

# Slides for International Finance

## Purchasing Power Parity

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# Preview

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- ▶ Real exchange rate determination
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# Law of One Price

**Law of One Price (LOP):** identical goods have identical prices.  
ensured by arbitrage (given low transactions costs)

**Commodity Price Parity (CPP):** the international LOP.

$$P_i = EP_i^*$$

# Economic Laws

Economic “laws” are just points of reference:

- ▶ not like physical laws
- ▶ violations *expected*
- ▶ violations stimulate investigation

# Commodity Price Parity (CPP)

Example:

- ▶ Two fast-food restaurants: one in New York, and one across the border in Montréal.
- ▶ assume markets are competitive and that transportation costs and barriers between markets are not important.

$$P_{\text{burger}}^{\text{US}} = (0.95 \text{ USD/CAD}) \times P_{\text{burger}}^{\text{CA}}$$

Here  $P_{\text{burger}}^{\text{US}}$  = price of burger in New York,  $P_{\text{burger}}^{\text{CA}}$  = price of burger in Montréal, and 0.95 USD/CAD is the CAD-USD exchange rate.

CPP applies the law of one price: the price of the same burger (using a common currency to measure the price) in the two cities must be the same.

# CPP Example

## On 02 March 2021:

- ▶ 1 oz of gold sold in New York for about USD 1736
- ▶ 1 oz also sold in London for GBP 1241.36
- ▶ One GBP sold in both locations for about USD 1.4

Gold satisfies CPP:  $1736 \approx 1.4 * 1241.36$

Source: various.

# Exchange Rate Models: SR vs. LR

Models predict how exchange rates behave.

**SR model:** A “Keynesian” story about the money market:

money  $\rightarrow$  interest rates  $\rightarrow$  exchange rate

**LR model:** A “Classical” story about the money market:

1. money  $\rightarrow$  price level  $\rightarrow$  exchange rate
2. money growth  $\rightarrow$  inflation  $\rightarrow$  depreciation

# “Long-Run” Models

Meaning of LR is *a/ways* model specific

Here: the model is the simplest “Classical” model

- ▶ all prices adjust; all markets in equilibrium
  - ▶ “all” = goods, services, factors of production

## **Purpose of LR models:**

- ▶ predict future tendencies
- ▶ anchor LR expectations
- ▶ do *not* describe SR exchange rate behavior



# Real Exchange Rate

The real exchange rate ( $q$ ):

- ▶ rate of exchange of goods and services across countries.
- ▶ *relative* price of goods and services across countries.
- ▶ price of foreign goods and services in terms of domestic goods and services:

$$q = EP^* / P$$

$EP^*$  = domestic currency price of foreign goods

$P$  = domestic currency price of domestic goods

# Units of the Real Exchange Rate

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\frac{US}{EU}} &= (\#USD/EUR) \frac{\#EUR/\text{basket}_{EU}}{\#USD/\text{basket}_{US}} \\ &= \frac{\#\text{basket}_{US}}{\text{basket}_{EU}} \end{aligned}$$

# Real Exchange Rate Depreciation ( $\uparrow q$ )

$$q = EP^*/P$$

## real depreciation:

- ▶ a rise in  $q$
- ▶ foreign commodities cost more in terms of domestic commodities

## Example: a real depreciation of the USD

- ▶ US products buy fewer foreign products
- ▶ our ability to trade off US goods for EU goods declines

# Real Exchange Rate Appreciation ( $\downarrow q$ )

$$q = EP^*/P$$

**real appreciation:** a fall in  $q$

foreign commodities cost less in terms of domestic commodities

**Example:** a real appreciation of the USD

- ▶ US products buy more foreign products
- ▶ our ability to trade off US goods for EU goods improves

# Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)

Core PPP idea:

- ▶ real exchange rate ( $q$ ) is constant
- ▶ exchange rate movements match relative price movements

# Absolute Purchasing Power Parity

- ▶ the application of the law of one price across countries for “baskets” of goods and services.
- ▶ average price levels determine the exchange rate.
- ▶ the domestic currency has the same purchasing power in all countries.

$$P = EP^* \quad \implies \quad q = 1$$

$P$  = level of domestic prices (e.g., US)

$P^*$  = level of foreign prices (e.g., CA)

$E$  = exchange rate (e.g., CAD-USD 0.95)

# Absolute Purchasing Power Parity (Absolute PPP)

Absolute purchasing power parity:

$$E = P/P^*$$

## Example:

- ▶  $P$  = USD 300 per basket
- ▶  $P^*$  = EUR 200 per basket
- ▶ absolute PPP

$$E = P/P^* = \text{USD } 300 / \text{EUR } 200 = 1.5 \text{ USD/EUR}$$

(the EUR-USD exchange rate is 1.5)

- ▶ 1.5 USD buys the same amount of goods as 1 EUR  
*therefore 1.5 USD buys 1 EUR*

## Two Forms of PPP

**Relative PPP:**  $E = qP/P^*$  with  $q$  relatively constant

Exchange rates are proportional to the level of relative average prices across countries

**Absolute PPP:**  $E = P/P^*$

Exchange rates equal the level of relative average prices across countries;  $q = 1$

**Both:** exchange rate changes (depreciation) match changes in prices (inflation) between two periods:

$$\frac{E_t - E_{t-1}}{E_{t-1}} = \pi_t - \pi_t^*$$

where  $\pi_t$  = inflation rate from period t-1 to t.



# PPP: An Implication

Recall

$$q = EP^*/P$$

Apply growth-rate algebra to transform this to:

$$\hat{q} = \hat{E} + \hat{P}^* - \hat{P}$$

Use the notation  $\pi$  for  $\hat{P}$ . Then

$$\hat{q} = \hat{E} + \hat{P}^* - \hat{P}$$

# Constant Real Exchange Rate

Recall

$$\hat{q} = \hat{E} + \hat{P}^* - \hat{P}$$

Now suppose that the real exchange rate ( $q$ ) is constant (i.e.,  $\hat{q} = 0$ ).

$$0 = \hat{E} + \hat{P}^* - \hat{P}$$

$$\hat{E} = \hat{P} - \hat{P}^*$$

# Conditions for absolute PPP:

The conditions for *absolute* PPP are extremely demanding.

- ▶ CPP for every commodity
- ▶ identical index-basket construction

Absolute PPP is essentially the LOP for price indices.

