

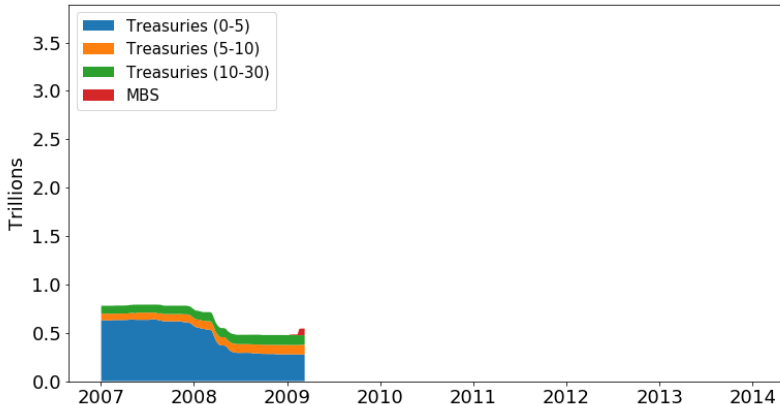
Monetary Policy and the Limits to Arbitrage: Insights from a New Keynesian Preferred Habitat Model

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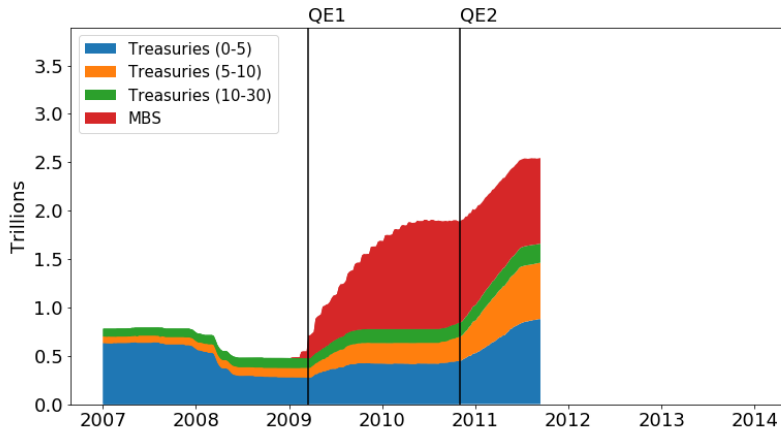
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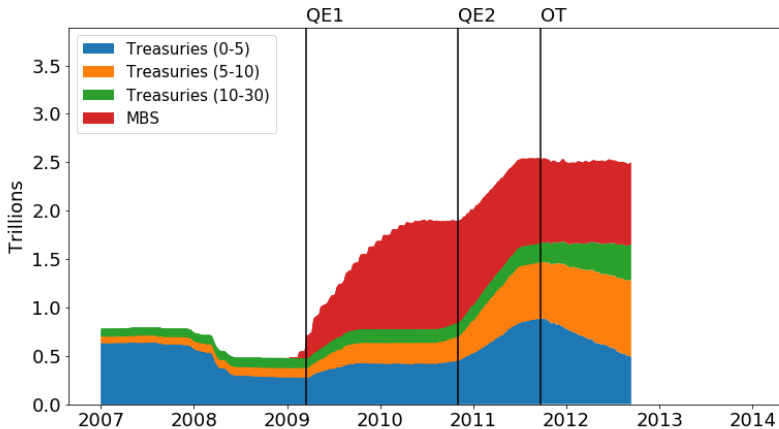
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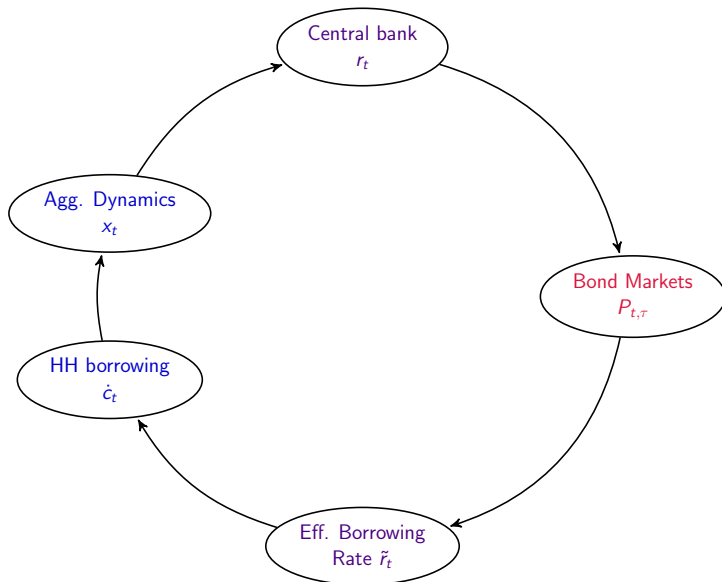
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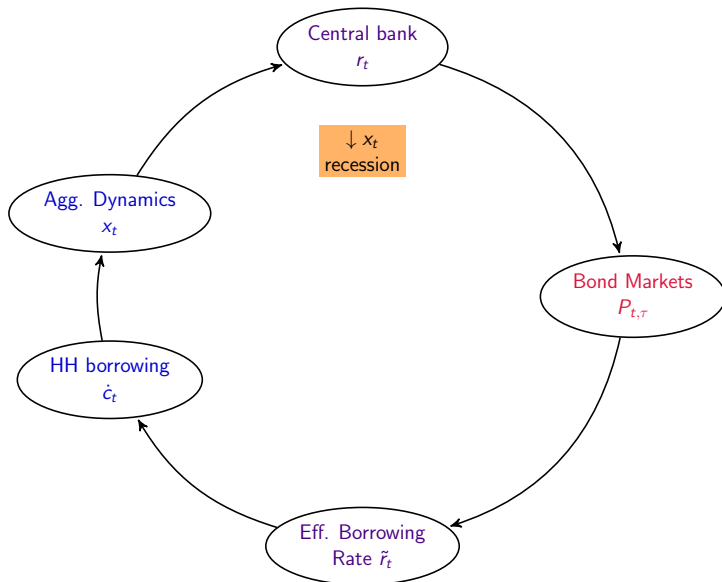
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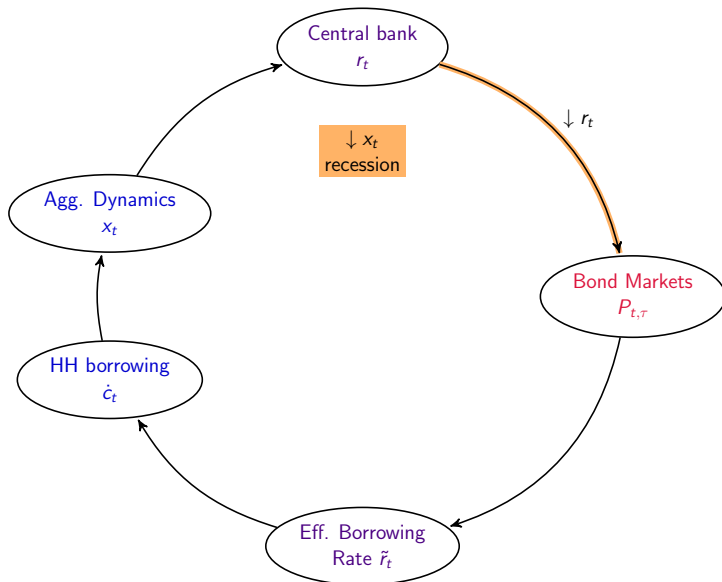
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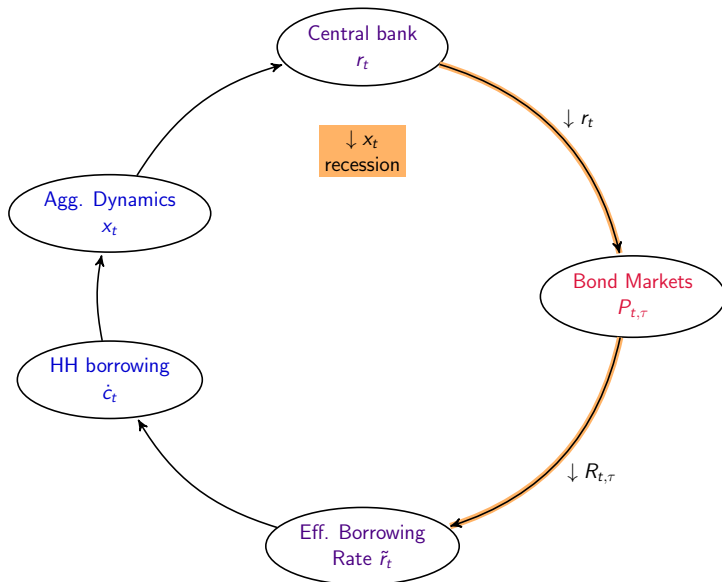
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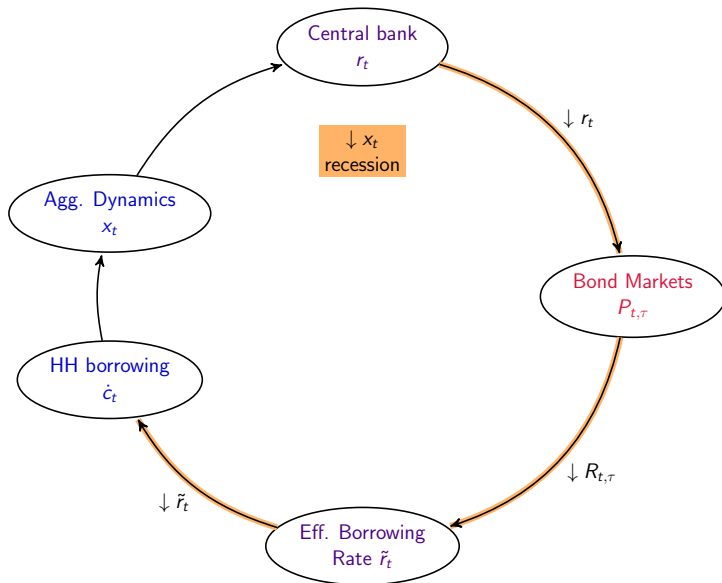
