

Competition and the Phillips Curve

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Flattening of the Phillips curve

- Federal Reserve Vice Chair: Richard Clarida, on Sept. 26, 2019
“Another key development in recent decades is that price inflation appears less responsive to resource slack. That is, the short-run price Phillips curve—if not the wage Phillips curve—appears to have flattened, implying a change in the dynamic relationship between inflation and employment”
- San Francisco Fed President: Mary Daly, on Aug. 29, 2019
“As for the Phillips curve... most arguments today center around whether it’s dead or just gravely ill. Either way, the relationship between unemployment and inflation has become very difficult to spot”
- New York Fed President: John Williams, on Feb. 22, 2019
“The Phillips curve is the connective tissue between the Federal Reserve’s dual mandate goals of maximum employment and price stability. Despite regular declarations of its demise, the Phillips curve has endured. It is useful, both as an empirical basis for forecasting and for monetary policy analysis”

Market concentration

- [Covarrubias, Gutierrez and Philippon \(2019\)](#)

“After 2000, however, the evidence suggests inefficient concentration, decreasing competition and increasing barriers to entry, as leaders become more entrenched and concentration is associated with lower investment, higher prices and lower productivity growth”

- [De Loecker, Eeckhout and Unger \(2020\)](#)

“In 1980, aggregate markups start to rise from 21% above marginal cost to 61% now. ... We also find an increase in the average profit rate from 1% to 8%. Although there is also an increase in overhead costs, the markup increase is in excess of overhead”

- [Autor, Dorn, Katz, Patterson and Reenen \(2020\)](#)

“sales concentration is rising across a large set of industries. ... aggregate markups have been rising”

What we do

- Argue that market concentration affects the slope of the Phillips curve and the transmission of monetary policy
- Extend the New Keynesian model under CES monopolistic competition
 - Introduce entry and exit as in [Bilbiie, Ghironi and Melitz \(2008\)](#) and [Bilbiie, Fujiwara and Ghironi \(2014\)](#)
 - Replace CES by HSA (*Homothetic Single Aggregator*) demand system proposed by [Matsuyama and Ushchev \(2017, 2020a,b, 2022\)](#)
 - Robustness check with two alternative homothetic demand systems proposed by [Matsuyama and Ushchev \(2017, 2020a,b\)](#)

HSA

- HSA demand system is *flexible* and *tractable*
 - CES and Translog are special cases
 - HSA can accommodate
 - *Marshall's Second law* : the price elasticity of demand goes up with its price
⇒ Concentration causes higher markup rate
 - *The Third law* ([Matsuyama and Ushchev, 2022](#)) : the speed of the price elasticity change slows down with its price ⇒ Concentration causes lower pass-through rate
 - Its single aggregator summarizes all the impacts of market concentration on the price elasticity, the pass-through rate, and hence the flattening of the Phillips curve
 - The impact of concentration to the Phillips curve is summarized by two sufficient statistics, both functions of $z = p/A(\mathbf{p})$, the price divided by the single aggregator
 - ① the price elasticity: $\zeta(z)$
 - ② the pass-through rate: $\rho(z)$

Key takeaways

- *Steady-state effect of concentration*
 - Gross substitutes: $s(z) \uparrow \Leftrightarrow z \downarrow$
 - Under Rotemberg pricing, *the Second law* \Rightarrow lower price elasticity \Rightarrow higher markup rate \Rightarrow *structurally flattening the Phillips curve*
 - Under Calvo pricing, *the Third law* \Rightarrow lower pass-through rate \Rightarrow *structurally flattening the Phillips curve*
- *Dynamic effect of endogenous entry*
 - Concentration affects price setting dynamically through strategic complementarity - endogenous cost-push shock
 - The supply side effects of monetary policy through the entry of firms
 - Pass-through rate plays an important role in cyclicalty of markup
- *Observational implications of concentration and endogenous cost-push shock under the Second law*
 - A *naive* regression of the inflation rate on the real marginal cost \Rightarrow the *negative* omitted variable bias (OVB): underestimating the slope
 - Under Rotemberg, *the Third law* matters for the *magnitude*
 - Under Calvo, both *Second and Third laws* matter for the *magnitude*

NKPC under HSA

- Concentration: $s(z) \uparrow \Leftrightarrow z \downarrow$
 - The Second law: $\zeta'(z) > 0$
 - The Third law: $\rho'(z) > 0$
- Rotemberg pricing

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1-\delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \overbrace{\frac{\zeta(z)-1}{\chi}}^{\text{steady-state effect}} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \overbrace{\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{1-\rho(z)}{\rho(z)}}^{\text{dynamic effect}} \hat{N}_t$$

