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THE IS-LM FRAMEWORK MONETARY POLICY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

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International Linkages

(Reference: Rudiger Dornbusch and Stanley Fischer, Macroeconomics)

Important Terminology and Points to Remember

- The Balance of Payments
- Exchange rates: Fixed, Flexible and Managed/Dirty Float
- Goods Market Equilibrium: IS Curve is now also impacted by NX (Y, Y_f, R)
- Currency Appreciation shifts IS to the left
- Currency Depreciation shifts IS to the Right
- Capital Mobility: Balance of Payment and Perfect Capital Mobility
- Mundell-Fleming Model: Perfect Capital Mobility under Flexible and Fixed Exchange Rates

Structure of Lecture:

Mundell Fleming Model: Initial Equilibrium and The Four Cases

Perfect Capital Mobility with Flexible Exchange Rates

Case 1: Expansionary Fiscal Policy: Totally Non-Effective

Case 2: Expansionary Monetary Policy: Fully Effective

Perfect Capital Mobility with Fixed Exchange Rates

Case 3: Expansionary Fiscal Policy: Fully Effective

Case 4: Expansionary Monetary Policy: Totally Non- Effective

Initial Equilibrium (IS=LM=BP): Simultaneous Equilibrium in Goods Market, Money Market and Balance of Payments



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Mundell Fleming Model

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Case 1: Expansionary Fiscal Policy: Totally Non-Effective

Figure 1: Fiscal Expansion under Flexible Exchange Rates



Let Original Equilibrium be at E.

- Domestic Interest equals International Rate of Interest
- Expansionary Fiscal Policy shifts IS to IS'
- $\implies \text{Temporarily, id} > i (At Point H)$
- Huge Capital Inflow to Domestic Country
- Demand for Domestic Currency Increases
- Domestic Currency Appreciates
- Exports Decrease; Imports Increase
- Net Exports Decline
- ➡ IS Shifts inwards until reaches IS'
- \Rightarrow Income comes back to Y_0

Finally: No Change in Income; Currency has appreciated; NX has fallen; Current Account is Worse Off; and Interest returns to i = id

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Case 2: Expansionary Monetary Policy: Fully Effective





Let Original Equilibrium be at E.

Domestic Interest equals International Rate of Interest

- Expansionary Monetary Policy shifts LM to LM'
- Temporarily, id < i (At Point H)
- Huge Capital Outflow from Domestic Country
- Demand for Foreign Currency Increases
- Domestic Currency Depreciates
- Exports Increase; Imports Decrease
- Net Exports Increase
- IS Shifts outwards until reaches IS'

Income increases from Y_0 to Y_1

(So, shift in LM is followed by a shift in IS as well)

Finally:

Income increases to Y₁; Currency has depreciated; NX increases; Current Account Improves; and Interest returns to i = id

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Perfect Capital Mobility with Fixed Exchange Rates

Case 3: Expansionary Fiscal Policy: Fully Effective

Figure 3: Fiscal Expansion under Fixed Exchange Rates



- Domestic Interest equals International Rate of Interest
- Expansionary Fiscal Policy shifts IS to IS'
- $\implies \text{Temporarily, id} > i (At Point H)$
- Huge Capital Inflow to Domestic Country
 - Demand for Domestic Currency Increases
 - **Tendency for** Domestic Currency to Appreciate
 - But Domestic Currency cannot appreciate, as Fixed Exchange rate
 - To keep Exchange rate Unchanged, Government accepts foreign Currency and Releases Domestic Currency in exchange
 - Money Supply Increases; LM shifts to LM'
 - Income increases from Y_0 to Y_1

Finally: Income Increases; Currency Remains Fixed; Increase in Domestic Income from Y_0 to Y_1 increases Imports thereby NX falls; Current Account is Worse Off; and Interest returns to i = id

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Case 4: Expansionary Monetary Policy: Totally Non- Effective

Figure 4: Monetary Expansion under Fixed Exchange Rates



Let Original Equilibrium be at E.

- Domestic Interest equals International Rate of Interest
- Expansionary Monetary Policy shifts LM to LM'
- Temporarily, id < i (At Point H)
- Huge Capital Outflow from Domestic Country
- Demand for Foreign Currency Increases
- **Tendency for** Domestic Currency to Depreciate
- But Domestic Currency cannot depreciate, as Fixed Exchange rate
- To keep Exchange rate Unchanged, Government Buys Domestic Currency and releases Foreign Currency
- Money Supply Decreases; LM' shifts back to LM
- \implies Income comes back to Y_0

Finally:

No Change in Income; Currency Remains Fixed; and Interest returns to i = id

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| | Fixed Exchange Rates | Flexible Exchange Rates |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Monetary Expansion | No Output Change Reserve Losses Equal to Money Increase No Change in Exchange Rate i = id | Output Expansion Trade Balance Improves Exchange Depreciation i = id |
| Fiscal Expansion | Output Expansion Trade Balance Worsens No Change in Exchange Rate i = id | No Output Change Reduced Net Exports Exchange Appreciation i = id |

Summary Effects: Monetary and Fiscal Policy under Perfect Capital Mobility

Concluding Remarks: Beggar Thy Neighbour Policy and Competitive Depreciation