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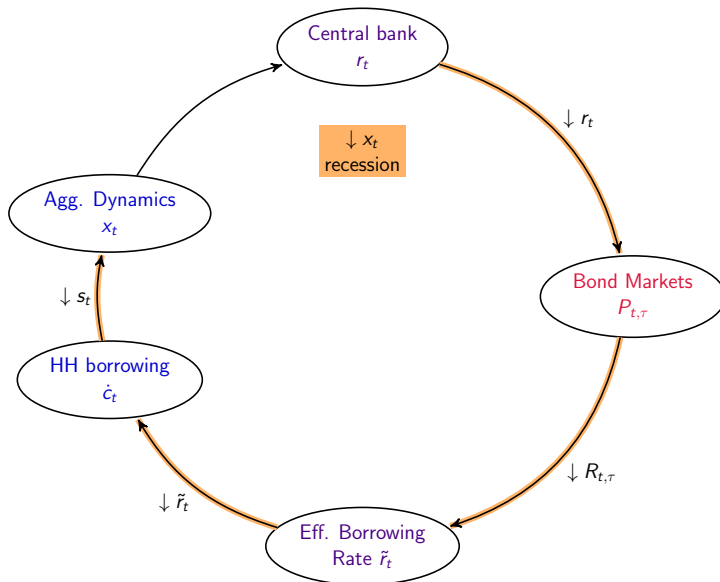
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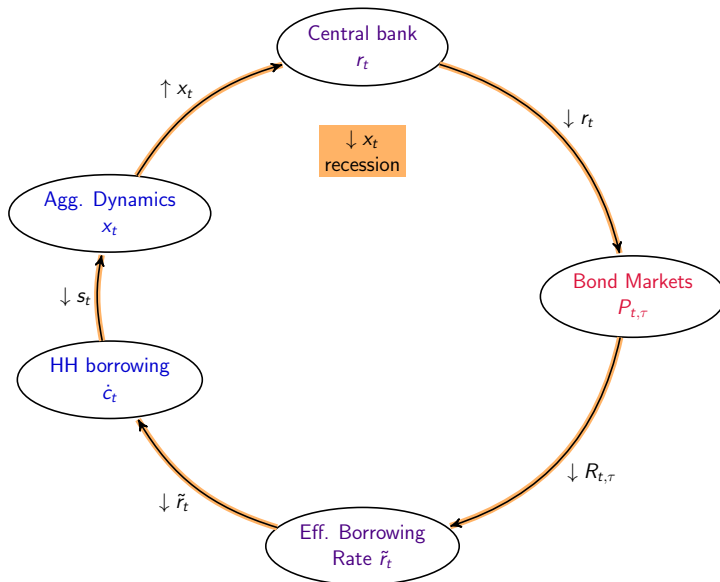
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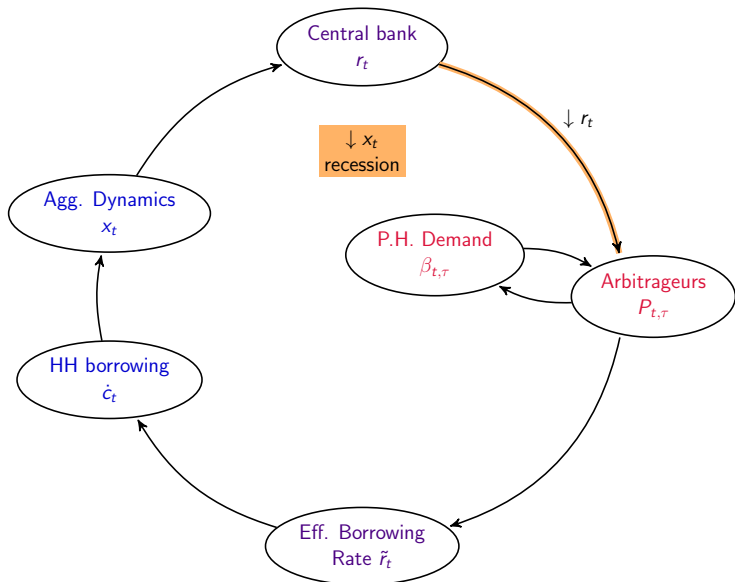
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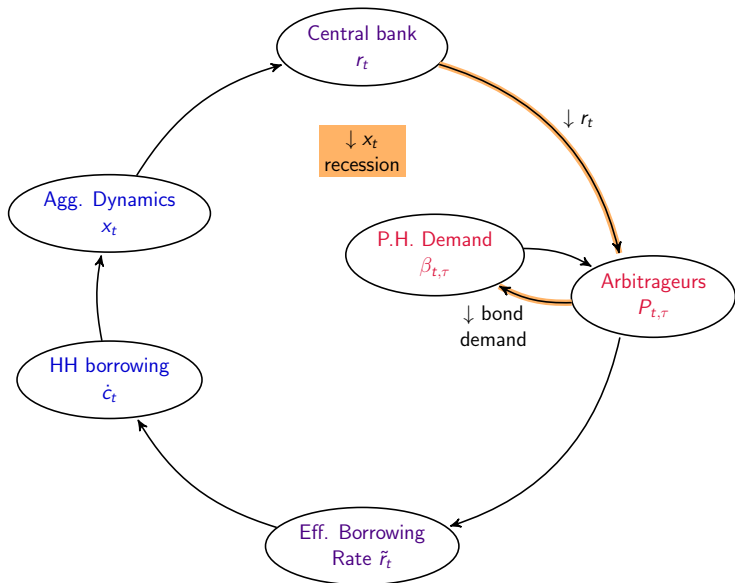
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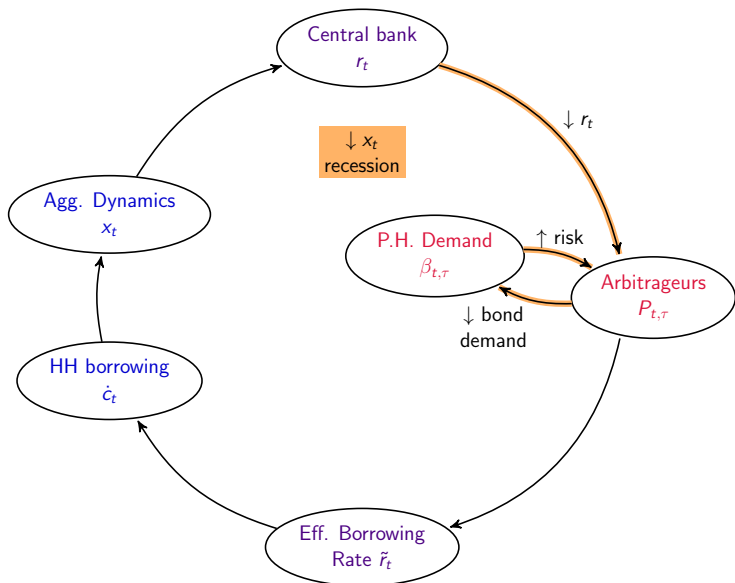
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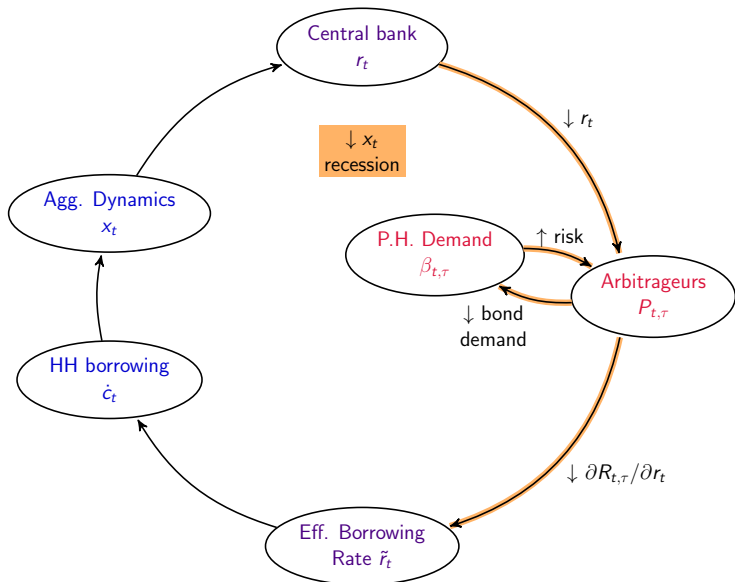
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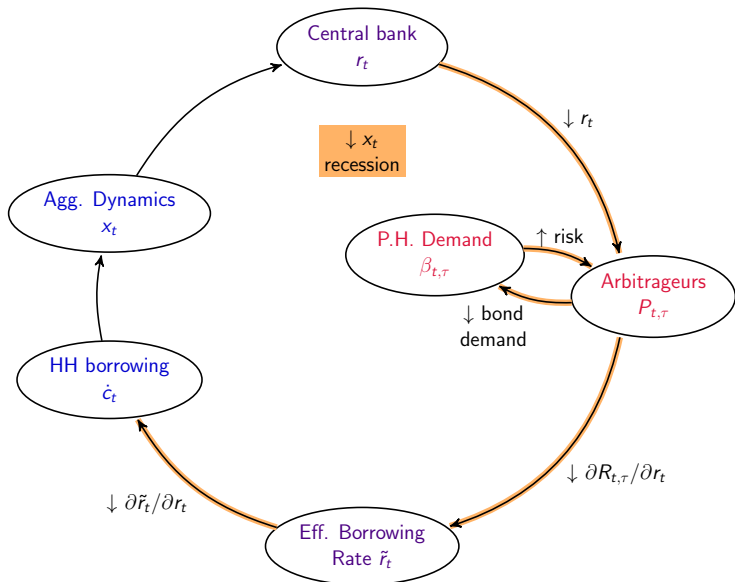
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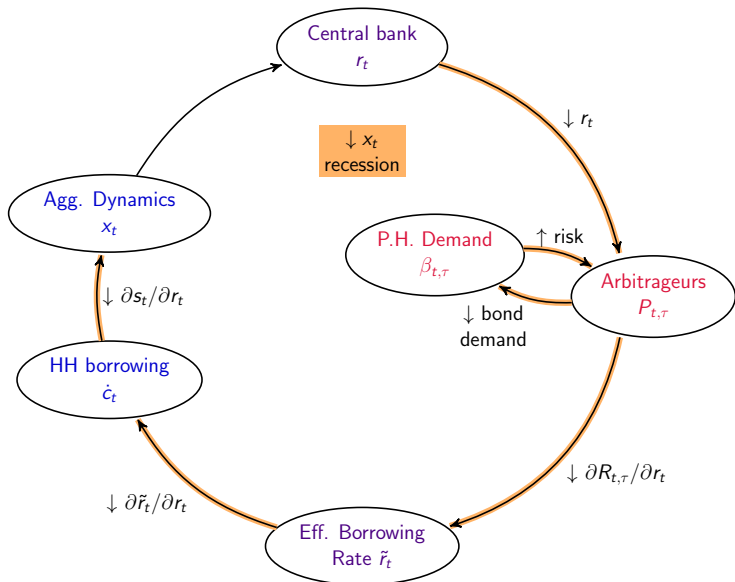
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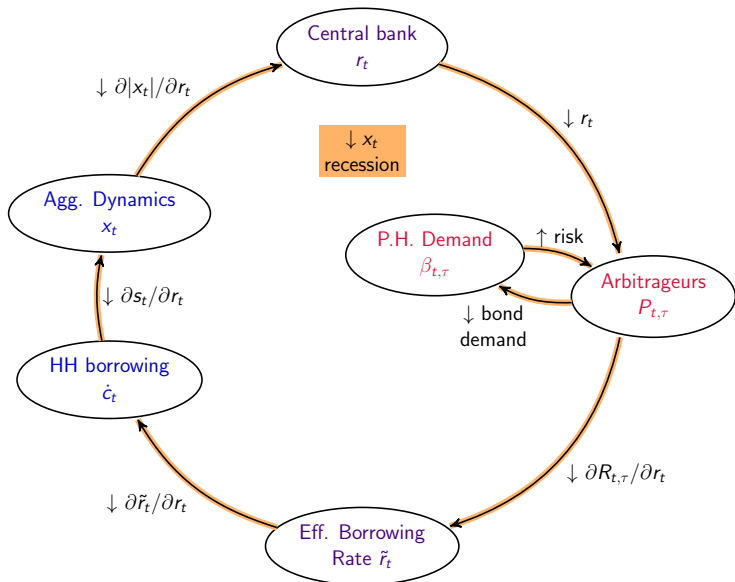
