WcT = Wc[z1, TB] /. rule;
                                                  EUc[z1, TB, WcT] /. rule
                                            ]
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EXCc [z1, \delta 1, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1] :=
  Module {TB, WcT, rule},
    rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
         \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
    TB = Min[TBCc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
         TBco[z1] /. rule];
    WcT = Wc[z1, TB] /. rule;
    \left(\frac{1}{2} \times Gc[z1, TB, WcT] + \frac{1}{2} \times Bc[z1, TB, WcT]\right) /. rule
\mathsf{TTBCc}\left[\mathsf{z}1_{\mathtt{,}} \; \delta 1_{\mathtt{,}} \; \mu 1_{\mathtt{,}} \; \sigma 1_{\mathtt{,}} \; \theta 1_{\mathtt{,}} \; \gamma 1_{\mathtt{,}} \; \psi 1_{\mathtt{,}}\right] :=
  Module[{TB, WcT, rule},
    rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
         \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
    TB = Min[TBCc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
         TBco[z1] /. rule];
    TB
  ]
WCc [z1_, \delta1_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1_] :=
  Module[{TB, WcT, rule},
    rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
         \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
    TB = Min[TBCc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
         TBco[z1] /. rule];
    WcT = Wc[z1, TB] /. rule;
    WcT
  ]
```

Flexible exchange rates and constrained transfers

The function VGTBf gives the value function V_G as a function of transfer TB.

The function TBCf gives the transfer where V_G is zero.

The function EUCf gives the expected utility for the constrained transfer.

We also define functions for the expected consumption, the wage and transfer.

```
ln[50]:= VGTBf[TB_, z_, \delta_, \mu_1_, \sigma_1_, \theta_1_, \mu_1_] :=
              Module \{ \in 00, \in GTB, Wf0, WfoT, \triangle UGf, \triangle UBf \},
                \epsilon 00 = \epsilon 0[z, \sigma 1];
                Wf0 = Wf [z, \in00, 0];
                \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB[z, TB, \sigma1];
                WfoT = Wf [z, \epsilon GTB, TB];
                \triangle UGf = UGf[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT] - UGf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
                \triangle UBf = UBf[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT] - UBf[z, \in 00, 0, Wf0];
                \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{Wf0}] - \mathsf{UGf}[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{WfoT}] +
                       \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGf+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBf\right) /.
                     \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
              ];
          TBCf[z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] :=
            Module[{},
              TB /. FindRoot [VGTBf [TB, z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi],
                     {TB, 0.00001, .2}] // Chop
               (*attention eroot function may not find the
                appropriate root for large TB,
              so we put lower TB boundary*)
            ]
          \mathsf{EUCf}[\mathsf{z}1_{\mathtt{J}}, \delta 1_{\mathtt{J}}, \mu 1_{\mathtt{J}}, \sigma 1_{\mathtt{J}}, \theta 1_{\mathtt{J}}, \chi 1_{\mathtt{J}}, \psi 1_{\mathtt{J}}] :=
            Module [\{TB, WfT, \epsilon fT, rule\},
              rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
                  \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
```

```
TB = Min [TBCf [z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
        TBco[z1] /. rule];
    \epsilonfT = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
   WfT = Wf[z1, \epsilonfT, TB] /. rule;
   EUf [z1, \epsilonfT, TB, WfT] /. rule
  ]
\mathsf{EXCf}[\mathsf{z1} \ , \delta 1 \ , \mu 1 \ , \sigma 1 \ , \theta 1 \ , \mu 1 \ ] :=
 Module {TB, WfT, ∈fT, rule},
    rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
        \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
    TB = Min[TBCf[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
        TBco[z1] /. rule];
    \epsilonfT = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
   WfT = Wf[z1, \epsilonfT, TB] /. rule;
    \left(\frac{1}{2} \times Gf[z1, \epsilon fT, WfT] + \frac{1}{2} \times Bf[z1, \epsilon fT, WfT]\right) /. rule
TTBCf[z1_, \delta1_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1_] :=
  Module [\{TB, WfT, \epsilon fT, rule\},
    rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
        \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
    TB = Min[TBCf[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
        TBco[z1] /. rule];
    TB]
WCf [z1_, \delta1_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1_] :=
  Module [\{TB, WfT, \epsilon fT, rule\},
    rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
        \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
    TB = Min[TBCf[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
        TBco[z1] /. rule];
    \epsilonfT = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
   WfT = Wf[z1, \epsilonfT, TB] /. rule;
   WfT
  1
```

Figure 3

We plot the Figure 3 with the expected utility levels in each regime as function of delta.

There is a range of δ such that currency area is welfare improving. For large enough δ the expected utility are the same.

