

Does it Matter to Assume that U.S. Monetary Authorities Follow a Taylor Rule?

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Motivation

An introductory example

- ▶ Sticky prices models do not have much macro predictions *per se*.
- ▶ What matters is the bundle (sticky prices + monetary policy)
- ▶ I want first to illustrate that two “Taylor rules” with very similar policy narrative lead to very different outcomes.

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- ▶ Basic 3-equation New-Keynesian model

$$y_t = E_t[y_{t+1}] - (i_t - E_t[\pi_{t+1}]) + d_t, \quad (\text{Euler Equation})$$

$$\pi_t = .99 E_t[\pi_{t+1}] + .1 y_t + \mu_t, \quad (\text{Phillips Curve})$$

- ▶ Take two incarnations of a “Taylor rule” (similar narrative but different specification):

$$i_t = 1.2 \pi_t + 0.25 y_t$$

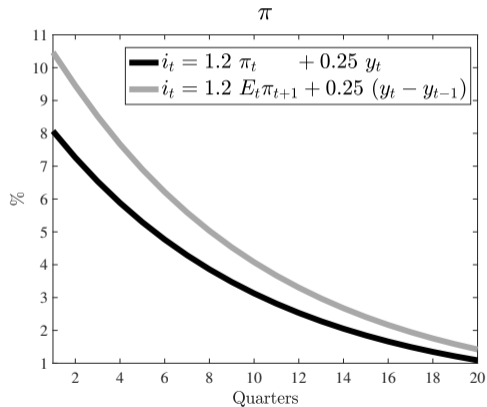
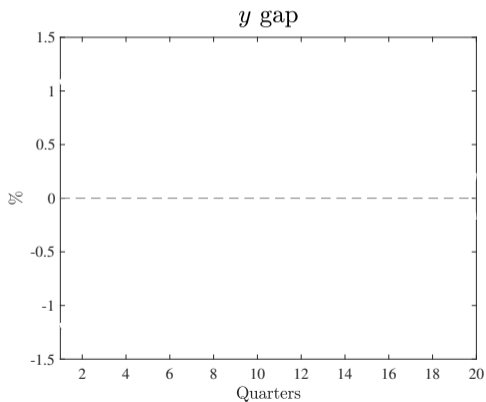
$$i_t = 1.2 E_t \pi_{t+1} + 0.25 (y_t - y_{t-1})$$

- ▶ Response to a *simultaneous* size 2 demand shock and size 1 markup shock, with persistence .9 and .9;
 - × amplitude of the response
 - × sign of the response
 - × co-movements