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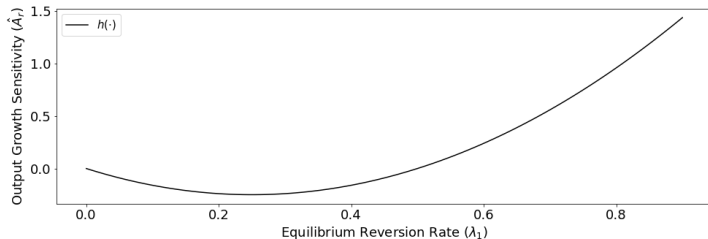
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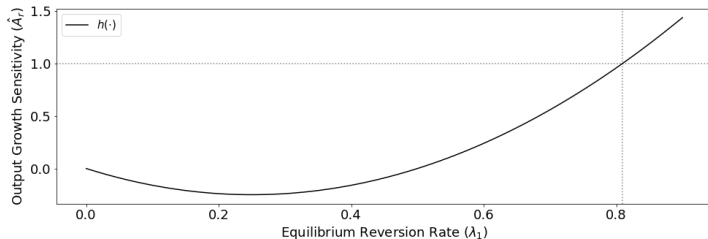


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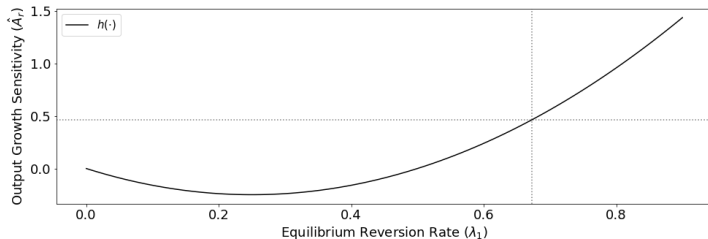


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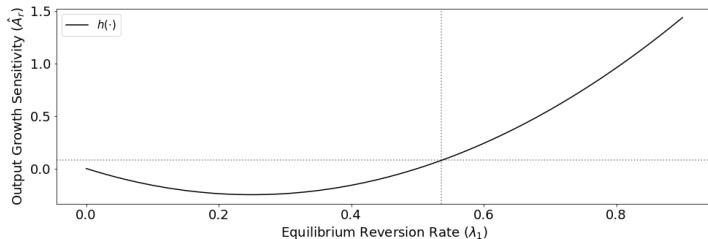


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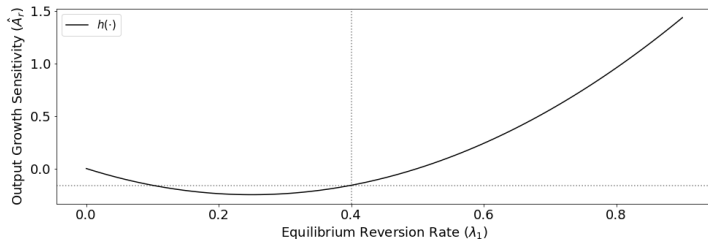


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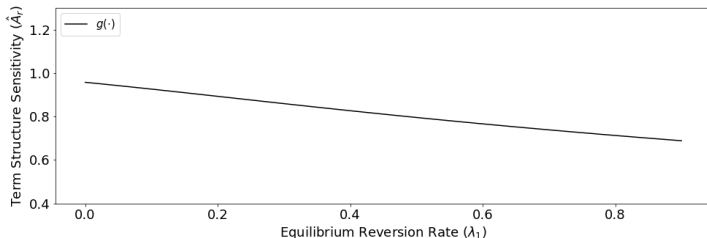
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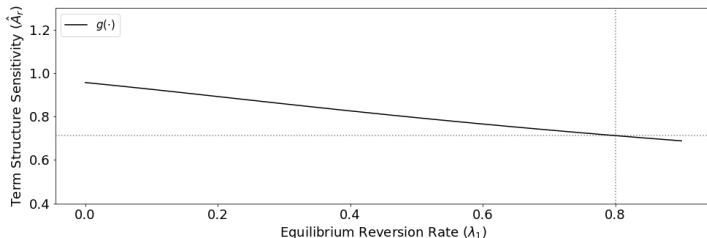
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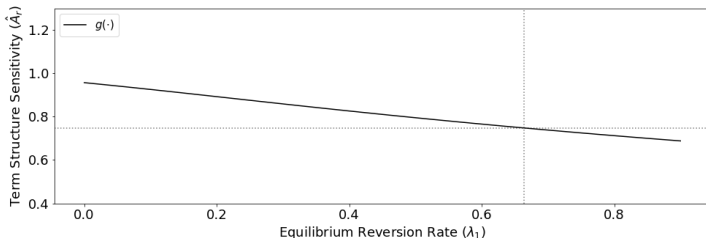
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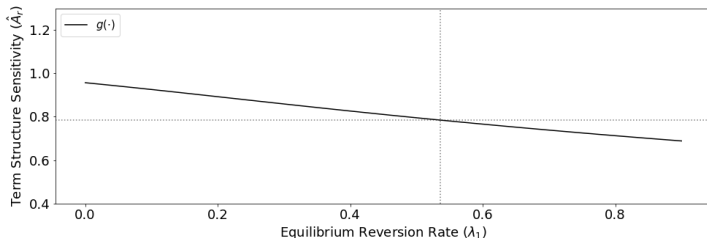