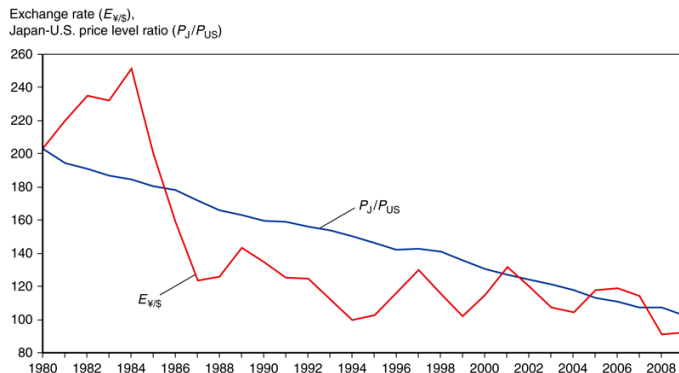
Price indexes do not meet the conditions for absolute PPP.

So absolute PPP is largely for classroom convenience; relative PPP has more real-world relevance.

# Shortcomings of PPP

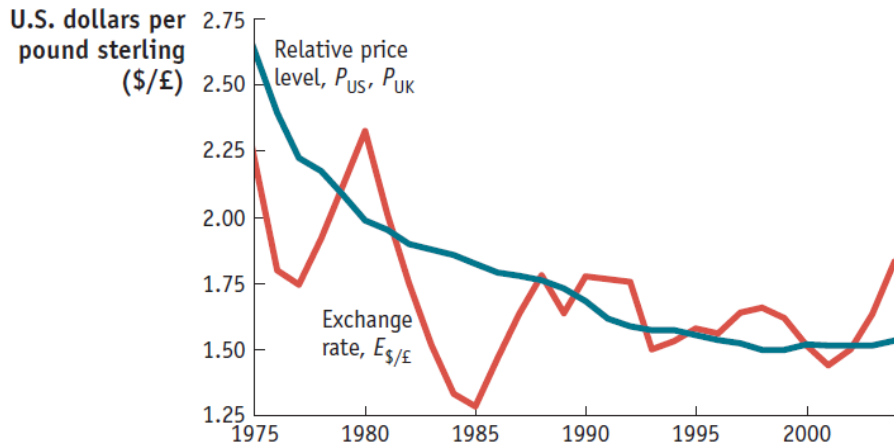
- ▶ Little empirical support for absolute PPP.
  - ▶ The prices of identical commodity baskets, when converted to a single currency, differ substantially across countries.
- ▶ Relative PPP is more consistent with data, but it also poorly predicts exchange rates in the short run.

# The Yen/Dollar Exchange Rate and Relative Japan-U.S. Price Levels, 1980–2009



Source: KOMIF Fig 5-2 (KOMIE 16-2) Data Source: IMF, International Financial Statistics. End-of-year data.

# GBP-USD Exchange Rate and Relative Price Levels



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# Deviations from PPP

PPP may not hold due to

- ▶ violations of the law of one price
  - ▶ Trade barriers
  - ▶ non-tradable products
  - ▶ Imperfect competition
- ▶ divergent price index construction (different baskets of goods and services)

# Deviations from PPP: Barriers to Trade

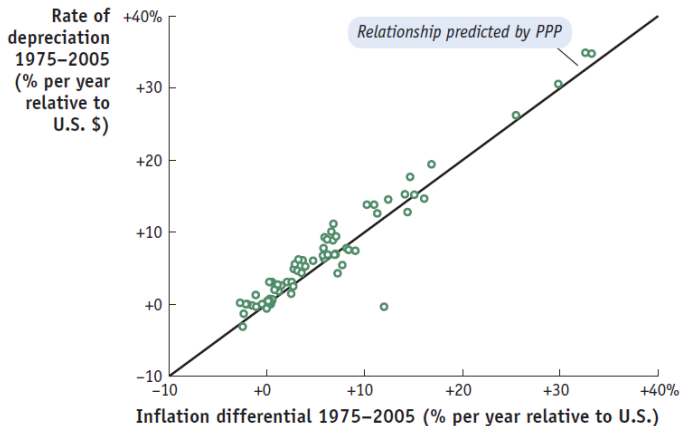
Barriers to frictionless trade are the most fundamental source of PPP deviations:

Trade barriers and non-tradable products → one price need not hold in two markets.

- ▶ Transport costs
- ▶ governmental trade restrictions
- ▶ non-tradeable goods
  - ▶ some services are not readily tradable (classic example, haircuts).
- ▶ The greater the barriers to trade, the greater the possible deviation from PPP.



# Depreciation and Inflation Differentials (82 Countries)



Source: Feenstra and Taylor chapter 14  
Supportive of relative PPP!

# Monetary Approach to Flexible Exchange Rates (MAFER)

Flexprice MAFER Assumptions:

- ▶ relative PPP
- ▶ Classical model of price-level determination

The monetary approach uses monetary factors to predict how exchange rates adjust in the **long run**.

## Note

For simplicity in the classroom, we sometimes use absolute PPP.

# Classical Model of Price-Level Determination

**Money market in equilibrium:** the real money supply ( $M/P$ ) equals real money demand ( $L$ ).

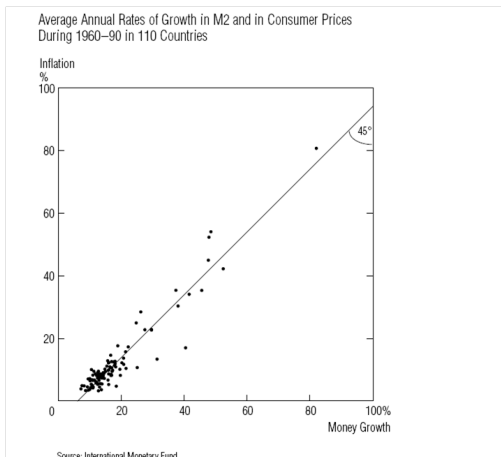
**Flexible prices clear money market:**  $P$  moves, not  $R$

$$\frac{M}{P} = L[R, Y] \quad \Rightarrow \quad P = \frac{M}{L[R, Y]}$$

# Classical Model of Inflation Determination

**Key implication:** inflation ( $\hat{P}$ ) driven by money growth ( $\hat{M}$ ).

$$\hat{P} = \hat{M} - \hat{L}$$



# Classical Model of Relative Price-Level Determination

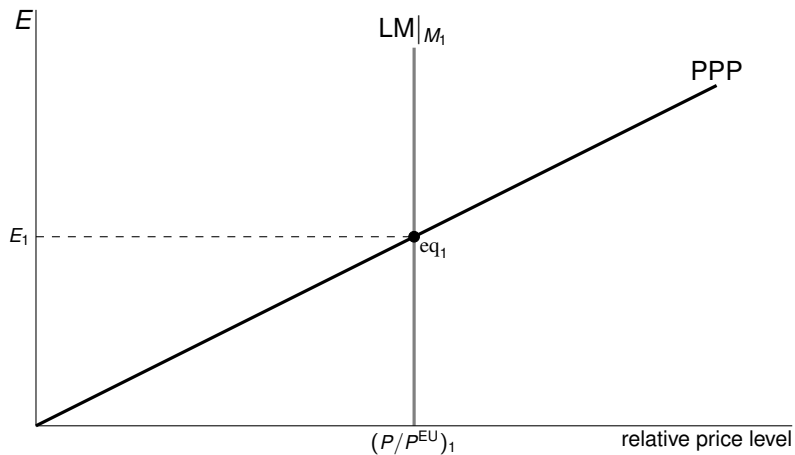
**Determination of relative price level:**