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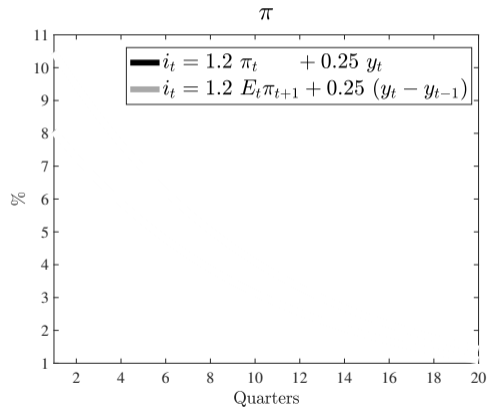
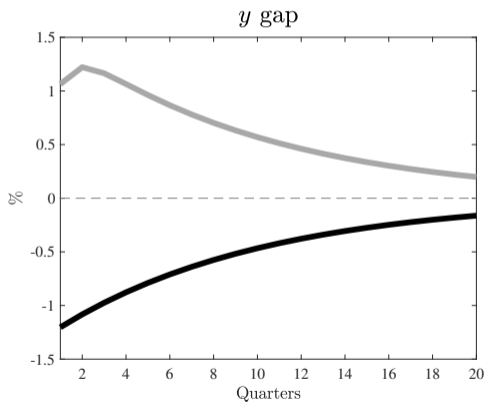
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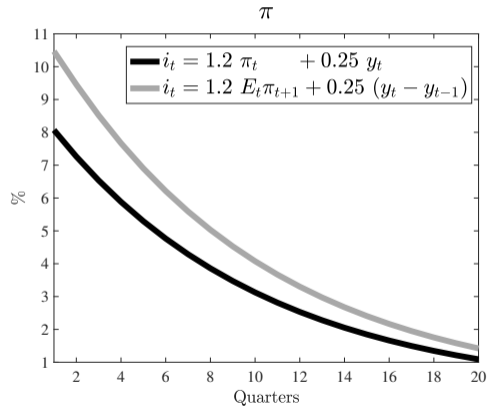
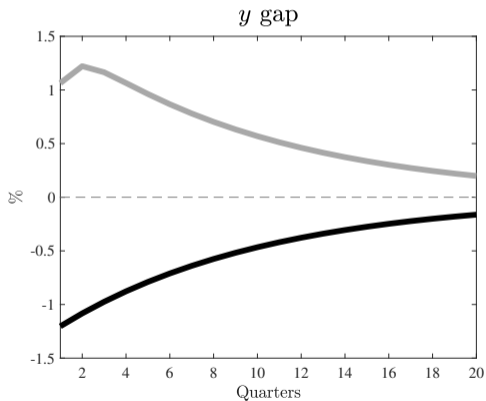
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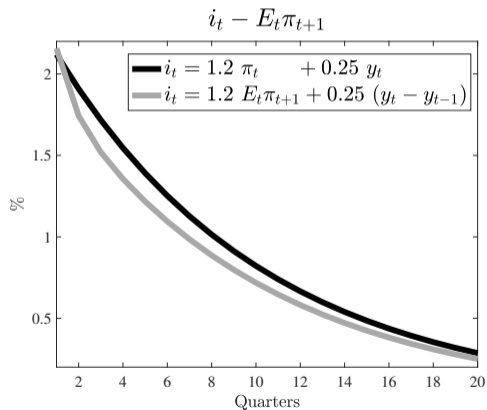
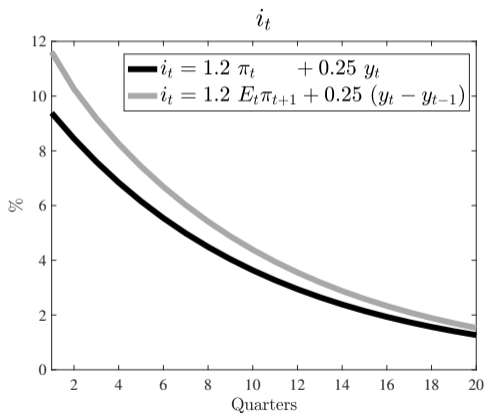
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Question

- ▶ Taylor rule type policy = assuming some very specific constraints to the conduct of monetary policy.
- ▶ Do we believe that a Taylor rule describes *realistically* the precise constraints that monetary authorities face?
- ▶ There is a surprising discrepancy between the amount of effort put in microfounding DSGE models and the lack of justification of the Taylor rule specification (*as if it should not matter*).

What we do?

- ▶ We explore the consequences of assuming (possibly wrongly) that monetary authorities follow a Taylor rule when estimating NK models.
- ▶ We promote the specification of (linear) *state-dependent* monetary policy rules, that maps the state of the economy into an equilibrium allocation.

Literature

- ▶ There is a literature on optimal monetary policy – not our concern here.
- ▶ The DSGE literature is being very creative on how to specify “the” Taylor rule, with no micro-foundations.
- ▶ Cúrdia, Ferrero, Ng and Tambalotti [2015] do estimations with various policy rules, with a focus on how well those rules track the nominal interest rate.

Important remark

- ▶ In the applied macro literature, virtually no one estimates indeterminate models
 - × possibly a wrong choice, but not discussed here
- ▶ In what we do, estimation will always be restricted to the set of parameters that gives determinacy
- ▶ This is for example what Dynare is doing behind the scene
- ▶ In other words, one identifying restriction is equilibrium determinacy.

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- ▶ Goal: show the existence of a determinacy bias and a misspecification bias
- ▶ Start with the determinacy bias

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- ▶ y is the variable of interest (“output”)

$$y_t = \alpha E_t y_{t+1} + \beta i_t + s_t, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \text{ and } \beta > 0.$$

- ▶ s is an autoregressive shock

$$s_t = \rho s_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad 0 \leq \rho < 1 \text{ and } V(\varepsilon) = 1$$

- ▶ i is a policy variable (“interest rate”) that helps controlling y
 - × feedback rule (ϕ for *feedback*) (“TAYLOR rule”)

$$i_t = \phi y_t, \tag{1}$$

- × state-dependent rule (σ for *state-dependent*)

$$i_t = \sigma s_t. \tag{2}$$

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Solution with a feedback rule $i_t = \phi y_t$

► $y_t = \alpha E_t y_{t+1} + \beta \underbrace{i_t}_{\phi y_t} + s_t$

► Solving forward

$$y_t = \frac{1}{1 - \beta\phi} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha\rho}{1 - \beta\phi} \right)^j \right) s_t$$

► The condition for this sum to converge for any persistence parameter $0 \leq \rho < 1$ is $\left| \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta\phi} \right| < 1$.

