

The Optimal Monetary Policy Instrument, Inflation versus Asset Price Targeting, and Financial Stability

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Our Model

Monetary General Equilibrium Model with Commercial Banks, Collateral, Securitisation and Default (**MEBCSD**)

- Non-trivial quantity theory of money
- Term structure of interest rates depends on aggregate liquidity and default risk
- Fisher effect
- Financial fragility is an equilibrium outcome
- Constrained inefficient equilibrium allocations
- Assessment of various policies for crisis management and prevention

Our Model

Extend the Goodhart, Sunirand and Tsomocos and Goodhart (2006), Tsomocos and Vardoulakis (2008) model to:

- Introduce an investment bank and a hedge fund, and allow for mortgage debt securitisation
- Separate the interbank from the repo market
- Model two types of default
 - Discontinuous default in mortgages (Geanakoplos, 2003)
 - Continuous default in credit markets (Shubik and Wilson, 1977 and Dubey et al.,2005)

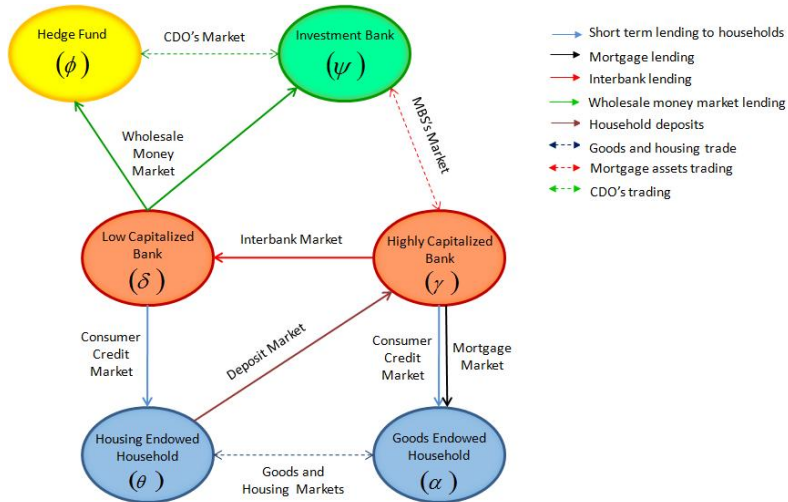
Results

- Interest rate instrument is preferable to the monetary base instrument in times of financial distress

- CPI should include an appropriate measure of housing prices

- Central Banks' Financial Stability objective is primarily achieved by regulating systemic financial agents

Nominal Flows of the Economy



The straight lines and their direction represent lending flows. The dashed lines indicate trade.

Default

Two types of Default:

- **Discontinuous** mortgage default. Household α defaults on his mortgage if

$$(p_{22}b_{02}^{\alpha}/p_{02}) \leq (\bar{\mu}^{\alpha})$$

(collateral's worth) \leq (mortgage debt)

- **Continuous** default in the interbank and wholesale money markets: agents choose a repayment rate satisfying the *On the Verge Condition* (for $k = \{\delta, \psi, \phi\}$):

$$\left(\frac{\partial \Pi^k}{\partial \bar{v}_s^k}\right) = \bar{\tau}_s^k$$

(marginal utility of default) = (bankruptcy penalty)

Securitisation

Scarcity of collateral incentivizes agents to stretch it by using it many times.

- The investment bank (ψ) buys the mortgage from bank γ at a price p^α in the MBS's market
- The investment bank (ψ) structures a CDO by attaching a Credit Default Swap (CDS) to the MBS
- The hedge fund (ϕ) purchases the CDO at a price \tilde{q}^α
- CDO's gross returns:

$$R^{CDO} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 + \bar{r}^{\gamma\alpha}) / \tilde{q}^\alpha \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The investment bank bears the mortgage and CDS risk

Household α 's Optimisation Problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{q_{s^*1}^\alpha, b_{s^*2}^\alpha, \mu_{s^*}^\alpha, \bar{\mu}^\alpha} U^\alpha &= u(e_{01}^\alpha - q_{01}^\alpha) + u\left(\frac{b_{02}^\alpha}{p_{02}}\right) + \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s u(e_{s1}^\alpha - q_{s1}^\alpha) \\
 &+ \sum_{s \in S_1^\alpha} \omega_s u\left(\frac{b_{02}^\alpha}{p_{02}} + \frac{b_{s2}^\alpha}{p_{s2}}\right) + \sum_{s \notin S_1^\alpha} \omega_s u\left(\frac{b_{s2}^\alpha}{p_{s2}}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

s. t.