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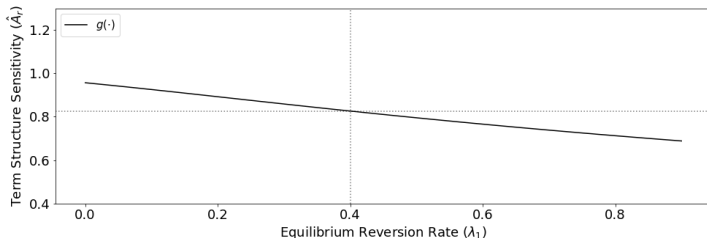
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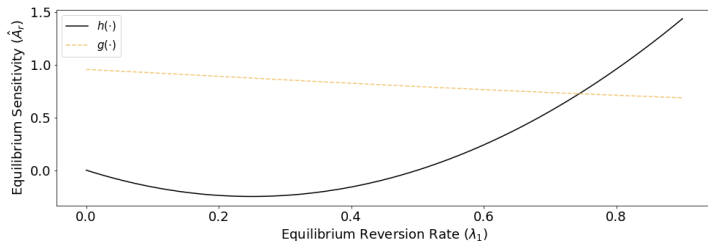
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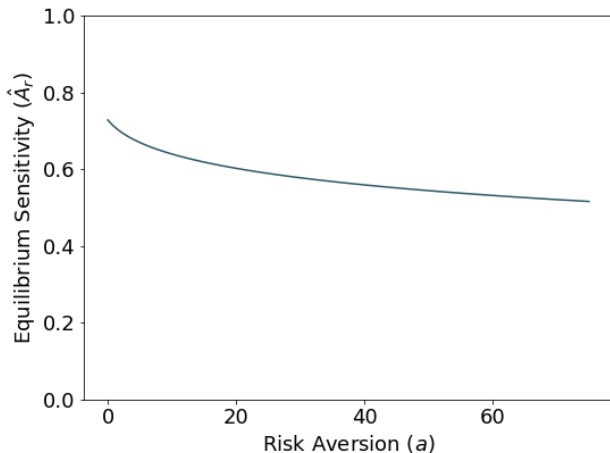
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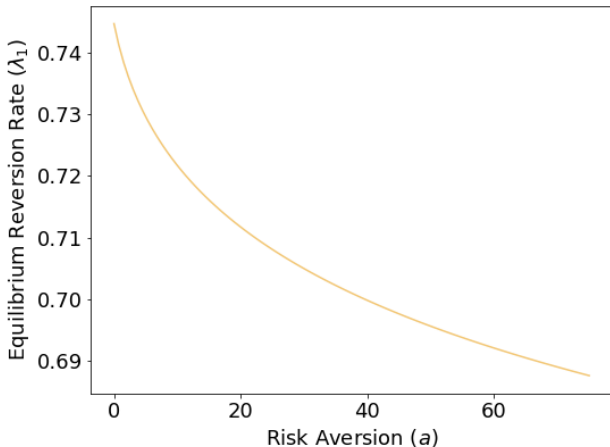
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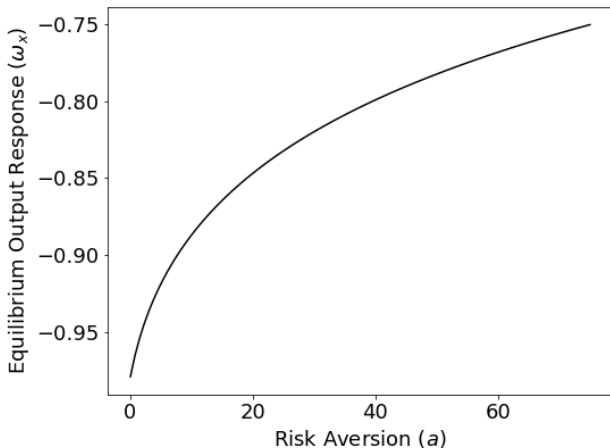
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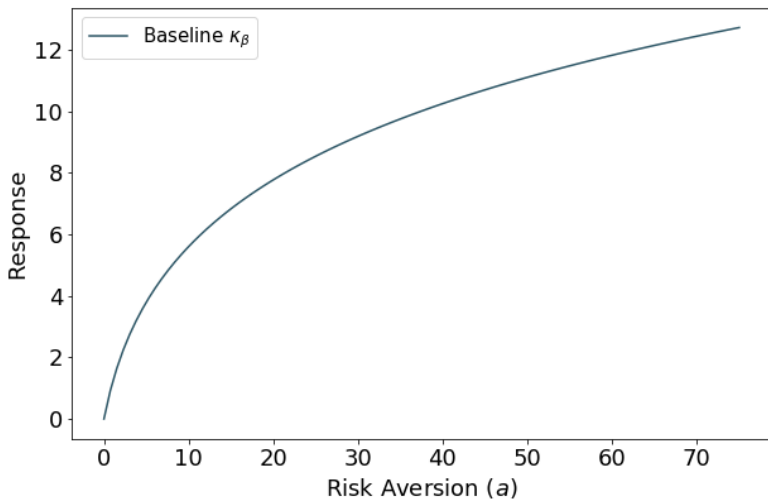
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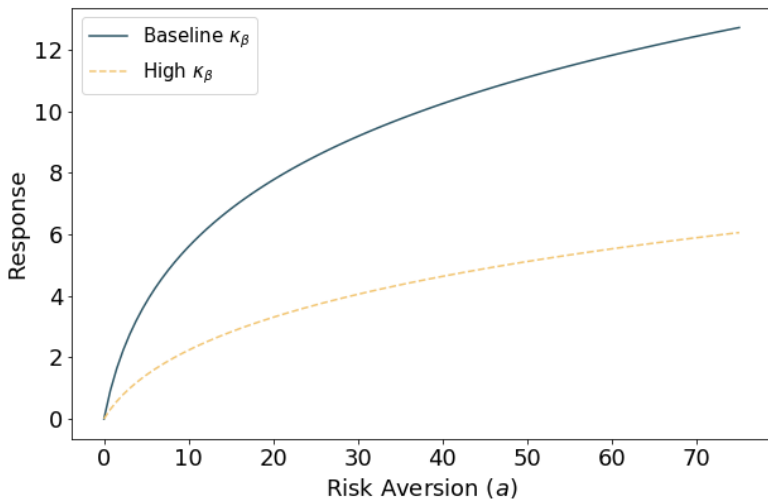
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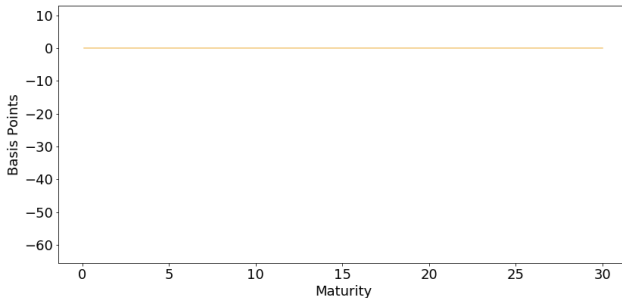
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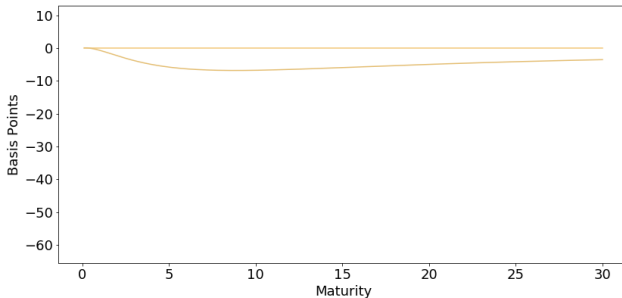