$$P = M/L[R, Y]$$

$$P^* = M^*/L^*[R^*, Y^*]$$

$$\frac{P}{P^*} = \frac{M/M^*}{L/L^*}$$

# Equilibrium in a Classical Model



# MAFER Predictions

## **positive money supply (level) shock:**

- ▶  $\uparrow P$  and  $\uparrow E$  proportionally
- ▶  $R$  does not change

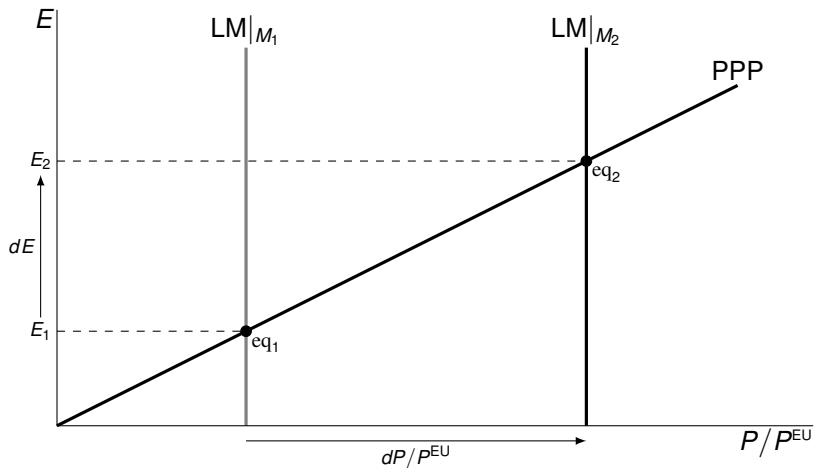
## **positive output shock:**

- ▶  $\downarrow P$  and  $\downarrow E$  roughly proportionally
- ▶  $R$  does not change

We need to explore these predictions.

Modifications of the model will modify these predictions.

# Money Shock in Flexprice MAFER





# M Shock: Compare and Contrast

## SR model:

- ▶ “sticky” prices
- ▶  $\uparrow M \rightarrow \uparrow M/P$
- ▶  $\uparrow M \rightarrow$  exchange rate overshooting  
SR movement > LR movement

## MAFER:

- ▶ “flexible” prices
- ▶  $\uparrow M \rightarrow \uparrow P$  proportionally:  $M/P$  unchanged
- ▶  $\uparrow M \rightarrow \uparrow E$  proportionally: **no overshooting**
- ▶ neutrality of money  
no real changes

MAFER may seem to impose neutrality of money even in the SR, so that SR movement = LR movement.

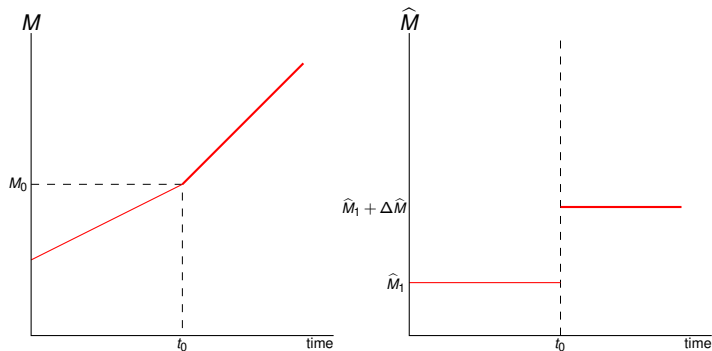
**But** really it is just a LR model (aside from hyperinflations).

# New Experiment: Change in Growth of M

## New Experiment!!

- ▶ Suppose that at time  $t_0$ , the U.S. central bank unexpectedly increases the *growth rate* of the money supply by 5% per year.

# Permanent Increase in Domestic Money Growth



Compare KOMIE 16-1

## Note

$M$  is measured on a ratio scale.

# Classical Model Prediction

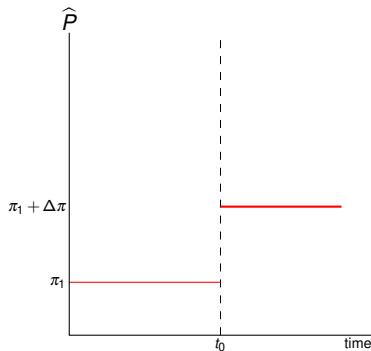
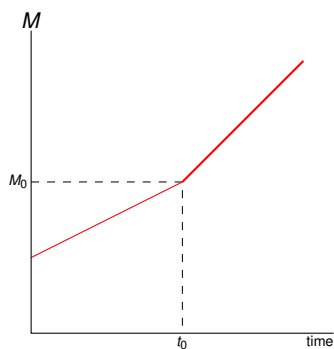
- ▶ The inflation rate rises by 5% per year

$$\pi_{\text{new}} = \pi_{\text{old}} + \Delta\pi = \pi_{\text{old}} + 5\%$$

## Note

$\pi \equiv \% \Delta P \equiv \hat{P}$  (three different notations)

# Permanent $\uparrow M$ Growth $\rightarrow \uparrow P$ Growth



Compare KOMIE 16-1 (KOMIF Fig 5-1)

## Note

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$$\pi \equiv \hat{P}$$

# MAFER Prediction

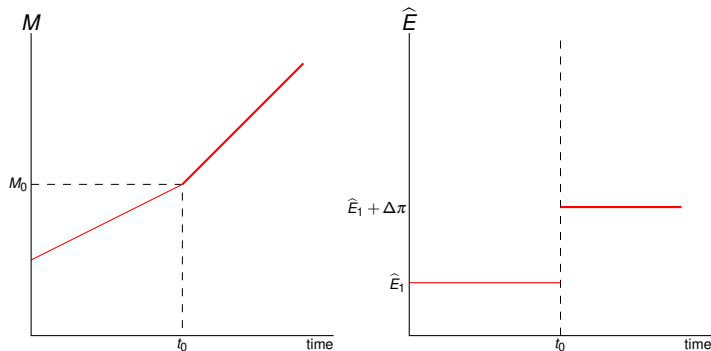
Exchange-rate rate rises by 5% per year

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{E}_{\text{new}} &= \hat{E}_{\text{old}} + \Delta\hat{E} \\ &= \hat{E}_{\text{old}} + \Delta\pi \\ &= \hat{E}_{\text{old}} + 5\%\end{aligned}$$

## Core concepts:

- ▶ Classical model implies  $\Delta\pi = \Delta\hat{M}$ .
- ▶ PPP implies  $\Delta\hat{E} = \Delta\pi$ .