$$b_{02}^\alpha \leq \frac{\bar{\mu}^\alpha}{(1 + \bar{r}^\alpha)} + \frac{\mu_0^\alpha}{(1 + r_0^\alpha)} + e_{m,0}^\alpha$$

i.e. housing expenditure at $t=0 \leq$ mortgage loan + short-term borrowing + private monetary endowments at $t=0$

$$\mu_0^\alpha \leq p_{01} q_{01}^\alpha$$

i.e. short term loan repayment at $t=0 \leq$ goods sales revenues at $t=0$

Household α 's Optimisation Problem

$$b_{s2}^{\alpha} + \bar{\mu}^{\alpha} \leq \frac{\mu_s^{\alpha}}{(1 + r_s^{\gamma})} + e_{m,s}^{\alpha} \quad \text{for } s \in S_1^{\alpha}$$

i.e. housing expenditure at $s \in S_1^{\alpha}$ + mortgage repayment \leq short-term borrowing + private monetary endowments at $s \in S_1^{\alpha}$

$$b_{s2}^{\alpha} \leq \frac{\mu_s^{\alpha}}{(1 + r_s^{\gamma})} + e_{m,s}^{\alpha} \quad \text{for } s \notin S_1^{\alpha}$$

i.e. housing expenditure at $s \notin S_1^{\alpha}$ \leq short-term borrowing + private monetary endowments at $s \notin S_1^{\alpha}$

$$\mu_s^{\alpha} \leq p_{s1} q_{s1}^{\alpha}$$

i.e. short term loan repayment \leq goods sales revenues at $t=0$

$$q_{s^*1}^{\alpha} \leq e_{s^*1}^{\alpha}$$

i.e. quantity of goods sold at $s \in S^*$ \leq goods endowments at $s \in S^*$

Household θ 's Optimisation Problem

$$\max_{q_{s^*2}^\theta, b_{s^*1}^\theta, \mu_{s^*}^\theta, \bar{d}^\theta} U^\theta = u\left(\frac{b_{01}^\theta}{p_{01}}\right) + u\left(e_{02}^\theta - q_{02}^\theta\right) + \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s u\left(\frac{b_{02}^\theta}{p_{02}}\right) + \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s u\left(e_{s2}^\theta - q_{s0}^\theta - q_{s2}^\theta\right)$$

s. t.

$$b_{01}^\theta + \bar{d}^\theta \leq \frac{\mu_0^\theta}{1 + r_0^\delta} + e_{m,0}^\theta$$

i.e. goods expenditure at $t=0$ + inter-period deposits \leq short-term borrowing + private monetary endowments at $t=0$

$$\mu_0^\theta \leq p_{02} q_{02}^\theta$$

(i.e. short term loan repayment at $t=0 \leq$ housing sales revenues at $t=0$)

Household θ 's Optimisation Problem

$$b_{s1}^{\theta} \leq \frac{\mu_s^{\theta}}{1 + r_s^{\delta}} + \bar{d}^{\theta} (1 + \bar{r}_d^{\gamma}) + e_{m,s}^{\theta} \quad \text{for } s \in S$$

i.e. goods expenditure at $s \in S \leq$ short-term borrowing + deposits and interest payment + private monetary endowments at $s \in S$

$$\mu_s^{\theta} \leq p_{s2} q_{s2}^{\theta}$$

i.e. short term loan repayment at $s \in S \leq$ housing sales revenues at $s \in S$

$$q_{s*2}^{\theta} \leq e_{s2}^{\theta} - q_{02}^{\theta}$$

i.e. number of housing units sold at $s \in S \leq$ endowment of housing at $t=0$ - units of housing sold at $s \in S$

Bank γ 's Optimisation Problem

$$\max_{m_s^{\gamma}, \bar{m}^{\alpha}, d_s^{G\gamma}, \bar{d}^{\gamma}, \pi_s^{\gamma}} \Pi^{\gamma} = \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \left(\pi_s^{\gamma} - c^{\gamma} (\pi_s^{\gamma})^2 \right)$$

s.t.

$$d_0^{G\gamma} + m_0^{\gamma} + \bar{m}^{\alpha} + \bar{d}^{\gamma} \leq e_0^{\gamma} + (\bar{\mu}_d^{\gamma}/1 + \bar{r}_d^{\gamma})$$

i.e. deposits in the repo market + short-term lending + mortgage extension + interbank lending \leq capital endowment at t=0 + consumer deposits

$$d_s^{G\gamma} + m_s^{\gamma} + \bar{\mu}_d^{\gamma} \leq e_s^{\gamma} + \pi_0^{\gamma} + \bar{R}_s^{\delta} \bar{d}^{\gamma} (1 + \bar{\rho})$$

i.e. short-term lending + deposits in the repo market at $s \in S$ + deposits repayment \leq capital endowment at $s \in S$ + accumulated profits + interbank loan repayments at $s \in S$

$$\pi_0^{\gamma} = m_0^{\gamma} (1 + r_0^{\gamma}) + d_0^{G\gamma} (1 + \rho_0^{CB}) + p^{\alpha} \bar{m}^{\alpha}$$

i.e. profits at (t=0) = short term loan repayment + repo deposits and interest payment at t=0 + MBS's sales revenues