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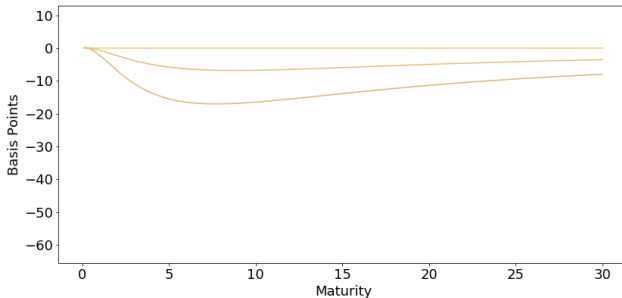
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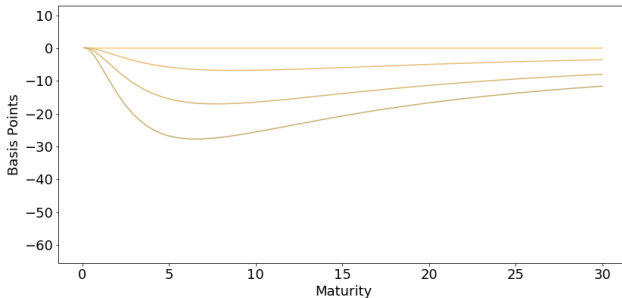
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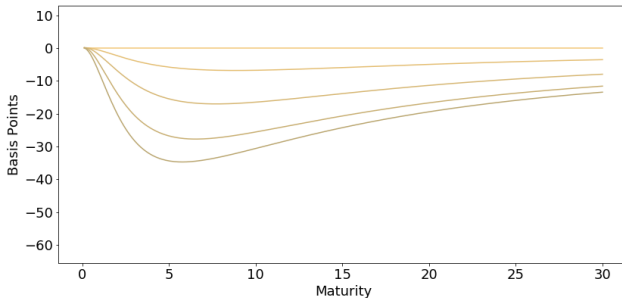
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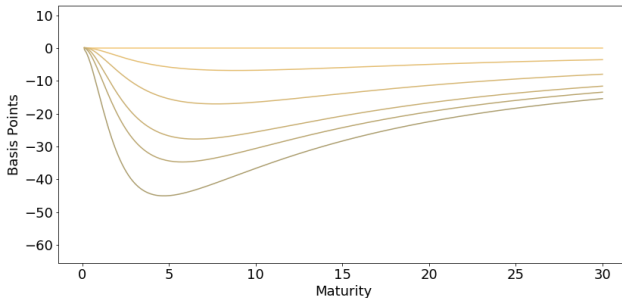
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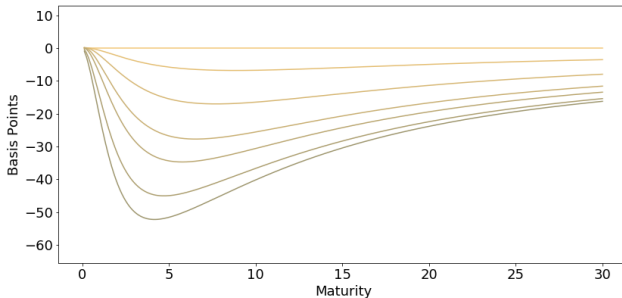
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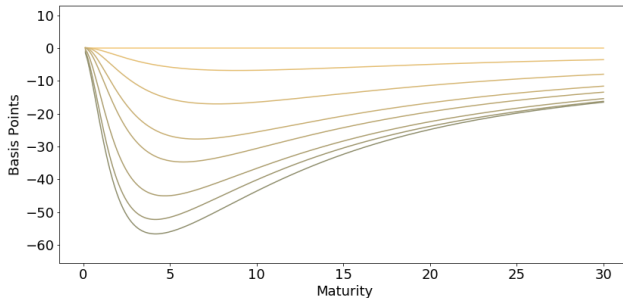
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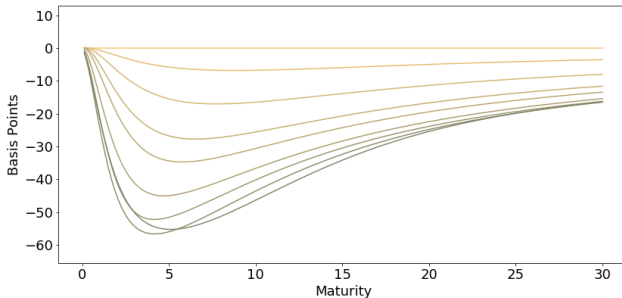
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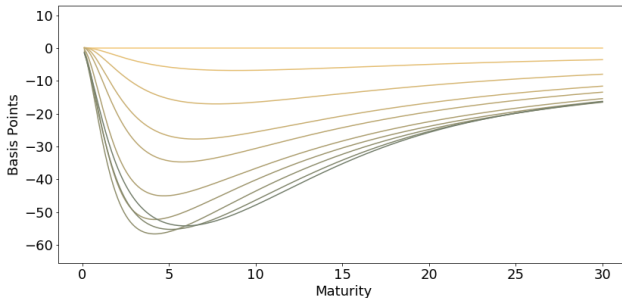
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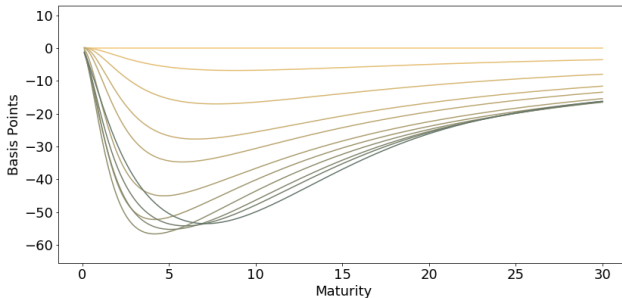