# Permanent $\uparrow M$ Growth $\rightarrow \uparrow E$ Growth



## Note

$M$  is measured on a ratio scale.

$$\pi \equiv \hat{P}$$

PPP implies  $\Delta \hat{E} = \Delta \pi$ .

Compare KOMIF Fig 5-1 (KOMIE 16-1)}

# MAFER Predictions

**money growth rate shock** ( $\Delta \hat{M} > 0$ ):

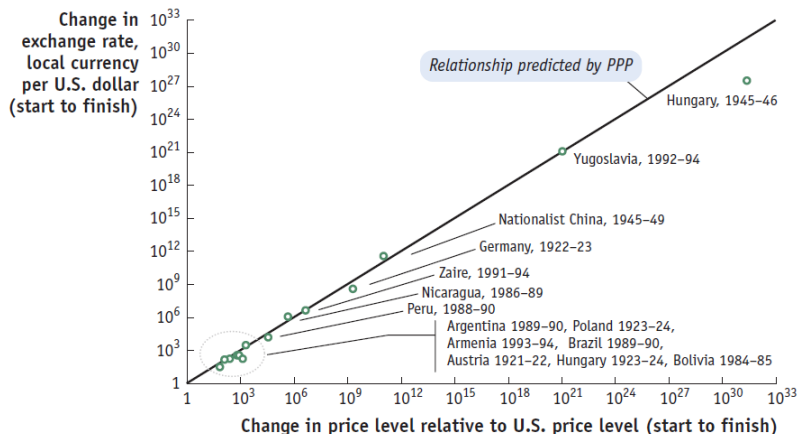
- ▶  $\uparrow \pi = \uparrow \hat{M}$  (Classical model)
- ▶  $\uparrow \hat{E} = \uparrow \pi$  (PPP)

Sustained higher money growth  $\rightarrow$

- ▶ sustained higher inflation (notation:  $\hat{P}$  or  $\pi$ )
- ▶ sustained higher depreciation (notation:  $\hat{E}$  or  $(E_{t+1} - E_t)/E_t$ )
- ▶ inflation and depreciation increase in step ( $\hat{E} = \pi$  by PPP)



# Some 20th Century Hyperinflations

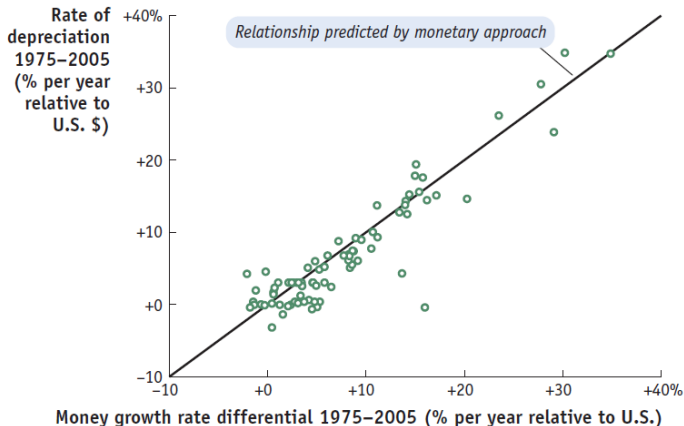


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Data Source: Cagan (1956); Petrovic and Mladenovic (2000 JMCB)

# Money Growth and Depreciation (82 Countries)



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# The Fisher Effect

## Irving Fisher (1867–1947)



**1888** BA from Yale

**1891** First Yale PhD in Econ

**17 Oct 1929** Most famous prediction: “Stock prices have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau.” (Oct 28–29 were called “Black Monday” and “Black Tuesday” as NYSE share prices collapsed.)

**1930** *The Theory of Interest*

# Real Interest Rates

**Real interest rate:** inflation-adjusted interest rate  
measured in terms of real output

- ▶ savers can buy more goods and services when their assets pay real interest
- ▶ borrowers can buy fewer goods and services when they must pay real interest on their borrowing

**Ex ante real interest rate:** nominal interest rate less expected inflation

$$r^e = R - \pi^e$$

- ▶ borrowers and savers should respond to the ex ante (i.e., expected) real interest rate
- ▶ this is the basis of the Fisher effect

# New Consideration: Fisher Effect

Fisher Effect:

$$\uparrow \pi^e \rightarrow \uparrow R$$

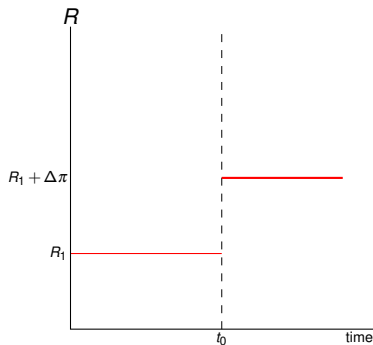
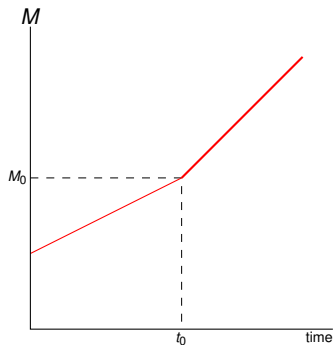
**Fisher effect example:** if expected inflation rises by 5%, the interest rate will also rise 5%.

**Implication:** a sustained rise in inflation ( $\uparrow \pi$ ) eventually causes an equal increase in the nominal interest rate ( $\uparrow R$ ).

**Fisher effect:**

- ▶  $R = R_{\text{real}} + \pi^e$  (the Fisher effect)
- ▶ expected inflation matches inflation ( $\pi^e = \pi$ )
- ▶  $\rightarrow R = R_{\text{real}} + \pi$

# Permanent $\uparrow M$ Growth $\rightarrow \uparrow R$



Notes:

$M$  is measured on a ratio scale. (Compare KOMIE fig 16-1.)