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Bank δ 's Optimisation Problem

$$\max_{m_{s^*}^\delta, \bar{m}, \mu_{s^*}^{G\delta}, \bar{\mu}^\delta, \mu_{s^*}^\delta, \bar{v}_s^\delta, \pi_s^\gamma} \Pi^\delta = \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \left(\pi_s^\delta - c^\delta (\pi_s^\delta)^2 \right) - \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \bar{r}_s^\delta [\bar{D}_s^\delta]^+$$

s.t.

$$m_0^\delta + \bar{m} \leq e_0^\delta + \frac{\mu_0^{G\delta}}{1 + \rho_0^{CB}} + \frac{\bar{\mu}^\delta}{1 + \bar{\rho}}$$

i.e. short-term lending at t=0 + wholesale money market credit extension \leq capital endowment + short-term borrowing in the repo market at t=0 + interbank borrowing

$$\mu_0^{G\delta} \leq m_0^\delta (1 + r_0^\delta)$$

i.e. repo loan repayment at t=0 \leq short-term loan repayment at t=0

$$m_s^\delta + \bar{v}_s^\delta \bar{\mu}^\delta \leq e_s^\delta + \frac{\mu_s^{G\delta}}{1 + \rho_s^{CB}} + \bar{R}_s \bar{m} (1 + \bar{r})$$

i.e. short-term lending + interbank loan repayment at $s \in S \leq$ capital endowment + wholesale money market loan repayment short-term loan repayment at $s \in S$

$$\pi_s^\delta = m_s^\delta (1 + r_s^\delta) - \mu_s^{G\delta}$$

i.e. profits at $s \in S =$ short term loan repayment - repo loan repayment at $s \in S$

Investment Bank (ψ)'s Optimisation Problem

$$\max_{\tilde{m}^\alpha, \bar{\mu}^\psi, \bar{v}_s^\psi} \Pi^\psi = \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \pi_s^\psi - \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \bar{r}_s^\psi \left[\bar{D}_s^\psi \right]^+$$

s. t.

$$\tilde{m}^\alpha \leq e_0^\psi + \frac{\bar{\mu}^\psi}{1 + \bar{r}}$$

i.e. expenditure in MBS's \leq capital endowments at $t=0$ + wholesale money market borrowing

$$\bar{v}_s^\psi \bar{\mu}^\psi \leq \frac{\tilde{m}^\alpha}{p^\alpha} \tilde{q}^\alpha \quad \text{for } s \in S_1^\alpha$$

i.e. whole sale money market loan repayment at $s \in S_1^\alpha \leq$ CDO's sales revenues + capital endowments at $s \in S_1^\alpha$

$$\tilde{m}^\alpha \tilde{q}^\alpha + \bar{v}_s^\psi \bar{\mu}^\psi \leq e_s^\psi + \left(\tilde{q}^\alpha + \frac{b_{02}^\alpha p_{22}}{\bar{m}^\alpha p_{02}} \right) \frac{\tilde{m}^\alpha}{p^\alpha} \quad \text{for } s \notin S_1^\alpha$$

i.e. CDS settlement payment + wholesale money market loan repayment at $s \notin S_1^\alpha \leq$ capital endowment at $s \notin S_1^\alpha$ + CDO's sales revenues + collateral sales revenues

Hedge Fund (ϕ)'s Optimisation Problem

$$\max_{\bar{\mu}^\phi, \hat{m}^\alpha, \bar{v}_{s^*}^\phi} \Pi^\phi = \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \pi_s^\phi - \sum_{s \in S} \omega_s \bar{r}_s^\phi \left[\bar{D}_s^\phi \right]^+$$

s.t.

$$\hat{m}^\alpha \leq \frac{\bar{\mu}^\phi}{1 + \bar{r}}$$

i.e. expenditure in the CDO's market \leq wholesale money market borrowing

$$\bar{v}_s^\phi \bar{\mu}^\psi \leq \frac{\hat{m}^\alpha}{\bar{q}^\alpha} (1 + \bar{r}^{\gamma^\alpha}) \quad \text{for } s \in S_1^\alpha$$

i.e. wholesale money market loan repayment \leq CDO's payoffs at $s \in S_1^\alpha$

$$\bar{v}_s^\phi \bar{\mu}^\psi \leq \hat{m}^\alpha \quad \text{for } s \notin S_1^\alpha$$