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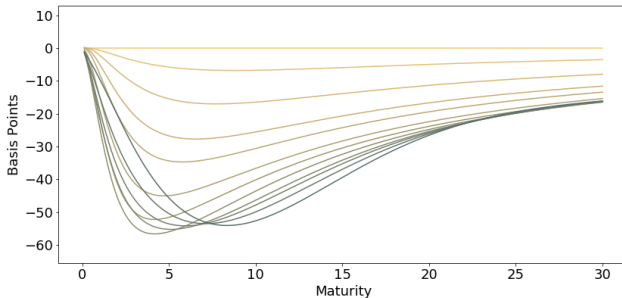
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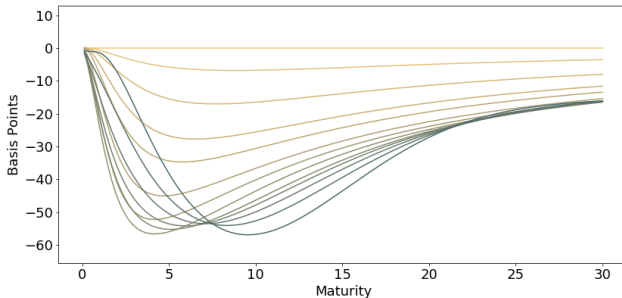
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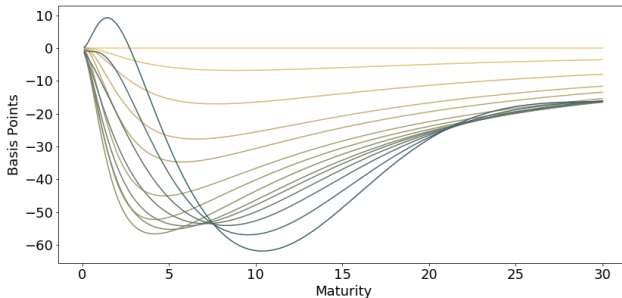
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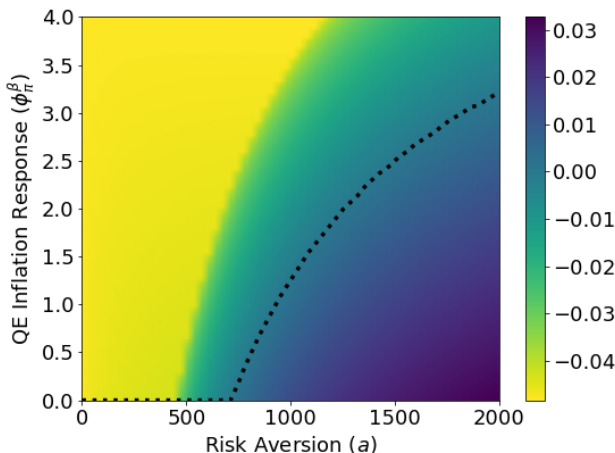
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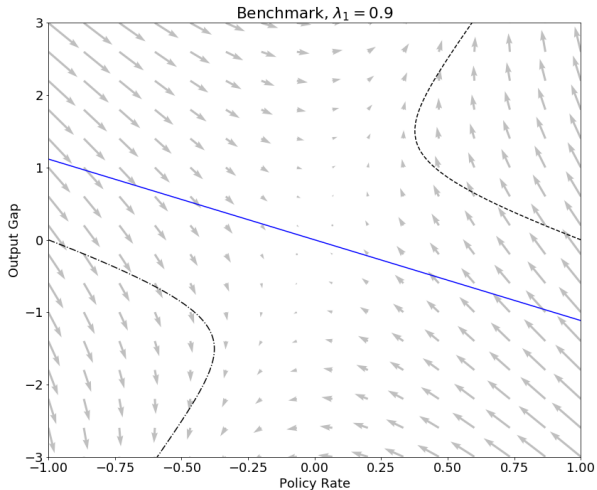
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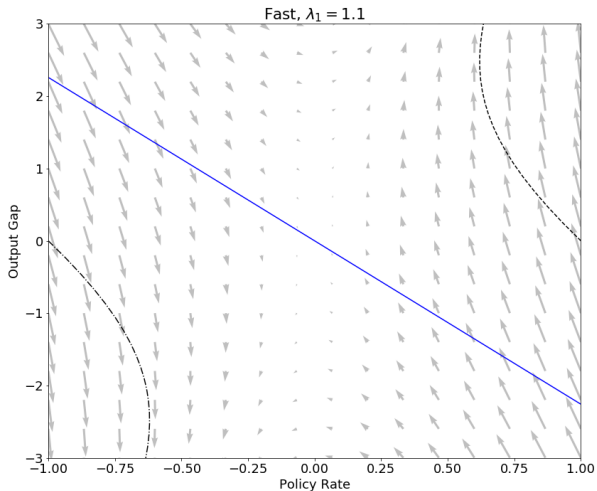
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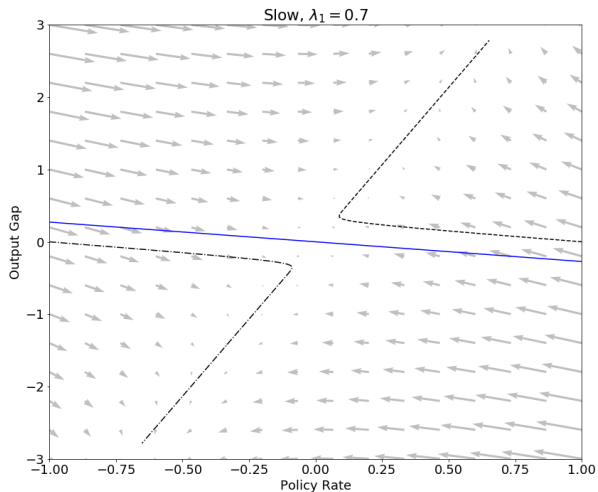
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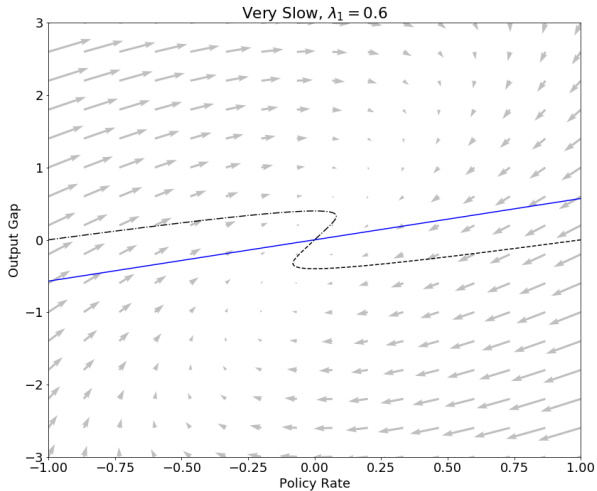
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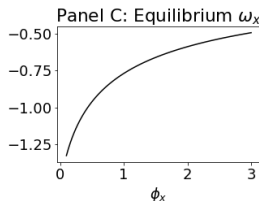