```
\{z1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1\} = \{0.9, 0.99, 2., 5, 5., 1.\};
PlotEUCbw =
  Plot [{Callout [EUCf[z1, \delta, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
       Magnify["Flexible", 1], {0.875, Below}, 0.875],
     Callout [EUCc [z1, \delta, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1],
       Magnify["Currency Area", 1], {0.925, Above},
       [0.925], \{\delta, 0.8, .999\},
    PlotStyle → {{GrayLevel[0.5], Thick},
       {GrayLevel[0], Thick}}, PlotRange -> Full];
plot50bw = Show[PlotEUCbw, Frame → True,
    RotateLabel \rightarrow False, FrameLabel \rightarrow {"\delta", "E<sub>s</sub>[U<sub>s</sub>"]"},
    PlotRange → All, ImageSize → imagesize,
    FrameTicks \rightarrow {{None, None}, {{0.8, .9, 1}, None}}];
```

We now add the expected utility with first best transfers in the flexible exchange rate system. This is displayed with dashed grey line.

```
ln[85]:= EUCfFB[z1_, \delta1_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1__] :=
         Module [{TB, TB1, WfT, \epsilonfT, rule},
           rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
              \gamma -> \gamma 1, \psi -> \psi 1;
           TB = T /. Last[TFirstBestf[z1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1]];
           TB1 = TBCf[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] /. rule;
           TB = Min[TB, TB1];
           \epsilonfT = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
           \epsilonfT = \epsilonRootGTB[z1, TB, \sigma1];
           WfT = Wf[z1, \epsilonfT, TB] /. rule;
           EUf[z1, \epsilon fT, TB, WfT] /. rule
         ]
        δpoints = Table [δ, \{\delta, .8, .999, (.999 - .8) / 80\}];
        t2 = Table[\{\delta, EUCfFB[z1, \delta, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1]\},
             \{\delta, \delta \text{points}\}\];
        PlotEUCFBbw = ListPlot[t2, Joined → True,
             PlotStyle → {GrayLevel[0.5], Dashed}];
        plot60bw = Show[PlotEUCFBbw, Frame → True,
             PlotRange → All, ImageSize → imagesize];
        Here is Figure 2.
In[93]:= plot5060bw = Show[plot50bw, plot60bw]
                                     Currency Area
        E_S[U_S^r]
                             Flexible
Out[ • ]=
```

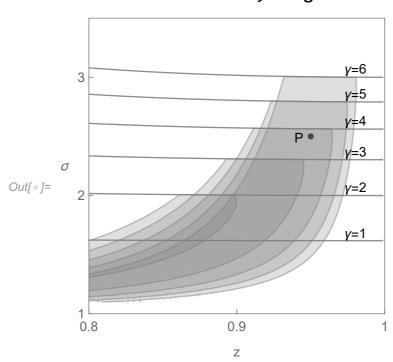
0.9 δ

Figure 1

Display optimal currency areas with constrained transfers

```
ln[94] = \{z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1\} =
           \{.9, 0.95, .99, 4, 5, 1.01, 1.0\};
        ThisPlotPoints = 50;
        \{zmin, zmax, \sigma min, \sigma max\} = \{.8, .999, 1.1, 3.25\};
        DiffEUcfc[z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] :=
           EUCc [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] – EUCf [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi];
        diffEUcEUfc[z, \sigma, \gamma] :=
           DiffEUcfc [z, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma, \theta1, \gamma, \psi1];
        contplotDiffEUcfc[\gamma\], hue ] :=
         ContourPlot DiffEUcfc [z, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma, \theta1, \gamma, \psi1],
           {z, zmin, zmax}, {\sigma, \sigmamin, \sigmamax}, Contours \rightarrow {10^{-15}},
           ContourStyle → GrayLevel[0.5],
           ContourShading → {None, {Gray, Opacity[.25]}},
           PlotPoints → ThisPlotPoints
        DistributeDefinitions[contplotDiffEUcfc];
        tpl2 = ParallelTable[contplotDiffEUcfc[\gamma, \gamma/6],
            \{\gamma, \{1.0001, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}\}
In[102]:= (* recompute the fiscal union versus flex *)
        contplotEUcEuf[ >_ ] := ContourPlot[
            diffEUcEUfc[z, \sigma, \gamma], {z, zmin, zmax}, {\sigma, \sigmamin, \sigmamax},
            Contours \rightarrow \{-10^{-15}\}, ContourShading \rightarrow False,
            PlotPoints → ThisPlotPoints,
            ContourStyle → GrayLevel[0.5]];
        DistributeDefinitions[contplotEUcEuf];
        tpl3 = ParallelTable[contplotEUcEuf[\gamma],
            \{\gamma, \{1.0001, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}\}
```