► Therefore, the restriction on policy to have determinacy (“Taylor principle”) is

$$\phi \notin \left] \frac{1 - \alpha}{\beta}, \frac{1 + \alpha}{\beta} \right[$$

► and solution is

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Solution with a state-dependent rule $i_t = \sigma s_t$

▶ $y_t = \alpha E_t y_{t+1} + \beta \underbrace{i_t}_{\sigma s_t} + s_t$

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$$y_t = (1 + \beta\sigma) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\alpha\rho)^j \right) s_t$$

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Equivalence

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- ▶ Is that irrelevant to specify one rule or the other?
- ▶ Can we always find a σ (a state-dependent rule) that produces the same allocations than a ϕ (a feedback rule) and reciprocally?

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- ▶ *Any feedback rule policy allocations can be replicated by a state-dependent policy.*

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- × If $\sigma > -\frac{1+\alpha}{2\alpha\beta}$, then ϕ^E will satisfy the determinacy condition.
- × But if $\sigma < -\frac{1+\alpha}{2\alpha\beta}$, there is no determinate feedback model that can reproduce the state-dependent rule allocations.

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Determination Bias

- ▶ Feedback rules are likely to lead to bias in estimation
- ▶ This can be shown analytically in our abstract model

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Determinacy Bias: Estimating α

- ▶ We start with an extreme example for which the bias can be analytically computed.
- ▶ Only y is observed.
- ▶ All parameters are known but α : β , ρ , ϕ or σ , ϕ^E or σ^E

$$y_t = \alpha E_t y_{t+1} + \beta i_t + s_t$$

- ▶ α can be estimated (ML) by matching the observed variance of y : V_y

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- ▶ What if the econometrician is wrong about the policy rule (feedback or state-dependent)?

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- ▶ Two solutions : α and $-\alpha + \frac{2}{\rho} > 1$.
- ▶ Impose determinacy $\rightsquigarrow \hat{\alpha} = \alpha$
- ▶ All good!
- ▶ *It does not hurt to assume a state-dependent rule if the true model has a feedback rule*