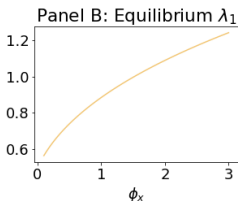
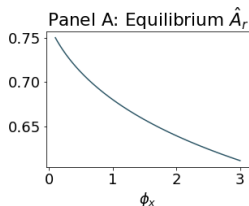
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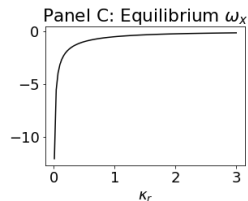
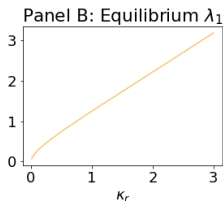
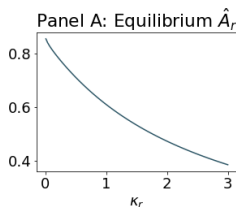
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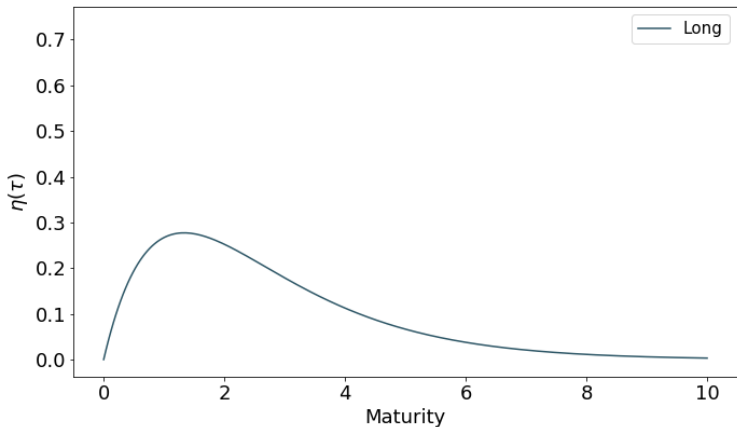
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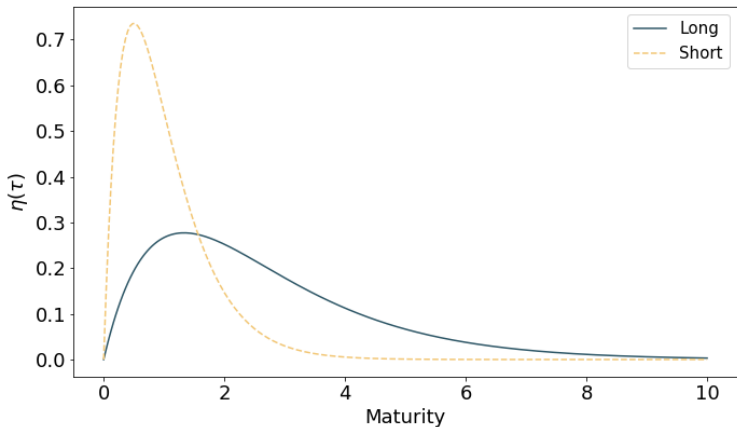
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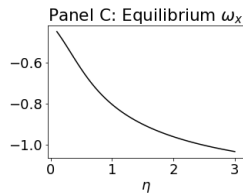
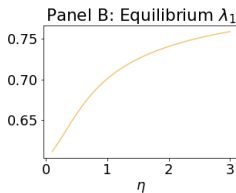
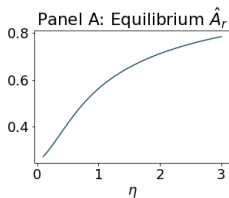
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Forward Guidance

- Central bank announces a peg: $r_0 = r^\diamond$ and