## Note

Remember, *permanent* is short for *expected to be permanent*! **Expectations change.**

# A New Effect on the Money Market

We now link expected inflation directly to money growth:

- ▶  $\uparrow \hat{M} \rightarrow \uparrow \pi^e$  (expectations formation)
- ▶  $\uparrow \pi^e \rightarrow \uparrow R$  (Fisher effect)
- ▶  $\uparrow R \rightarrow \downarrow L$
- ▶  $\downarrow L \rightarrow \uparrow P$

The increase in nominal interest rates decreases the demand for real monetary assets. For the money market to be in equilibrium at the new  $R$ , the price level must rise so that money market equilibrium is maintained.

$$\underset{\uparrow}{P} = \frac{M}{\underset{\uparrow}{L[R, Y]}}$$



# MAFER and Increased Money Growth

- ▶  $\uparrow \hat{M} \rightarrow \uparrow \pi^e$
- ▶  $\uparrow \pi^e \rightarrow \uparrow R$
- ▶  $\uparrow R \rightarrow \downarrow L$
- ▶  $\downarrow L \rightarrow \uparrow P \rightarrow \downarrow M/P$
- ▶  $\uparrow P \rightarrow \uparrow E$  (by PPP)

The exchange rate must rise (the dollar must depreciate) proportionately in order to maintain PPP:

$$E = q \frac{P}{P^*}$$

Thereafter, M and P rise faster by  $\Delta\pi$ , as does E (the direct rate).

- ▶ In order to maintain PPP, the domestic currency continues to depreciate proportionately.

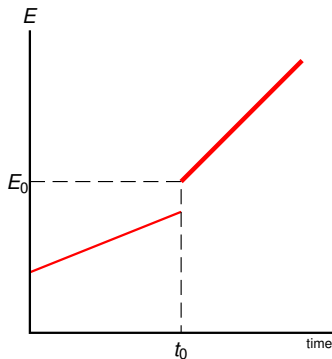
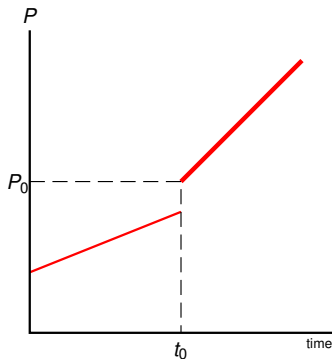
# New Prediction: Magnification Effect

## Magnification effect:

- ▶  $\uparrow \pi \rightarrow \uparrow \pi^e \rightarrow \uparrow R$
- ▶  $\uparrow R \rightarrow \downarrow L \rightarrow \downarrow M/P$
- ▶ P must move **more** than M

Bottom line: P jumps and E jumps when policy changes.  
The jump is the **magnification effect**, a response to  $\uparrow R$

# Permanent Increase in Domestic Money Growth



Compare KOMIE 16-1

## Note

$P$  and  $E$  are measured on a ratio scale.

PPP implies  $E$  is proportional to  $P$

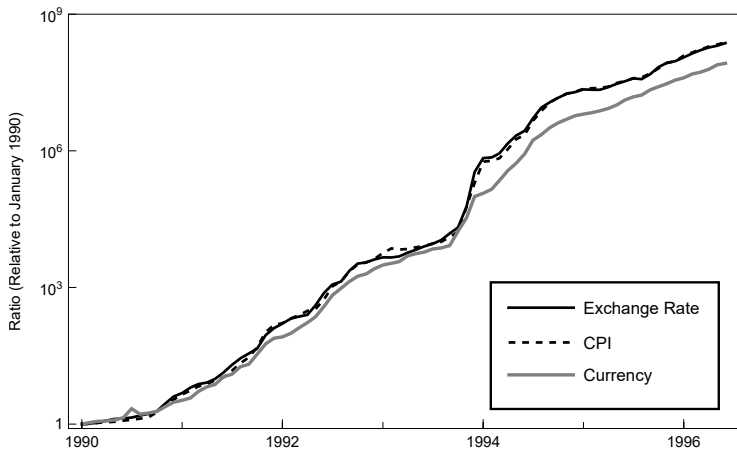
# Permanent $\uparrow M$ Growth (MAFER)

- ▶ Permanent  $\uparrow M$  growth causes permanent  $\uparrow P$  growth
- ▶ the domestic currency must depreciate when domestic inflation exceeds foreign inflation (by PPP)

Furthermore:

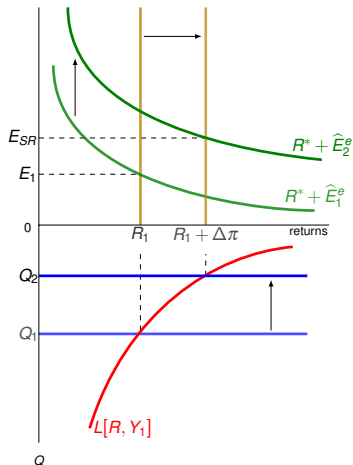
- ▶  $\uparrow \pi \rightarrow \uparrow \pi^e \rightarrow \uparrow R \rightarrow \downarrow L \rightarrow \uparrow P, E$
- ▶ Persistent domestic inflation increases expected inflation.
- ▶ Higher expected inflation causes a rise in the domestic nominal interest rate (by the Fisher effect).
- ▶ Higher  $R$  reduces desired real balances.
- ▶ Therefore, there is a magnification effect on  $P$  and  $E$ .

# Inflation in Zaire



## Two-Part Chart with Magnification Effect

Stretch our two-part chart to visualize the magnification effect: show **initial** ( $t_0$ ) effects of  $\uparrow M$  **growth** in **flexp** MAFER



Note: Compare KOMIE Fig 16A

# Real Interest Parity

# Changes and Expected Changes

$$\begin{aligned}q = EP^*/P &\implies \hat{q} = \hat{E} + \hat{P}^* - \hat{P} \\&\implies \hat{q}^e = \hat{E}^e + \hat{P}^{*e} - \hat{P}^e\end{aligned}$$

Write  $\pi^e$  and  $\pi^{*e}$  for  $\hat{P}^e$  and  $\hat{P}^{*e}$ .

Write  $(E^e - E)/E$  for  $\hat{E}^e$  and  $(q^e - q)/q$  for  $\hat{q}^e$ .

$$q = E \frac{P^*}{P} \implies \frac{q^e - q}{q} = \frac{E^e - E}{E} + \pi^{*e} - \pi^e$$



# Real Interest Rate Differentials

**Anticipated Real Depreciation:**

$$\frac{q^e - q}{q} = \frac{E^e - E}{E} + \pi^{*e} - \pi^e$$

**UIP:**

$$R - R^* = \frac{E^e - E}{E}$$

**Together:** Anticipated changes in  $q$  show up as a real interest differential.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{q^e - q}{q} &= (R - R^*) + \pi^{*e} - \pi^e \\ &= (R - \pi^e) - (R^* - \pi^{*e})\end{aligned}$$

**PPP plus UIP** imply Real Interest Parity:

# Real Interest Parity

Real interest rate differentials (across countries) must equal expected changes in the real exchange rate.

$$(R - \pi^e) - (R^* - \pi^{*e}) = (q^e - q)/q$$
$$r^e - r^{*e} = (q^e - q)/q$$

RIP says that the real interest rate differential between countries equals to the expected change in the relative price of goods and services between countries.