```
In[105]:= Clear[g1, g2, g3, g4, g5, g6];
       g6 = Graphics [Text["\gamma=6", {0.98, 3.07}]];
       g5 = Graphics [Text["\gamma=5", {0.98, 2.86}]];
       g4 = Graphics [Text ["\gamma=4", {0.98, 2.63}]];
       g3 = Graphics [Text["\gamma=3", {0.98, 2.37}]];
       g2 = Graphics[Text["\gamma=2", {0.98, 2.07}]];
       g1 = Graphics [Text["\gamma=1", {0.98, 1.68}]];
       p1 = Graphics [Text["P", {0.942, 2.49}]];
       x1 = ListPlot[{{0.95, 2.5}},
          PlotStyle → {PointSize[0.02], Black},
          PlotRange → {\{0.8, 1\}, \{1, 3.5\}\}, AspectRatio → 1];
       tpl4 = Show[Show[x1], Show[TPlot1], Show[tpl2],
         g6, g5, g4, g3, g2, g1, p1, Frame → True,
         FrameLabel \rightarrow {"z", "\sigma"},
         FrameTicks \rightarrow \{\{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, None\}, \{\{.8, .9, 1\}, None\}\},
         RotateLabel → False, ImageSize → imagesize]
```



Sensitivity Analysis -

Table 2

The following sensitivity analysis studies the upper and lower bounds of parameter values around the benchmark case provided in the paper. The function FindPositiveRange3 finds the range of parameter where the function F is positive. The function DiffEUcfc returns the difference between expected utility under currency area and flexible exchange rate regime. The analysis reports the range for every parameter of DiffEUcfc. See Table 2 in the text.

```
In[63]:= DiffEUcfc [z_, \delta_, \mu_, \sigma_, \theta_, \gamma_, \psi_] :=
         \mathsf{EUCc}\,[z,\,\delta,\,\mu,\,\sigma,\,\theta,\,\gamma,\,\psi]\,-\,\mathsf{EUCf}\,[z,\,\delta,\,\mu,\,\sigma,\,\theta,\,\gamma,\,\psi]\,;
       FindPositiveRange3[F , x0 , Minx , Maxx , Stepx ] :=
        Module[{Tup = {}, Tdown = {}, FF, xup, xdown},
          FF = F[x\theta] // N // Chop;
         If |FF\rangle = 0,
           Module[{},
            xup = x\theta; xdown = x\theta;
            For [x = x0 + Stepx, x \le Maxx, x = x + Stepx,
              FF = F[x] // N // Chop;
              If [FF >= 0, AppendTo[Tup, x];
               xup = x, Break[]]
            ];
            For [x = x0 - Stepx, x >= Minx, x = x - Stepx,
              FF = F[x] // N // Chop;
              If[FF >= 0, AppendTo[Tdown, x];
               xdown = x, Break[]];
            ];
            TT = Union[Tdown // Reverse, Tup];
            Return[{xdown, xup}]
           ],
           (*else*)
           Print["not positive value for \#1=", x\theta];
           Return[{-1, -1}]
         ];
        ]
```