$$dr_t = \begin{cases} -\kappa_r^\diamond(r_t - r^\diamond)dt + \sigma_r^\diamond dB_{r,t} & \text{if } 0 < t < t^\diamond \\ -\kappa_r(r_t - \phi_x x_t - r^*)dt + \sigma_r dB_{r,t} & \text{if } t \geq t^\diamond \end{cases}$$

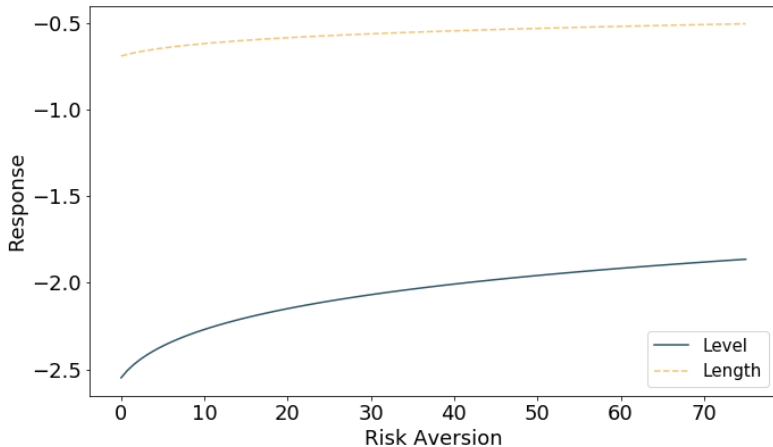
- Affine coefficient functions during peg:

$$\begin{aligned} -\log P_{t,\tau} &= A_r^\diamond(\tau)r_t + C^\diamond(\tau) \\ \implies \tilde{r}_t &= \hat{A}_r^\diamond r_t + \hat{C}^\diamond \end{aligned}$$

- Rational expectations dynamics for output:

$$\frac{\partial x_0}{\partial r^\diamond} = \omega_x - t^\diamond \varsigma^{-1} \hat{A}_r^\diamond, \quad \frac{\partial^2 x_0}{\partial r^\diamond \partial t^\diamond} = -\varsigma^{-1} \hat{A}_r^\diamond$$

Response to Forward Guidance



Notes: plots of $\frac{\partial x_0}{\partial r^\diamond}$ ("level") and $\frac{\partial^2 x_0}{\partial r^\diamond \partial t^\diamond}$ ("length") as risk aversion increases.