Exchange-Rate Dynamics Chapter 4

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Rational Expectations Models

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4.3 Equilibrium with Heterogeneous Information

Dynamic Implications

Simulation of the model with:

 $\alpha = 10, \rho = 0.8$, and $\sigma_u^2 = \sigma_{\xi}^2 = 0.01$ Note:

- the spot rate appreciates two periods before the shock occurs and then gradually depreciates towards zero.
- the appreciation of the spot rate in periods -2 and -1 is larger than in period 0 when the shock hits. This is the opposite of what we would see with homogeneous information
- once the shock has occurred, informational heterogeneity adds very little to the dynamics.



Figure 1: Impulse response of the log spot rate, s_t (solid red line) and z_t component (dashed blue line) to a monetary shock, \hat{u}_t .

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4.4 Equilibrium Problems Existence and Uniqueness



Notes:

- There is a unique equilibrium where the curve II intersects the 45° line at point A.
- There is no equilibrium with curve I, and
- There are 2 equilibria with curve III and B and B_2 .