```
ln[219] = \{z1, \delta 1, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \gamma 1, \psi 1\} = \{0.9, 0.95, .99, 2, 5, 5, 1\};
        (* baseline parameters *)
        Lz = FindPositiveRange3[
           DiffEUcfc [#1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &, z1, .80,
           .99, .001]; (* Search over z between 0,8 and 0.99 *)
        L\delta = FindPositiveRange3
           DiffEucfc[z1, #1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &, \delta1, .8,
           .99, .001];
        L\mu = FindPositiveRange3
             DiffEUcfc[z1, \delta1, #1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &, \mu1, .2,
             .99, .01];
        L\sigma = FindPositiveRange3[
            DiffEUcfc [z1, \delta1, \mu1, \#1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &, \sigma1, 1.0001,
             4.0001, .1];
        L\theta = FindPositiveRange3[
            DiffEUcfc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \#1, \gamma1, \psi1] &, \theta1, 1.1,
             10, .1];
        L_{\gamma} = FindPositiveRange3[
            DiffEUcfc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, #1, \psi1] &, \gamma1, 1.1,
             15, .1];
        L\psi = FindPositiveRange3[
             DiffEUcfc[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \#1] &, \psi1,
             0.00001, 10.00001, .01];
        tableform1 =
         TableForm[Join[{\{\delta 1, z1, \gamma 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \mu 1\}},
             Transpose [\{L\delta, Lz, L\gamma, L\sigma, L\theta, L\mu\}]],
           TableHeadings → {{"baseline", "min", "max"},
              \{ "\delta", "z", "\gamma", "\sigma", "\theta", "\mu" \} \} ]
        (* Note: 10. is the upper bound for "\theta" in the
           search and returned as infinity in the text *)
```

Out[225]//TableForm=

	δ	Z	Y	σ	Θ	μ
baseline	0.95	0.9	5	2	5	0.99
min	0.849	0.89	2.1	1.3	1.1	0.28
	0.955					0.99

Transaction costs

This section studies the effect of money transaction cost. It does not affect the currency area since the latter uses the same currency. It affects the flexible exchange rate systems where money currency needs to be exchange to pay imports. Let τ be the iceberg exchange rate transaction cost. All relevant functions are added the argument τ . To avoid confusion with the preceding, a letter τ is added to the function names. We first make the definitions of the labor supply, price indices

In[226]:= LGfr[z_, e_, TB_, W_] =
$$\frac{1}{W}$$
 (1 + (TB*e));
LBfr[z_, e_, TB_, W_] = $\frac{1}{W}$ (1 - TB);
BGr[z_, e_, r_] = $\left(\frac{1}{2} bG + \frac{1}{2} r^{1-\sigma} e^{1-\sigma} bB\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}$;
BBr[z_, e_, r_] = $\left(\frac{1}{2} bB + \frac{1}{2} r^{1-\sigma} e^{\sigma-1} bG\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}$;
PGfr[z_, e_, W_, r_] = WABGr[z, e, r];
PBfr[z_, e_, W_, r_] = WABBr[z, e, r];
XGfr[z_, e_, W_, r_] = (\varepsilon / \mu) (1 / PGfr[z, e, W, r]);
XBfr[z_, e_, W_, r_] = (\varepsilon / \mu) (1 / PBfr[z, e, W, r]);
UGfr[z_, e_, TB_, W_, r_] = V[XGfr[z, e, TB, W])^{1+\psi};
UBfr[z_, e_, TB_, W_, r_] = \frac{(LGfr[z, e, TB, W])^{1+\psi}}{1 + \psi};
EUfr[z_, e_, TB_, W_, r_] = \frac{(LBfr[z, e, TB, W])^{1+\psi}}{1 + \psi};
Wfr[z_, e_, TB_, W_, r_] = \frac{(LBfr[z, e, TB, W])^{1+\psi}}{1 + \psi};
Wfr[z_, e_, TB_, r_] = \frac{\psi}{2} (1 + TB*e)^{1+\psi} + \frac{1}{2} (1 - TB)^{1+\psi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - TB)^{1+\psi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - TB)^{1+\psi} + \frac{1}{2} (1 - TB)^{1

We write the implicit equation for Home exchange rate in good

state for a TG<0.

The Home exchange rate in Good state when transfer is TG < 0 is a root of the previous implicit equation.