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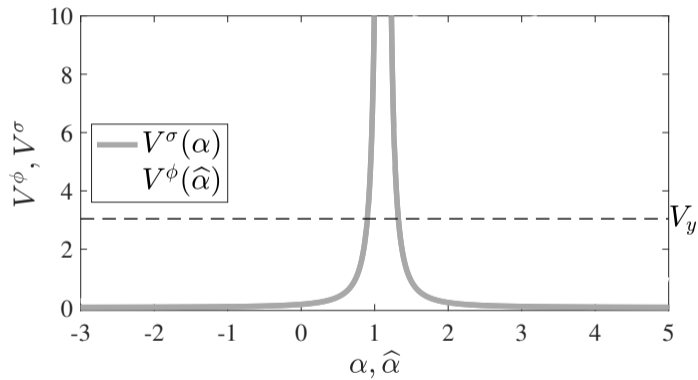
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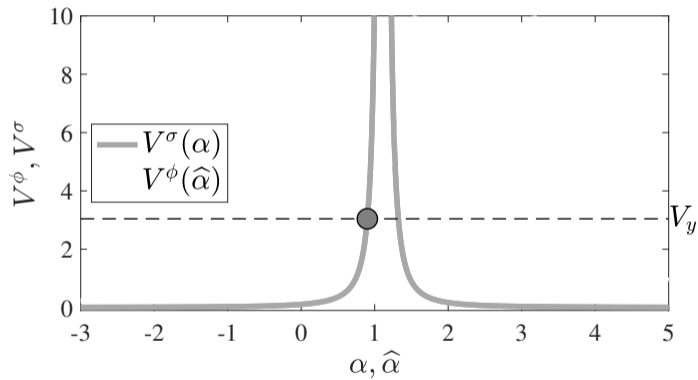
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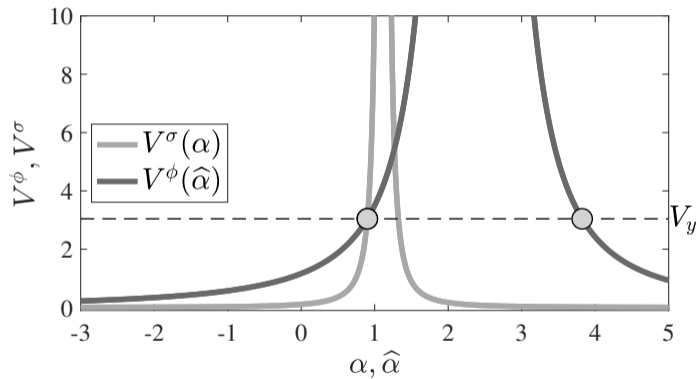
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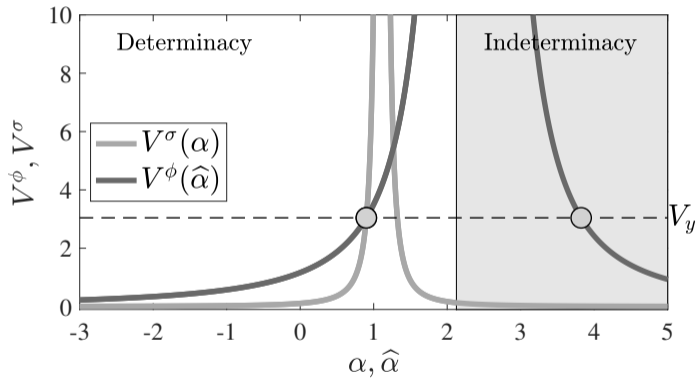
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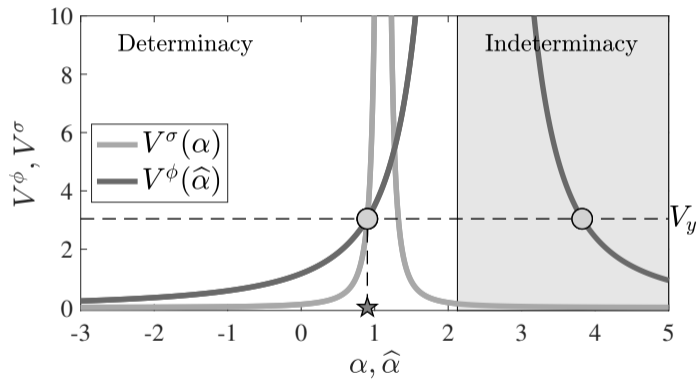
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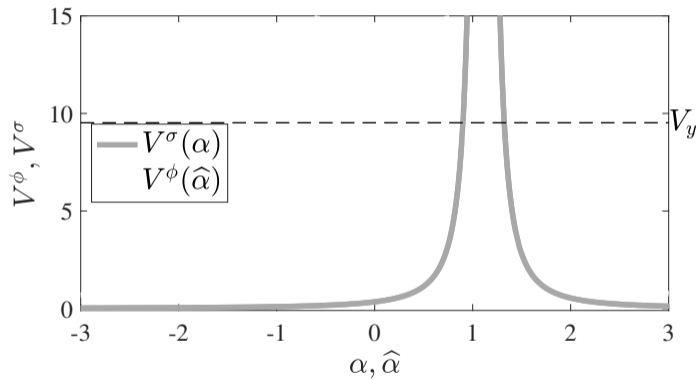
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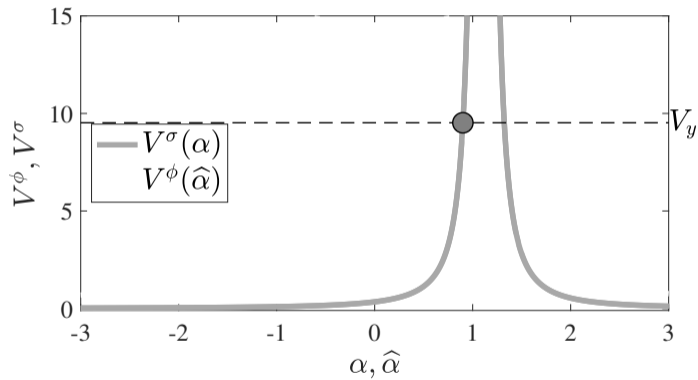
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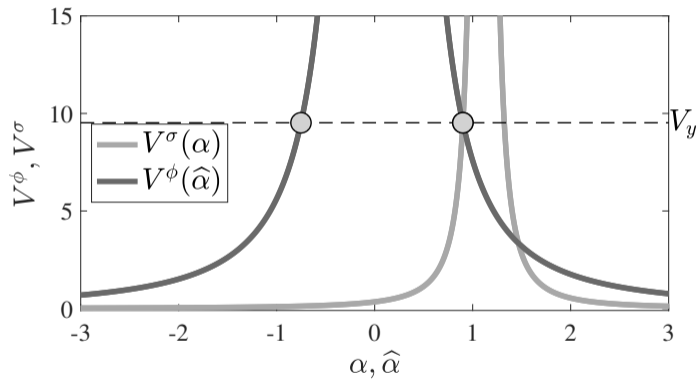
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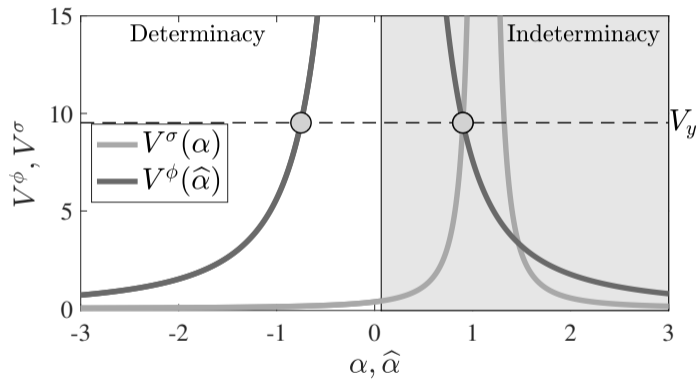
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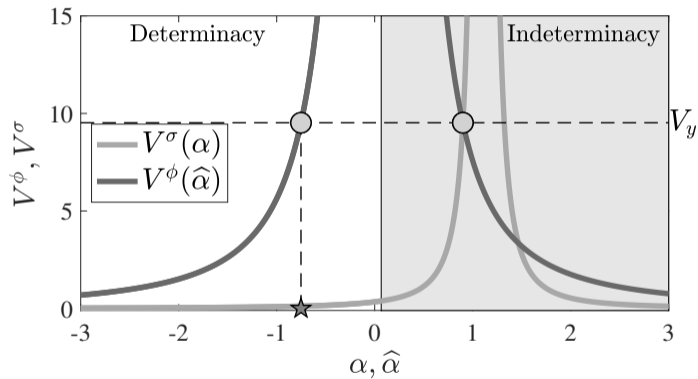
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- ▶ When the Econometrician wrongly assumes that the DGP is a state-dependent rule: no bias.
- ▶ When the Econometrician wrongly assumes that the DGP is a feedback rule: possible bias depending on the value of σ
 - × $\sigma \rightsquigarrow \phi^E$ that is in the determinacy zone: then all is good
 - × $\sigma \rightsquigarrow \phi^E$ that is NOT in the determinacy zone: then biased estimation of α