# Expected PPP

If financial markets expect (absolute or relative) PPP to hold, then expected exchange rate changes will equal expected inflation between countries:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= EP^*/P \implies \frac{q^e - q}{q} = \frac{E^e - E}{E} + \pi^{*e} - \pi^e \\ (q^e - q)/q = 0 &\implies 0 = \frac{E^e - E}{E} + \pi^{*e} - \pi^e \\ &\implies \frac{E^e - E}{E} = \pi^e - \pi^{*e} \end{aligned}$$

# Expected PPP and Real Interest Parity

If financial markets expect (absolute or relative) PPP to hold, then expected exchange rate changes will equal expected inflation between countries:

**real interest parity:**  $(R - \pi^e) - (R^* - \pi^{*e}) = (q^e - q)/q$

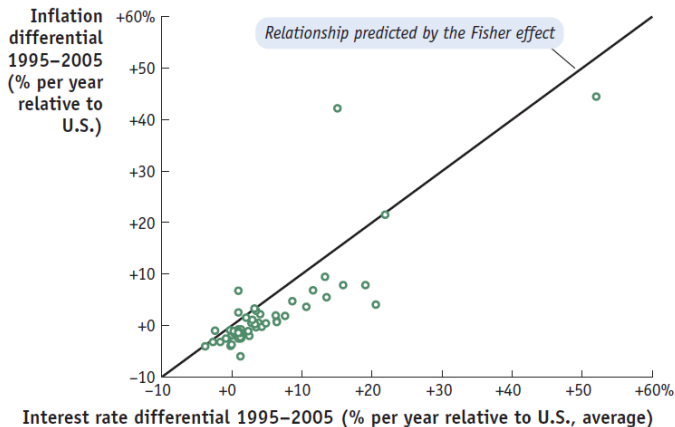
**expected PPP:**  $(q^e - q)/q = 0$

**real interest rate equality:**  $R - \pi^e = R^* - \pi^{*e}$

We also get an international version of the Fisher effect.

$$R - R^* = \pi^e - \pi^{*e}$$

# Interest Differentials and Inflation Differential (62 Countries)



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# Burgernomics

# Computing Big Mac PPP

## Get the Following Data:

- ▶ E: current exchange rate (direct rate; domestic terms; USD-FCU)
- ▶ P: local price
- ▶ P\*: US price (*note* the Economist default: dollar base currency!)

## Computation:

1.  $E_{ppp} = P/P^*$
2. overvaluation =  $\frac{E_{ppp}}{E} - 1$

## Equivalent Computation:

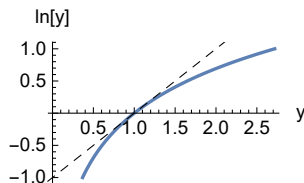
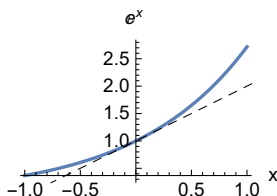
1.  $q = EP^*/P$
2. overvaluation =  $\frac{1}{q} - 1$

# Approximate Computation

1.  $q = EP^*/P$  (the real exchange rate)
2. overvaluation  $= 1/q - 1$
3. overvaluation  $\approx -\ln[q]$

## Explanation:

Since  $\ln[1+x] \approx x$ , you can get a rough approximation of overvaluation as  $-\ln[q]$ . (This works best when  $q$  is near 1.)





## Switzerland (CHF) 2025 Example:

<https://www.economist.com/big-mac-index>

Treating US as foreign country!

- ▶  $P = \text{CHF } 7.20$
- ▶  $P^* = \text{USD } 5.79$
- ▶ Compute PPP rate:  $E_{\text{ppp}} = P/P^* = 7.20/5.79 = 1.24 \text{ CHF/USD}$
- ▶ Look up actual exchange rate ( $E$ ): USD-CHF 0.90
- ▶ overvaluation =  $(E_{\text{ppp}}/E - 1) = (1.24/0.90 - 1.0) \approx 0.38$

# Switzerland (CHF) Alternative Computations

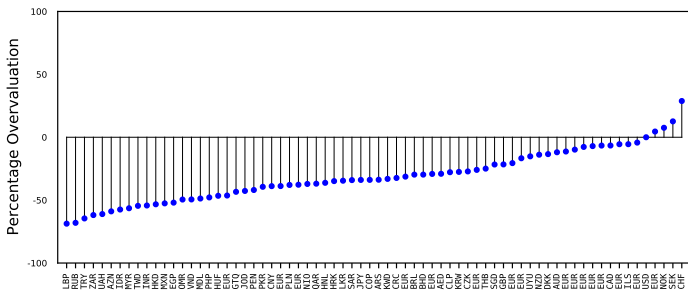
Using real exchange rate:

- ▶  $q = EP^*/P = 0.90 * 5.79 / 7.20 = 0.72$
- ▶  $\text{overvaluation} = 1/q - 1 = 1/0.72 - 1 \approx 0.3233$

*Logarithmic approximation*

- ▶  $\text{overvaluation} = -\ln(q) = -\ln(0.72) = 32.33\%$

# Law of One Price for Hamburgers? (2021)



Data Source:

<https://github.com/TheEconomist/big-mac-data>

Additional information:

<https://www.economist.com/big-mac-index>

## China (CNY) 2022 Example:

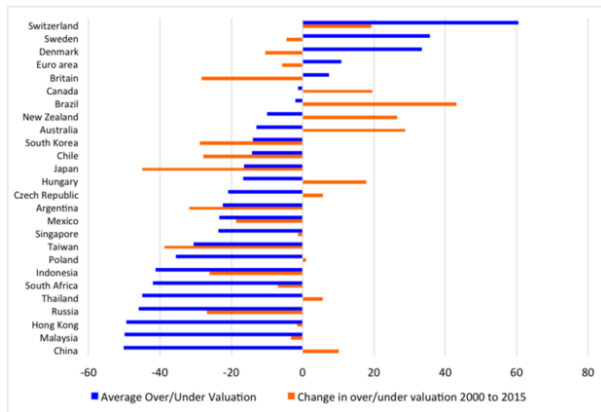
Interactive chart from The Economist:

<https://www.economist.com/big-mac-index>

Note the autocorrelation in deviations.