```
ln[240]:= ExchEQGTG\tau[eG_, z_, TG_, \sigma_, \tau_] =
                         eG - \left(\frac{bG}{bB}\right)^{\frac{-1}{\sigma}} \left(\frac{1 - TG}{1 + \frac{TG}{\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\tau^{1-\sigma} + \varepsilon \Upsilon\tau[z, \sigma, \varepsilon, \tau]}{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} \varepsilon \Upsilon\tau[z, \sigma, \varepsilon, \tau]}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}};
                    (* this is equivalent to the following definition*)
                  ExchEQGTG\tau[eG , z , TG , \sigma , \tau ] =
                        eG - \left(\frac{bB}{bG} \frac{1 - TG}{1 + \frac{TG}{c}} \frac{\tau^{1-\sigma} + eG \Upsilon \tau [z, \sigma, eG, \tau]}{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} eG \Upsilon \tau [z, \sigma, eG, \tau]}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}};
```

```
\in RootGTG\tau[z_{-}, TG_{-}, \sigma_{-}, \tau_{-}] := Module[\{eG\},
     eG /. FindRoot [ExchEQGTG\tau [eG, z, TG, \sigma, \tau],
        {eG, \epsilon 0[z, \sigma]}]
   ];
```

Home exchange rate in Good state when transfer in bad state is TB= -TG/ ϵ >0 : a root of the previous implicit equation. We prefer this solution.

```
ln[151] = ExchEQGTB\tau[eG_, z_, TB_, \sigma_, \tau_] =
                  eG - \left(\frac{bB}{bG} \frac{1 + eG TB}{1 - TB} \frac{\tau^{1-\sigma} + eG \Upsilon \tau [z, \sigma, eG, \tau]}{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} eG \Upsilon \tau [z, \sigma, eG, \tau]}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}};
             \in RootGTB\tau[z_{-}, TB_{-}, \sigma_{-}, \tau_{-}] :=
                Module [ { eG } ,
                  eG /. FindRoot [ExchEQGTB\tau [eG, z, TB, \sigma, \tau],
                        {eG, \epsilon 0[z, \sigma]}]]
```

Comparison between expected utilities in Currency areas and flexible exchange rate

regime

We here plot the loci where currency areas with consumption sharing yields the same expected utility as flexible exchange rate with zero transfers. The function Difference $EUcf\tau$ computes the difference in expected utility.

```
In[153]:= DifferenceEUcf\tau[z1_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1_, \tau1_] :=
            Module [{e1, W1, rule1, TB2, W2},
              rule1 = {\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1};
              e1 = \epsilonRootGTB\tau [z1, 0, \sigma1, \tau1];
              W1 = Wf\tau[z1, e1, 0, z1] /. rule1;
              TB2 = TBco[z1] /. rule1;
              W2 = Wc[z1, TB2] /. rule1;
              (EUc[z1, TB2, W2] - EUf\tau[z1, e1, 0, W1, z1]) /. rule1
            ];
```

Consumption sharing under transaction costs

We compute the exchange rate and transfer under consumption sharing and transaction cost.

$$\ln[172] := \epsilon Gfo\tau[z_{-}, \sigma_{-}, \tau_{-}] = \left(\frac{1}{2\tau^{1-\sigma}} \left(\left(1 - \frac{bG}{bB}\right) + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{bG}{bB}\right)^{2} + 4\tau^{2(1-\sigma)} \frac{bG}{bB}} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}};$$

$$TGfo\tau[z_{,\sigma_{,\tau_{-}}}] = \left(\frac{1 - \frac{bG}{bB} \left(\varepsilon G^{\sigma} \tau^{\sigma-1} \frac{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} \varepsilon G^{\sigma}}{1 + \tau^{\sigma-1} \varepsilon G^{\sigma}}\right)}{1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon G} \frac{bG}{bB} \left(\varepsilon G^{\sigma} \tau^{\sigma-1} \frac{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} \varepsilon G^{\sigma}}{1 + \tau^{\sigma-1} \varepsilon G^{\sigma}}\right)} / \cdot \varepsilon G \rightarrow \varepsilon Gfo\tau[z, \sigma, \tau]\right);$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{TBfot}\left[\mathbf{z}_{_}, \ \sigma_{_}, \ \tau_{_}\right] = \\ & - \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\mathsf{bG}}{\mathsf{bB}} \left(\varepsilon \mathsf{G}^{\sigma} \ \tau^{\sigma-1} \ \frac{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} \ \varepsilon \mathsf{G}^{\sigma}}{1 + \tau^{\sigma-1} \ \varepsilon \mathsf{G}^{\sigma}}\right)}{\varepsilon \mathsf{G} + \frac{\mathsf{bG}}{\mathsf{bB}} \left(\varepsilon \mathsf{G}^{\sigma} \ \tau^{\sigma-1} \ \frac{1 + \tau^{1-\sigma} \ \varepsilon \mathsf{G}^{\sigma}}{1 + \tau^{\sigma-1} \ \varepsilon \mathsf{G}^{\sigma}}\right)} \right) / \cdot \varepsilon \mathsf{G} \rightarrow \varepsilon \mathsf{Gfot}\left[\mathbf{z}, \ \sigma, \ \tau\right] \right); \end{aligned}$$

Constrained transfers and transaction costs (Figure 4)