1. Abstract Approach

Remarks

- ▶ As α is just identified, the fit of the model is the same, even in the configuration in which $\hat{\alpha}$ is biased.
- ▶ The problem here is that estimation, by keeping only determinate solutions, might bias the estimator.
- ▶ This is not the standard *misspecification bias* (see later)
- ▶ Let's call it a *determinacy bias*

1. Abstract Approach

Monte Carlo

- ▶ Assume now that we observe all the variables and estimate all the model parameters, when the state-dependent rule is the DGP, and in the two configurations (the feedback model with ϕ^E is determinate or not).
- ▶ Hard to see by hand what will be biased and how.
- ▶ Do Monte Carlo analysis and Max Likelihood with Dynare (which discards indeterminacy in estimation)

1. Abstract Approach

Estimation of a feedback rule model when the DGP is a state-dependent rule model

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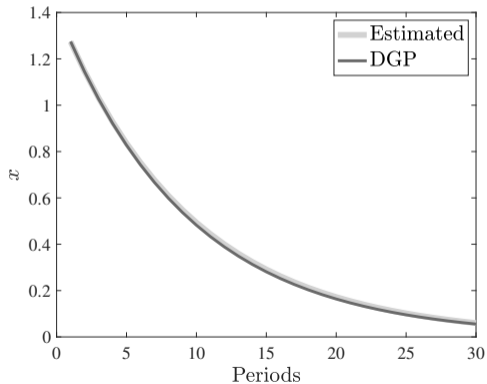
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DGP and estimated impulse responses to a s shock

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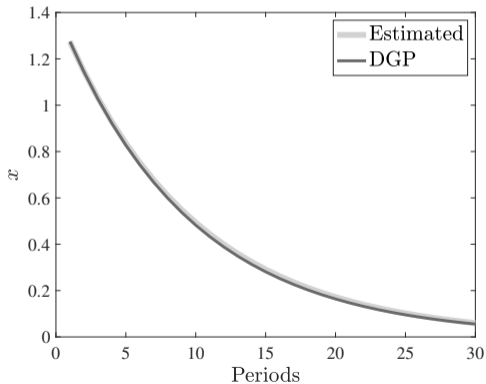
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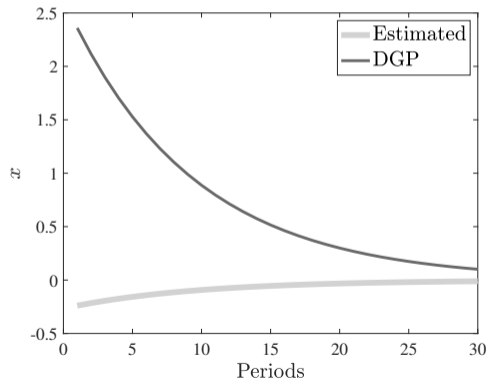
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1. Abstract Approach