# Big Mac vs PPP: Persistent Deviations

Big Mac Index: Percent of under- and over-valuation of currencies relative to the U.S. dollar, 2000–2015



Source: <http://www.moneyandbanking.com/commentary/2015/2/2/a-big-mac-update>

Data Source: The Economist

# Penn Effect

**Naive GDP comparison:**  $\text{relative GDP} = E \text{ GDP}^* / \text{GDP}$

**Penn effect:** naive comparisons systematically exaggerate real per capita income ratios between poor and rich

**Empirics** Penn studies of Kravis-Heston-Summers  
real-income estimates, using actual local prices and incomes

**Theory** Balassa (1964) and Samuelson (1964)

Also: David Ricardo and Roy Harrod

# Paul Samuelson (1915-2009)

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**1941** PhD from Harvard

**1947** *Foundations of Economic Analysis*

**1948** *Economics: An Introductory Analysis*

**1970** “Nobel” prize

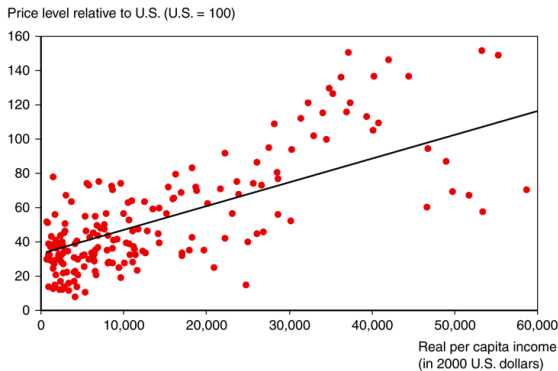
**1973** famous prediction (in his textbook): the Soviet Union will catch up to the United States in per capita income by 1990

# Balassa-Samuelson Critique

- ▶ Price indices contain traded and nontraded goods
  - ▶  $P = f[P_t, P_{nt}]$
- ▶ Shifts in relative price can disrupt PPP
  - ▶ Ricardo (1817): high manufacturing productivity → costly nontraded goods
  - ▶ Samuelson (1964)
- ▶ disparate postwar growth rates
- ▶ income growth correlated with traded goods productivity
  - ▶ Dollar should look overvalued against low growth countries
- ▶ even if  $P_t = EP_t^*$



# Price Levels and Real Incomes, 2004



Source: KOM Figure 16-3

Data Source: Penn World Table, Mark 6.2

# Penn World Table

## PWT:

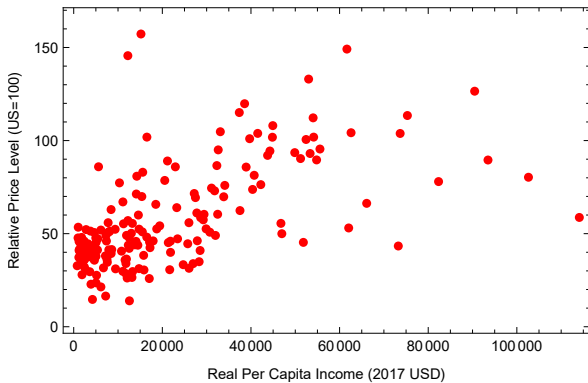
- ▶ an international database covering 183 countries since 1950
- ▶ information on relative levels of income, output, input and productivity
- ▶ Access to the data at  
<https://www.rug.nl/ggdc/productivity/pwt/>

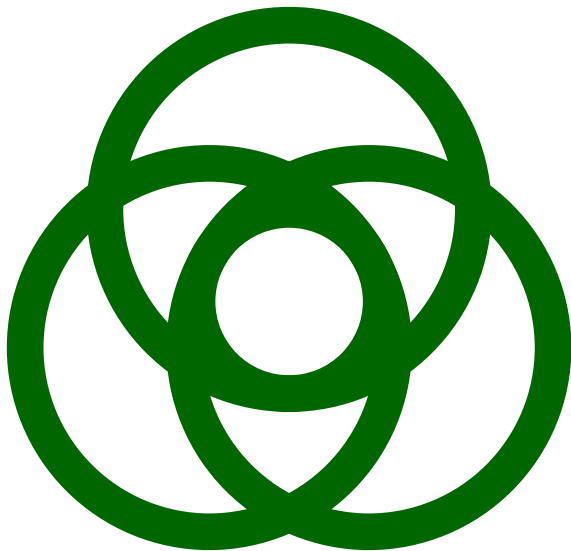
Just download the Excel file and use it!

Variable documentation:

- ▶ CRAN is easiest/fastest: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/pwt10/pwt10.pdf>

# Price Levels and Real Incomes, 2019





# Endogenous LR Real Exchange Rate

**PPP (absolute or relative):** a constant real exchange rate

→  $E = qP/P^*$  (with  $q$  constant)

→  $\Delta$  relative price level determines  $\Delta E$

$$\% \Delta E = \% \Delta (P/P^*)$$

A more general story tries to explain changes in the real exchange rate.

**Beyond PPP (absolute or relative):** endogenous LR real exchange rate

$$\% \Delta E = \% \Delta q + \% \Delta (P/P^*)$$

$$\widehat{E} = \widehat{q} + \widehat{(P/P^*)}$$

Now movements in nominal exchange rate then have two sources:

- ▶ changes in relative price levels
- ▶ changes in LR real exchange rate

# Determination of the Long-Run Real Exchange Rate

LR output ( $Y$  and  $Y^*$ ) depends on:

- ▶ factors of production
- ▶ technology.

LR demand ( $AD$  and  $AD^*$ ) depends on:

- ▶ the **relative** price of foreign products ( $q = EP^*/P$ )
- ▶ Relative prices determine the demand for domestic products **relative** to foreign products.
- ▶ when the real exchange rate depreciates, the relative demand for domestic commodities rises.

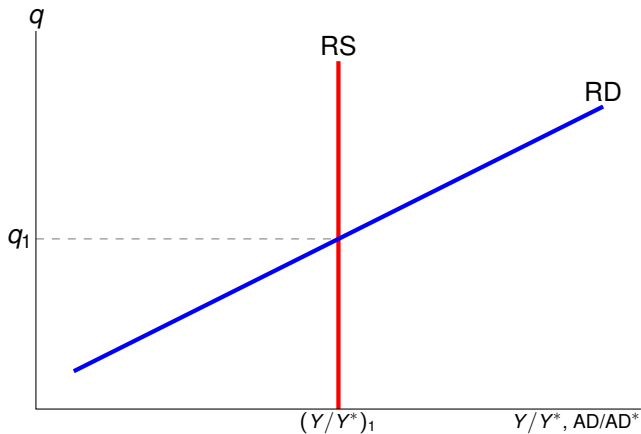
**Note:** Relative demand depends on relative prices (i.e., on prices or exchange rates), but relative output does not.

# LR Equilibrium Real Exchange Rate

**LR Equilibrium:** relative supply matches the relative demand (so there is no tendency for the relative price to change).

$$Y/Y^* = AD/AD^*$$

# Determination of the Long-Run Real Exchange Rate



Compare KOMIE 16-4 (KOMIF Fig 5-4).