```
\Delta VGdf\tau TB[TB , z , \delta , \mu 1 , \sigma 1 , \theta 1 , \gamma 1 , \psi 1 , \tau 1 ] :=
    Module \{ \epsilon 00, \epsilon \mathsf{GTB}, \mathsf{Wf0}, \mathsf{WfoT}, \Delta \mathsf{UGf}\tau, \Delta \mathsf{UBf}\tau \},
      \epsilon 00 = \epsilon RootGTB\tau[z, 0, \sigma 1, \tau 1];
      Wf0 = Wf\tau[z, \epsilon00, 0, \tau1];
      \epsilonGTB = \epsilonRootGTB\tau[z, TB, \sigma1, \tau1];
      WfoT = Wf\tau[z, \epsilonGTB, TB, \tau1];
      \triangle UGf\tau = UGf\tau[z, \epsilon GTB, TB, WfoT, \tau 1] -
          \mathsf{UGf}\tau[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{Wf}0, z1];
      \triangle UBf\tau = UBf\tau[z, \in GTB, TB, WfoT, \tau1] -
          UBf\tau[z, \epsilon00, 0, Wf0, \tau1];
      \mathsf{UGf}\tau[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{Wf0}, z1] - \mathsf{UGf}\tau[z, \epsilon 00, 0, \mathsf{WfoT}, z1] +
            \frac{1}{1-\delta}\left(\left(1-\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UGf\tau+\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)\Delta UBf\tau\right) /.
          \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
    |;
EUf\tauconstr[z2, \delta2, \mu2, \sigma2, \theta2, \gamma2, \psi2, \tau2] :=
  Module [{},
    r3 = {z -> z2, \delta -> \delta2, \mu -> \mu2, \sigma -> \sigma2, \theta -> \theta2,
        \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 2, \psi \rightarrow \psi 2, \tau \rightarrow \tau 2;
    fct[TB3 ?NumericQ] :=
      \Delta VGdf\tau TB[TB3, z2, \delta 2, \mu 2, \sigma 2, \theta 2, \gamma 2, \psi 2, \tau 2];
    TBshare3 = TBfo\tau[z2, \sigma2, \tau2];
    TBconstr3 = TB /. FindRoot[fct[TB], {TB, TBshare3}];
    TB3 = Max[0, Min[TBshare3, TBconstr3]];
    \epsilon 3 = \epsilon RootGTB\tau[z2, TB3, \sigma2, \tau2];
   W3 = Wf\tau[z2, \epsilon3, TB3, \tau2] /. r3;
    EUfr[z2, \epsilon3, TB3, W3, \tau2] /. r3
  ]
DiffEUcfc\tau[z_, \delta_, \mu_, \sigma_, \theta_, \gamma_, \psi_, \tau_] :=
    EUCc [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] -
      EUf\tauconstr[z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi, \tau];
```

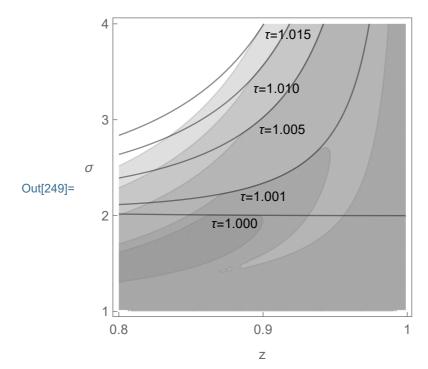