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Market Clearing Conditions

Goods Market

$$p_{01} = \frac{b_{01}^{\theta}}{q_{01}^{\alpha}}$$
$$p_{s1} = \frac{b_{s1}^{\theta}}{q_{s1}^{\alpha}} \quad \text{for } s \in S$$

Housing Market

$$p_{02} = \frac{b_{02}^{\alpha}}{q_{02}^{\theta}}$$
$$p_{s2} = \frac{b_{s2}^{\alpha}}{q_{s2}^{\theta}} \quad \text{for } s \in S_1^{\alpha}$$
$$p_{s2} = \frac{b_{s2}^{\alpha}}{q_{s2}^{\theta} + b_{02}^{\alpha}/p_{02}} \quad \text{for } s \notin S_1^{\alpha}$$

Market Clearing Conditions

Mortgage Market

$$(1 + \bar{r}^{\gamma\alpha}) = \frac{\bar{\mu}^{\alpha}}{\bar{m}^{\alpha}}$$

Clearing conditions for effective returns on mortgages

$$(1 + \bar{r}_s^{\gamma\alpha}) = \begin{cases} (1 + \bar{r}^{\gamma\alpha}) & \text{for } s \in S_1^{\alpha} \\ \left(\frac{p_{22} b_{02}^{\alpha}}{p_{02}} \right) \left(\frac{\bar{\mu}^{\alpha}}{1 + \bar{r}^{\gamma\alpha}} \right)^{-1} & \text{for } s \notin S_1^{\alpha} \end{cases}$$

Short-term Consumer Markets

$$(1 + r_{s^*}^{\gamma}) = \frac{\mu_{s^*}^{\alpha}}{m_{s^*}^{\gamma}}$$

$$(1 + r_{s^*}^{\delta}) = \frac{\mu_{s^*}^{\theta}}{m_{s^*}^{\delta}}$$

Market Clearing Conditions

Consumer Deposit Market

$$(1 + \bar{r}_d^\gamma) = \frac{\bar{\mu}_d^\gamma}{d^\theta}$$

Wholesale Money Market

$$(1 + \bar{r}) = \frac{\bar{\mu}^\psi + \bar{\mu}^\phi}{\bar{m}}$$

Repo Market

$$(1 + \rho_{s^*}^{CB}) = \frac{\mu_{s^*}^{G\delta}}{M_{s^*}^{CB} + d_{s^*}^{G\gamma}}$$

Interbank Market

$$(1 + \bar{\rho}) = \frac{\bar{\mu}^\delta}{d^\gamma}$$

MBS's Market

$$p^\alpha = \frac{\tilde{m}^\alpha}{\bar{m}^\alpha}$$

CDO's Market

$$\tilde{q}^\alpha = \frac{\hat{m}^\alpha}{\tilde{m}^\alpha}$$

Conditions on Expected Delivery Rates (Rational Expectations)

Wholesale Money Market

$$\bar{R}_s = \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{v}_s^\psi \bar{\mu}^\psi + \bar{v}_s^\phi \bar{\mu}^\phi}{\bar{\mu}^\psi + \bar{\mu}^\phi} & \text{if } \bar{\mu}^\psi + \bar{\mu}^\phi > 0 \\ \text{arbitrary} & \text{if } \bar{\mu}^\psi + \bar{\mu}^\phi = 0 \end{cases} \quad \forall s \in S$$

Interbank Market

$$\bar{R}_s^\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{v}_s^\delta \bar{\mu}^\delta}{\bar{\mu}^\delta} = \bar{v}_s^\delta & \text{if } \bar{\mu}^\delta > 0 \\ \text{arbitrary} & \text{if } \bar{\mu}^\delta = 0 \end{cases} \quad \forall s \in S$$

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Proposition 4

At any MEBCSD, $p^\alpha, \rho_0^{CB} \geq 0$ and $p^\alpha = 1 + \rho_0^{CB}$.

Proposition 5

At any MEBCSD, $\bar{r}, \bar{\rho}, \bar{r}_d^\gamma \geq 0$ and $\bar{r} \geq \bar{\rho} \geq \bar{r}_d^\gamma$.

Discussion of the Equilibrium

- Economy experiences an adverse productivity shock: moderate at $s = 1$ and severe at $s = 2$
- Central Bank reacts with expansionary monetary policy at $s = 1$ and contractionary monetary policy at $s = 2$
- α is poorer than θ in monetary endowments at $t = 0$
- Bank γ is more capitalized than bank δ and the investment bank at all states
- The hedge fund has no capital
- Housing deflation and goods inflation
 - Negative productivity (supply) shock increases goods prices
 - House prices fall due to α 's lower demand for housing
- Fall in relative house prices leads to
 - Lower trade in the housing and goods markets at $s = 2$
 - Fall in the mortgage's effective return at $s = 2$