Misspecification bias

- ▶ Misspecification bias is well understood.
- ▶ Can be easily seen in a static version of the previous model.
- ▶ Variable of interest

$$y_t = \beta i_t + s_{1t} + \gamma s_{2t},$$

(s_1, s_2) are two iid unit variance shocks.

- ▶ y is a policy variable that helps controlling x .
 - × Feedback rule: $i_t = \phi y_t$
 - × state-dependent rule: $i_t = \sigma_1 s_{1t} + \sigma_2 s_{2t}$
- ▶ Feedback rule constrains y to react to s_1 and s_2 in proportion 1 to γ .
- ▶ Assume we know β , the shock variances, and aim at estimating γ .

1. Abstract Approach

Misspecification bias

- ▶ If the DGP has a feedback rule, one can show that, when the econometrician assumes a state-dependent rule, γ is identified and its OLS estimate is

$$\hat{\gamma} = \gamma$$

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$$\hat{\gamma} = \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)\right) \gamma + \beta\sigma_2 \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)\right)$$

- ▶ The estimation of γ will be biased (unless $\sigma_2 = \gamma\sigma_1$)

1. Abstract Approach

- ▶ Are there evidence of determinacy and specification bias when estimating DSGE-like models?

Roadmap

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2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Model

- ▶ The model is the basic forward looking three-equation NK model (Galí)

$$y_t = \alpha_y E_t[y_{t+1}] - \alpha_r (i_t - E_t[\pi_{t+1}]) + d_t, \quad (\text{Euler Equation})$$

$$\pi_t = \beta E_t[\pi_{t+1}] + \kappa y_t + \mu_t, \quad (\text{Phillips Curve})$$

- ▶ Policy rule:

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- × We alternatively close the model with the following state-dependent rule that we call “Real rate Rule” (RR):

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- ▶ Remark 1: $|\alpha_y| < 1 \rightsquigarrow$ always determinacy under RR (and α_y can be arbitrarily close to 1)
- ▶ Remark 2: We are in the configuration of the abstract example (under RR, one can compute the Equivalent TR and reciprocally)
- ▶ Remark 3: RR encompasses TR.

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Remark

$$r_t = \begin{cases} -E_t \pi_{t+1} + \phi_y y_t + \phi_\pi \pi_t + \nu_t, & \text{(Taylor Rule) (feedback)} \\ \phi_d d_t + \phi_\mu \mu_t + \tilde{\nu}_t. & \text{(Real rate Rule) (state-dependent)} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Remark 4: A real interest rule might be a realistic description of the Fed behavior.
- ▶ Realism matters for interpretation, but not for estimation
- ▶ State-dependent Monetary policy is just choosing allocations along Euler Equation and Phillips Curve as a function of the state of the economy
- ▶ Same deep parameters are estimated if monetary policy is

$$y_t = \omega_d d_t + \omega_\mu \mu_t + \hat{\nu}_t \quad \text{(Another Monetary Policy Rule)}$$

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Estimation

- ▶ US data, 1959Q1–2019Q4.
- ▶ Output gap from the CBO, log difference of the CPI for inflation, Federal Funds rate for i .
- ▶ The shadow Federal Funds rate from Wu and Xia (2016) is used from 2009 onwards - the period when the zero lower bound might be a binding constraint.
- ▶ Calibrated: $\beta = .99$ $\alpha_r = 1$ (log utility) and $\alpha_y = .999$ (quasi no Euler-discounting)
- ▶ Bayesian estimation

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Results

Estimated Slope of the Phillips Curve, Taylor rule (TR) *versus* Real rate Rule (RR)

Taylor Rule		Real rate Rule	
κ	0.68	κ	0.006
	(0.06)		(0.001)

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Determinacy bias

Estimated and Implied Policy Parameters

	Taylor Rule	Real rate Rule	
ϕ_π	1.77		
ϕ_y	-0.01		
		ϕ_d	0.97
		ϕ_μ	-0.46

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There is a determinacy bias

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Pre- versus Post-Volcker

- ▶ Clarida, Galí and Gertler [2000]:
 - × Estimate a Taylor rule on Pre- versus Post-Volcker data.
 - × Find that Pre-Volcker Taylor rule leads to indeterminacy once put in a “simple” NK model.
- ▶ Lubik and Schorfheide [2004]:
 - × Full information estimation of a NK model with Taylor rule and allowing for sunspot solutions
 - × Find that U.S. monetary policy post-1982 is consistent with determinacy, whereas the pre-Volcker policy is not.