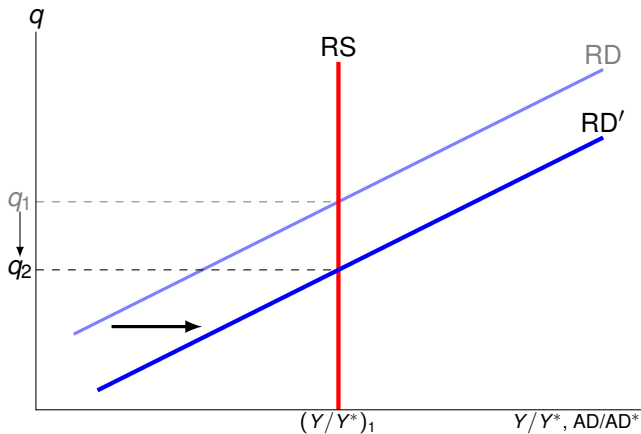


# Demand Shocks and LRRER

**Situation:** an increase in relative demand for domestic products

- ▶  $(\uparrow \text{Ex or } \downarrow \text{Im}) \rightarrow \downarrow q$ 
  - ▶ a real appreciation of the domestic currency
  - ▶ this is a rise in the price of domestic goods ( $P$ ) relative to the price of foreign goods ( $EP^*$ )
- ▶ real appreciation makes our exports more expensive and our imports less expensive
  - $\rightarrow \downarrow$  relative demand
  - $\rightarrow$  restoring equilibrium

# Demand Shocks and LRRER

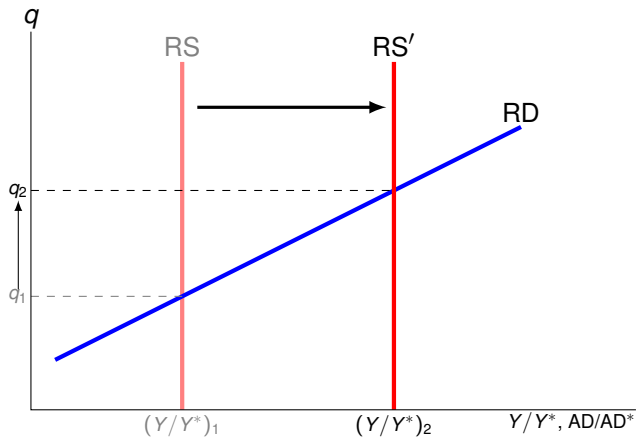


# Supply Shocks and LR RER

**Situation:** an increase in relative supply of domestic US products

- ▶  $(\uparrow Y \text{ or } \downarrow Y^*) \rightarrow \uparrow q$ 
  - ▶ a real depreciation of the domestic currency
  - ▶ this is a rise in the price of foreign goods ( $EP^*$ ) relative to the price of domestic goods ( $P$ )
- ▶ real depreciation makes our exports less expensive and our imports more expensive
  - $\uparrow$  relative demand
  - restoring equilibrium

# Supply Shocks and LRRER



# The LR RER (Summary)

## **Endogenizing the real exchange rate**

- ▶ produces a more general model of exchange rate determination

## **The monetary approach still applies:**

- ▶ increases in monetary levels leading to price level increases.
- ▶ increases in monetary growth rates lead to persistent inflation (and corresponding changes in expectations).

## **But now real factors also matter:**

- ▶ increases in relative demand for domestic products leads to a real appreciation.
- ▶ increases in relative supply of domestic products leads to a real depreciation.

# Nominal Exchange Rate Determination Redux

How does this change our theory of nominal exchange rate determination?

$$E = q P / P^*$$

## Monetary shocks

- ▶ PPP still holds
- ▶ we have the same predictions as before.
- ▶ no changes in the real exchange rate

## Real demand shocks

- ▶ the real exchange rate changes ( $\uparrow AD \rightarrow \downarrow q$ )
- ▶ the nominal exchange rate adjusts to produce the equilibrium real exchange rate

## Real output shocks

- ▶ the real exchange rate changes ( $\uparrow Y \rightarrow \uparrow q$ )
- ▶ the nominal exchange rate situation is more complex. . .

# The Real Exchange Rate Approach to Exchange Rates (cont.)

- ▶ With an increase in the relative supply of domestic products, the real exchange rate adjusts to make the price/cost of domestic goods depreciate, but also the relative amount of domestic output increases. - This second effect increases the demand of real monetary assets in the domestic economy:

$$P = M / L(R, Y)$$

- ▶ Thus level of average domestic prices is predicted to decrease relative to the level of average foreign prices.
- ▶ The effect on the nominal exchange rate is ambiguous:

$$E = q P / P^*$$

# LR Model Summary: Effects of Money Market and Output Market Changes on E

- ▶  $\uparrow M \rightarrow \text{proportional } \uparrow E$
- ▶  $\uparrow M^* \rightarrow \text{proportional } \downarrow E$
- ▶  $\uparrow AD \rightarrow \downarrow E$
- ▶  $\uparrow AD^* \rightarrow \uparrow E$
- ▶  $\uparrow Y \rightarrow ? E$
- ▶  $\uparrow Y^* \rightarrow ? E$

Compare KOMIF Table 16-1 (KOMIE 16-1)



# Summary

*The law of one price:*

- ▶ the same good in different competitive markets must sell for the same price
- ▶ (Assume: transportation costs and barriers between markets are not important.)

*Purchasing power parity:*

## **Absolute PPP:**

- ▶ the law of one price for price indexes
- ▶ changing currencies does not change your purchasing power.

**Relative PPP** the nominal exchange rate moves with relative price levels

## Summary (cont.)

monetary approach to flexible exchange rates:

- ▶ assumes PPP and the Classical theory of prices
- ▶ Changes in the growth rate of the money supply influence inflation and exchange rates.
- ▶ Expectations about inflation influence the exchange rate.
- ▶ The Fisher effect shows that differences in nominal interest rates are equal to differences in inflation rates.

*Empirical support for PPP:*

**Weak in the short run**, due to trade barriers, non-tradable products, imperfect competition and differences in price measures.

**Stronger in the LR**, for relative PPP

# Summary: Real Interest Parity

**Real interest rate:** inflation-adjusted interest rate  
(how much **purchasing power** savers gain and borrowers give up)

**Real interest parity:** says that real interest rate differential equals expected rate of real exchange rate depreciation  
should hold under expected PPP

## Summary (cont.)

**real exchange rate:** the domestic product cost of foreign products.

*real exchange rate approach to exchange rates (RS-RD):*

- ▶ predicts that changes in relative demand and relative supply of products influence real and nominal exchange rates.
- ▶ generalizes the monetary approach (allows PPP violations)
- ▶ therefore, may allow deviations from real interest parity (since real interest rate differences equal the expected change in the real exchange rate)