- Calvo pricing: \tilde{z} is the average of z

$$\hat{\pi}_{t+1} = \beta(1-\delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \overbrace{\frac{(1-\phi)[1-\phi\beta(1-\delta)]}{\phi} \rho(\tilde{z})}^{\text{steady-state effect}} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \overbrace{\frac{(1-\phi)[1-\phi\beta(1-\delta)]}{\phi} \frac{1-\rho(\tilde{z})}{\zeta(\tilde{z})-1}}^{\text{dynamic effect}} \hat{N}_t$$

Related literature

- Flattening of the Phillips curve

Mis-measurement ([Goolsbee and Klenow, 2018](#); [Crump et al., 2019](#)); Labor market ([Daly and Hobijn, 2014](#)); Policy regime ([McLeay and Tenreyro, 2019](#); [L'Huillier et al., 2022](#)); Inflation expectation ([Coibion and Gorodnichenko, 2015](#); [Hazell et al., 2022](#)); Structural ([Sbordone, 2010](#); [Wang and Werning, 2022](#); [Del Negro et al., 2020](#); [Baqae et al., 2021](#); [L'Huillier et al., 2022](#); [Harding et al., 2022](#); [Rubbo, 2022](#))

- Competition and monetary policy (more on the next page)

[Wang and Werning \(2022\)](#), [Baqae, Farhi and Sangani \(2021\)](#)

- Business cycle model with entry and exit under monopolistic competition

[Bilbiie, Ghironi and Melitz \(2012, 2019\)](#), [Bilbiie, Ghironi and Melitz \(2008\)](#), [Bilbiie, Fujiwara and Ghironi \(2014\)](#), [Bilbiie \(2021\)](#)

- Equivalence/nonequivalence between Rotemberg and Calvo

[Roberts \(1995\)](#), [Nistico \(2007\)](#), [Lombardo and Vestin \(2008\)](#), [Ascari and Rossi \(2012\)](#)

- HSA

[Matsuyama and Ushchev \(2017, 2020a,b, 2022, 2023\)](#), [Kasahara and Sugita \(2020\)](#), [Grossman, Helpman and Lhuillier \(2021\)](#), [Baqae, Farhi and Sangani \(2023\)](#)

Competition and monetary policy

- CES New Keynesian model, irrespective of entry and exit
 - Competition is irrelevant to the Phillips curve
- Wang and Werning (2022)
 - In an oligopoly model with the strategic interaction
 - \uparrow concentration \Rightarrow the Phillips curve with inflation persistence + endogenous cost-push shock
- Baqaee, Farhi and Sangani (2021)
 - \uparrow concentration \Rightarrow \downarrow slope of the Phillips curve + endogenous cost-push shock
 - The supply side effects of monetary policy through the misallocation channel

	comp.	entry	pref.	nominal friction
Wang and Werning (2022)	oligo.	exo.	CES / Kimball	Calvo
Baqaee et al. (2021)	mono.	exo.	Kimball	Calvo
our paper	mono.	end.	HSA	Rotemberg / Calvo

- Simple to endogenize entry under HSA; difficult under Kimball

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HSA

- A continuum of varieties ($\omega \in \Omega$), gross substitutes and symmetry
- Market share of $\omega = \frac{p_t(\omega)c_t(\omega)}{P(\mathbf{p}_t)C_t} = s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right)$ where $\int_{\Omega_t} s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right) d\omega \equiv 1$
 - Gross substitutes $\Rightarrow s(z)$ is decreasing in z
 - $A(\mathbf{p}_t)$ implicitly defined by the adding-up constraint:

$$\int_{\Omega_t} s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right) d\omega \equiv 1$$
- $A(\mathbf{p}_t) \neq \text{constant} \times P(\mathbf{p}_t)$
 - $A(\mathbf{p}_t)$: *single aggregator*, the inverse measure of *competitive pressures*, fully captures cross price effects in the demand system
 - $P(\mathbf{p}_t)$: theoretical price index, the inverse measure of TFP, captures the *productivity consequences* of price changes

CES as a special case of HSA: $s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t}\right) = \gamma_{CES} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t}\right)^{1-\theta}$, $\theta > 1$

- Production function

$$C_t = Z_C \left[\int_{\Omega_t} c_t(\omega)^{1-\frac{1}{\theta}} d\omega \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}$$

- Hicksian demand function

$$c_t(\omega) = Z_C^{\theta-1} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{P_t} \right)^{-\theta} C_t$$

- The market share function

$$s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t}\right) = \gamma_{CES} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t}\right)^{1-\theta} = \frac{p_t(\omega) c_t(\omega)}{P_t C_t} = Z_C^{\theta-1} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{P_t}\right)^{1-\theta}$$

- $P_t = \text{constant} \times A_t$, iff CES, proved by [Matsuyama and Ushchev \(2017\)](#)

Three price indices

- P_t : the final goods price (CPI), which captures the productivity effects of entry – the reference price for consumers

$$\int_{\Omega_t} \frac{p_t(\omega) c_t(\omega)}{P_t C_t} d\omega \equiv 1$$

- A_t : the single price aggregator, which captures the competitive effects of entry – the reference price for firms

$$\int_{\Omega_t} s \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t} \right) d\omega \equiv 1$$