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

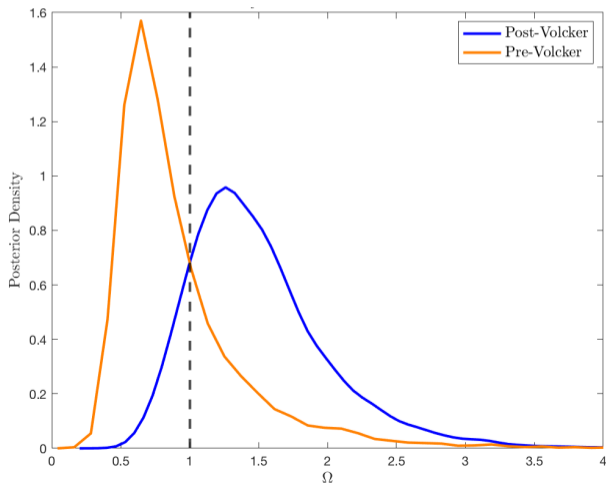
Pre- versus Post-Volcker

- ▶ We estimate separately the model over the two sub-periods with a Real Rate rule.
- ▶ We find that the equivalent Taylor rule creates indeterminacy pre-Volcker, not post-Volcker

2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Pre- versus Post-Volcker

Is the Equivalent Taylor rule Determinate?
(posterior distribution of Ω , $\Omega > 1 \rightsquigarrow$ indeterminacy)



2. A Simple Three-Equation Estimated Model

Pre- versus Post-Volcker

- ▶ Estimating with a Taylor Rule
 - × We never find indeterminacy (by construction, as this is ruled out by the estimation)
 - × But the Phillips curve κ is unstable between the two periods: $\kappa = .22 \rightsquigarrow \kappa = .75$ (determinacy bias)
- ▶ Estimating with a state-dependent Real Rate rule
 - × We find no flattening of the Phillips curve: $\kappa = .003 \rightsquigarrow \kappa = .0015$
 - × The real rate rule becomes more aggressive for demand shocks, less for supply ones.

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Augmented Three-Equation Model

- ▶ Take a richer model with habit persistence and a hybrid Phillips curve.



$$i_t = \begin{cases} \phi_y y_t + \phi_\pi \pi_t + \nu_t, & \text{(Taylor Rule)} \\ E_t[\pi_{t+1}] + \phi_{y-1} y_{t-1} + \phi_{\pi-1} \pi_{t-1} + \phi_d d_t + \phi_\mu \mu_t + \nu_t. & \text{(Real rate Rule)} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ We obtain the same results:
 - × The implied TR is in the indeterminacy zone
 - × Phillips curve is flatter with the RR: $\kappa = 0.004$ instead of 0.67.

3. Extensions

A HANK Model

- ▶ Take a simple-to-solve HANK model, as written by Broer, Harbo Hansen, Krusell and Öberg [2020].
- ▶ It is a Huggett-Aiyagari model with sticky wages and some tricks to make computation easier.
- ▶ We obtain the same results:
 - × The implied TR is in the indeterminacy zone
 - × Phillips curves are much flatter with the RR: $\kappa_P = 0.003$ instead of 0.72, $\kappa_W = 0.03$ instead of 0.15

3. Extensions

Smets & Wouters [2007]

- ▶ Large model with 7 shocks, 36 estimated coefficients, 19 state variables
- ▶ 7 observable series, Bayesian estimation
- ▶ Estimated Taylor Rule in S&W:

$$i_t = \rho i_{t-1} + (1 - \rho) \left(\phi_\pi \pi_t + \phi_y (y_t - y_t^f) \right) + \phi_{\Delta y} \left((y_t - y_t^f) - (y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^f) \right) + \varepsilon_t^i$$

- ▶ The Real rate Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} r_t - E_t \pi_{t+1} &= \sigma_a \varepsilon_t^a + \sigma_b \varepsilon_t^b + \sigma_g \varepsilon_t^g + \sigma_{i^s} \varepsilon_t^i + \sigma_{p^{inf}} \varepsilon_t^p + \sigma_{w^s} \varepsilon_t^w + \sigma_{\eta^w} \eta_{t-1}^w \\ &+ \sigma_{\eta^p} \eta_{t-1}^p + \sigma_{y^p} y_{t-1}^p + \sigma_y y_{t-1} + \sigma_r r_{t-1} + \sigma_{k^{p,s}} k_{t-1}^{p,s} + \sigma_{k^s} k_{t-1}^s \\ &+ \sigma_{c^p} c_{t-1}^p + \sigma_{i^p} i_{t-1}^p + \sigma_c c_{t-1} + \sigma_i i_{t-1} + \sigma_\pi \pi_{t-1} + \sigma_w w_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t^R \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ (Is the Central Bank information set realistic?)