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ln[179] = \{\delta 2, \gamma 2, \psi 2, \mu 2, \theta 2\} = \{.95, 1.01, 1, .99, 5\};
        \{zmin, zmax, \sigma min, \sigma max\} = \{.6, .999, 1.01, 6\};
        ThisPlotPoints = 5;
        contplotDiffEUcfc\tau[\tau] :=
           ContourPlot[DiffEUcfc\tau[z, \delta2, \mu2, \sigma, \theta2, \gamma2, \psi2, \tau],
             {z, zmin, zmax}, {\sigma}, \sigmamin, \sigmamax},
            Contours \rightarrow \{0.0000000001\},
            ContourStyle → GrayLevel[0.1],
            ContourShading → {None, {Gray, Opacity[.25]}},
            PlotPoints → ThisPlotPoints];
ln[183] = t0 = Graphics[Text["\tau=1.000", {0.88, 1.92}]];
        t01 = Graphics[Text["\tau=1.001", {0.90, 2.20}]];
        t05 = Graphics[Text["\tau=1.005", {0.913, 2.90}]];
        t10 = Graphics [Text["\tau=1.010", {0.909, 3.33}]];
        t15 = Graphics [Text["\tau=1.015", {0.917, 3.89}]];
In[243]:= ThisPlotPoints = 30;
        \{\delta 2, \gamma 2, \psi 2, \mu 2, \theta 2\} = \{.95, 2, 1, .99, 5\};
        list\tau = \{1, 1.001, 1.005, 1.01, 1.015\};
        lplots = ParallelTable[
            ContourPlot [DiffEUcfc\tau[z, \delta2, \mu2, \sigma, \theta2, 2, \psi2, \tau],
               \{z, .8, zmax\}, \{\sigma, 1.01, 4\},
               Contours \rightarrow \{0.00000000001\},
               ContourStyle → GrayLevel[0.7],
               ContourShading → {None, {Gray, Opacity[.25]}},
               PlotPoints → ThisPlotPoints] // Quiet,
            {τ, listτ}];
Out[246]= $Aborted
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In[247]:= TPlot2 = Show[
            ParallelTable[
             ContourPlot[
              DifferenceEUcf\tau[z, \mu2, \sigma, \theta2, \gamma2, \psi2, \tau],
               \{z, .8, .999\}, \{\sigma, 1.01, 4\}, Contours \rightarrow \{0\},
               ContourShading → False,
               PlotPoints → Floor [ThisPlotPoints * 2],
               ContourStyle → GrayLevel[0.1]
             ],
             \{\tau, list\tau\}]
          ];
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Out[247]= \$Aborted

Here is Figure 4.