3. Extensions

Smets & Wouters [2007]

- ▶ Let's focus on the slope of the Phillips Curve
- ▶ The slope of the Phillips curve at the posterior mean is .003 for the TR model \rightsquigarrow there is almost no Phillips curve in Smets & Wouters (well known?)
- ▶ Slope is not significantly different in the RR model.

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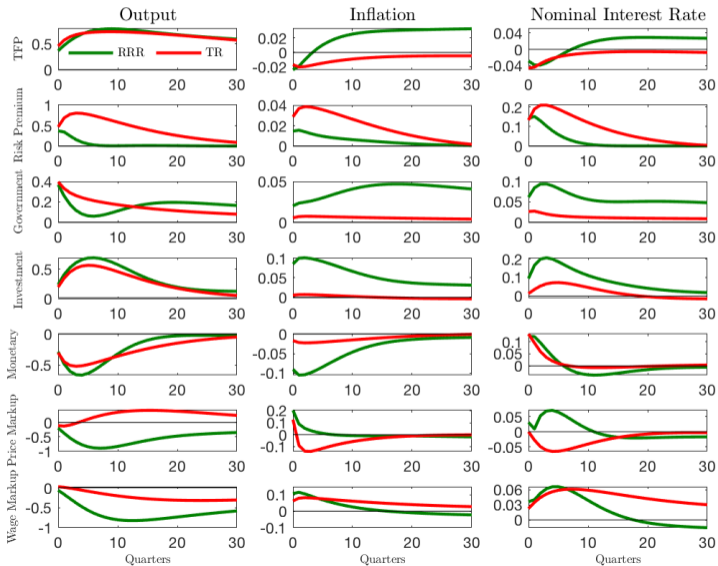
- ▶ No sign of determinacy bias with the SW extended Taylor rule.

	Implied Extended Taylor Rule	Estimated Extended Taylor Rule
ϕ_{π}	1.43	1.84
ϕ_y	0.00	0.11
ρ	0.84	0.87
$\phi_{\Delta y}$	0.17	0.25

- ▶ But evidence of misspecification bias: impulse responses and variance decomposition are pretty different
- ▶ Reminder: the (state-dependent) real rate rule *encompasses* the Taylor rule.

3. Extensions

Smets & Wouters [2007]: TR and RR: Possible misspecification bias



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Inflation Unconditional Variance Decomposition

	Full real rate rule	Smets-Wouters
TFP		2
Risk Premium		6
Government Spending		1
Investment Technology		0
Monetary Policy		2
Price Markup		47
Wage Markup		41

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Smets & Wouters [2007]: Possible misspecification bias

Inflation Unconditional Variance Decomposition

	Full real rate rule	Smets-Wouters
TFP	16	2
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Government Spending	16	1
Investment Technology	21	0
Monetary Policy	13	2
Price Markup	14	47
Wage Markup	20	41

Conclusion

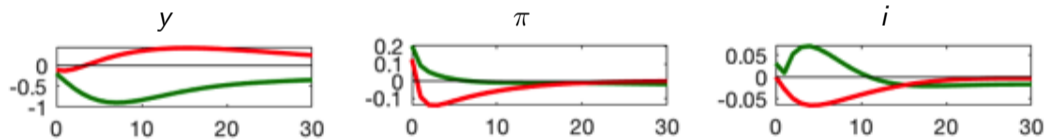
- ▶ Specification of the monetary policy rule matters big time
- ▶ Evidence of both determinacy and misspecification bias.
- ▶ I would advise practitioners to use a state-dependent monetary policy rules, or at least check if results change a lot with such a rule.



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Smets & Wouters [2007]: TR and RR: Possible misspecification bias

Response to a price markup shock



(red for the Taylor Rule, green for the Real Rate Rule)

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Output Unconditional Variance Decomposition

	Full real rate rule	Smets-Wouters
TFP	38	51
Risk Premium	1	16
Government Spending	2	2
Investment Technology	8	8
Monetary Policy	4	6
Price Markup	19	7
Wage Markup	30	9