```
In[249]:= plot450 = Show[lplots, TPlot2, t0, t01, t05, t10, t15,
          FrameLabel \rightarrow {"z", "\sigma"},
          FrameTicks \rightarrow \{\{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, None\}, \{\{.8, .9, 1\}, None\}\},\
          RotateLabel → False, ImageSize → imagesize]
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Secede and Return to Flexible Exchange Rate (Table 4)

Another way to compute the constrained optimum for currency area

Currency area and constrained transfers with return to flexible exchange rates: delayed secession

The function VGTBc gives the value function V_G as a function of transfer TB.

The function TBCc gives the transfer where V_G is zero.

The function EUCc gives the expected utility for the constrained transfer.

We also define functions for the expected consumption, the wage and transfer.

At the period of secession, the seceding country sets a zero transfer but remains in the currency area for the whole period. Then, it is under flexible exchange rate regime in the periods after secession.

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In[250] = VGTBcReturn[TB, z, \delta, \mu 1, \sigma 1, \sigma 1, \psi 1] :=
            Module [{UGcT, UBcT, UGc0, WcT, ∈00, Wf0, UGf0, UBf0},
              WcT = Wc[z, TB];
              UGcT = UGc[z, TB, WcT];
              UBcT = UBc[z, TB, WcT];
              UGc0 = UGc[z, 0, WcT];
               (*delayed secession *)
              \epsilon 00 = \epsilon 0[z, \sigma 1];
              Wf0 = Wf [z, \in00, 0];
              UGf0 = UGf[z, \epsilon00, 0, Wf0];
              UBf0 = UBf[z, \in00, 0, Wf0];
              \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{1 - \delta}\right) UGcT + \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{1 - \delta}\right) UBcT - UGc0 -
                    \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right) UGf0 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right) UBf0 /.
                  \{\mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1, \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1\} // N
            ];
         TBCcReturn [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma 1, \theta, \gamma, \psi] :=
           Module[{TBmax, rr, TBmax2},
             (* it is assumed that VGTBcReturn[0,z,\delta,\mu,\sigma1,\theta,\gamma,\psi] <
              0, *)
             TBmax = TBco[z] /. \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1;
             (*use the optimal transfer as starting point*)
             If [VGTBcReturn [TBmax, z, \delta, \mu, \sigma1, \theta, \gamma, \psi] > 0,
               (*then optimal transfer is sustained *)
              Return[TBmax]];
             (* otherwise there is a constrained transfer
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on the interval 0 to TBmax*)
            rr = FindMaximum [ {VGTBcReturn [TB, z, \delta, \mu, \sigma1, \theta, \gamma, \psi],
                 0 \le TB}, {TB, TBmax}];
            If[rr[[1]] < 0, Return[0]]; (*in this case,</pre>
            no positive values*)
            (*otherwise find root between TB=
             0 and the argument of the max of VGTBcReturn*)
            TBmax2 = TB / . rr[[2, 1]];
            TB /. FindRoot [VGTBcReturn [TB, z, \delta, \mu, \sigma1, \theta, \gamma, \psi],
                 {TB, TBmax2, TBmax}] // Chop
          ]
         EUCcReturn [z1_, \delta1_, \mu1_, \sigma1_, \theta1_, \gamma1_, \psi1__] :=
            Module[{TB, WcT, rule},
              rule = {z \rightarrow z1, \delta \rightarrow \delta 1, \mu \rightarrow \mu 1, \sigma \rightarrow \sigma 1, \theta \rightarrow \theta 1,
                 \gamma \rightarrow \gamma 1, \psi \rightarrow \psi 1;
             TB = TBCcReturn [z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1];
             WcT = Wc[z1, TB] /. rule;
             EUc[z1, TB, WcT] /. rule
            ];
ln[261] = \{z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1\} =
            \{0.85, 0.95, .99, 1.25, 5, 9, 1\};
         DiffEUcfcReturn[z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] :=
            EUCcReturn [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi] –
              EUCf [z, \delta, \mu, \sigma, \theta, \gamma, \psi];
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Here is Table 4

In[263]:= **Print**[

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DiffEUcfcReturn=",
   DiffEUcfcReturn[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1]];
Lz = FindPositiveRange3[
    DiffEUcfcReturn [#1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &,
    z1, .80, .99, .001];
L\delta = FindPositiveRange3
    DiffEUcfcReturn[z1, #1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &,
    \delta 1, .8, .99, .001];
L\sigma = FindPositiveRange3[
    DiffEUcfcReturn[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \#1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &,
    \sigma1, 1.0001, 2.0001, .01];
L\theta = FindPositiveRange3[
    DiffEUcfcReturn[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \#1, \gamma1, \psi1] &,
    \theta1, 1.1, 10, .1];
L_{\gamma} = FindPositiveRange3[
    DiffEUcfcReturn[z1, \delta1, \mu1, \sigma1, \theta1, #1, \psi1] &,
    γ1, 1.1, 18, .1];
L\mu = FindPositiveRange3[
    DiffEUcfc[z1, \delta1, #1, \sigma1, \theta1, \gamma1, \psi1] &, \mu1, .25,
    .99, .01];
tt = TableForm[Join[{\{\delta 1, z1, \gamma 1, \sigma 1, \theta 1, \mu 1\}},
    Transpose [\{L\delta, Lz, L\gamma, L\sigma, L\theta, L\mu\}]],
   TableHeadings → {{"baseline", "min", "max"},
      \{ "\delta", "z", "\gamma", "\sigma", "\theta", "\mu" \} \} ]
The difference in welfare should be positive: DiffEUcfcReturn=
 2.59305 \times 10^{-6}
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"The difference in welfare should be positive:

Out[270]//TableForm=

	δ	Z	Y	σ	Θ	μ
baseline	0.95	0.85	9		5	0.99
min	0.939	0.81	7.5	1.18	2.7	0.25
	0.961		12.6	1.35	10.	0.99