- p_t : the average price index (PPI) – the measured price index (without entry effects)

$$p_t = \int_{\Omega_t} s \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t} \right) p_t(\omega) d\omega$$

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Model

- Bilbiie, Ghironi and Melitz (2008) and Bilbiie, Fujiwara and Ghironi (2014) under HSA
 - 4 agents
 - ① Consumer
 - ② Intermediate goods producer
 - ③ Final goods producer
 - ④ Central bank
 - Symmetric equilibrium under *monopolistic competition*
 - Rotemberg price adjustment cost – Calvo pricing in Section 7
 - Endogenous entry but exogenous exit

Timing

- In every period, there is an unbounded mass of prospective entrants
- One-period time-to-build lag: entrants at time t only start producing at time $t + 1$
- Exogenous destruction: all firms are subject to identical probability δ of exogenous firm destruction at the end of each period, after production and entry
 - A proportion δ of new entrants will never produce

Consumer

- A representative household maximizes

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t (u(C_t) - v(L_t))$$

subject to the budget constraint

$$\frac{B_{t+1}}{P_t} + x_{t+1} \int_{\Omega_t + \Omega_{E,t}} \frac{V_t(\omega)}{P_t} d\omega + C_t = \frac{(1 + i_{t-1})B_t}{P_t} + x_t \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{D_t(\omega) + V_t(\omega)}{P_t} d\omega + \frac{W_t}{P_t} L_t$$

- The final good is produced with intermediate inputs under HSA technology, which leads to the HSA demand for intermediate inputs

MC intermediate inputs producers

- Intermediate inputs producer ω maximizes the value of the firm

$$\frac{V_t(\omega)}{P_t} = \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} m_{t,t+1} \left(\frac{D_{t+1}(\omega)}{P_{t+1}} \right)$$

subject to the profit

$$\frac{D_t(\omega)}{P_t} = \frac{p_t(\omega)}{P_t} y_t(\omega) - \frac{W_t}{P_t} l_t(\omega) - \frac{\chi}{2} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{p_{t-1}(\omega)} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{p_t(\omega)}{P_t} y_t(\omega)$$

the linear production technology

$$y_t(\omega) = Z_{P,t} l_t(\omega)$$

the HSA demand curve

$$y_t(\omega) = c_t(\omega) = s \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_t} \right) \frac{P_t C_t}{p_t(\omega)}$$

Central bank

- A simple feedback rule

$$(1 + i_t) = (1 + i_{t-1})^{\alpha_i} \left(\frac{p_t}{p_{t-1}} - 1 \right)^{(1-\alpha_i)\alpha_\pi} u_t$$

Aggregate conditions

- Free entry condition

$$\frac{W_t}{P_t} \frac{f_{E,t}}{Z_{E,t}} = \frac{V_t}{P_t}$$

- Labor market clearing

$$L_t = N_t l_t + N_{E,t} \frac{f_{E,t}}{Z_{E,t}}$$

- Firm dynamics

$$N_t = (1 - \delta)(N_{t-1} + N_{E,t-1}) = (1 - \delta)N_{H,t-1}$$

- Aggregate accounting

$$\frac{V_t}{P_t} N_{E,t} + C_t = \frac{D_t}{P_t} N_t + \frac{W_t}{P_t} L_t$$

- Adding up constraint

$$s\left(\frac{p_t}{A_t}\right) = s(z_t) = \frac{1}{N_t}$$

- Final goods price

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_t}{A_t}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{z_t}{\bar{p}_t}\right) = \bar{\kappa} - \frac{1}{s(z_t)} \left[\int_{z_t}^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi \right]$$

where

$$z_t := \frac{p_t}{A_t}, \bar{p}_t := \frac{p_t}{P_t}$$

Equilibrium

- An *equilibrium* in this economy is
 - a collection of sequence of aggregate prices $\{P_t, A_t, W_t, i_t\}$ and the price of intermediate goods $\{p_t\}$
 - a collection of sequences of aggregate quantities $\{Y_t, C_t, L_t\}$ and quantities of intermediate goods $\{y_t, l_t\}$
 - a collection of sequences of firm-value functions and profit $\{V_t, D_t\}$ together with measures of operating firms and entering firms $\{N_t, N_{E,t}\}$
- These equilibrium objects satisfy the following conditions
 - households maximize their utility subject to their budget constraints
 - intermediate-good firms maximize the net present value of their per-period profits
 - final-good firms maximize profits
 - all of the feasibility constraints are satisfied

Preference and detrending

- Preference

$$u(C_t) := \frac{C_t^{1-\sigma} - 1}{1-\sigma}, v(L_t) := \frac{L_t^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi}$$

- Nominal variables are detrended

$$w_t := \frac{W_t}{P_t}, d_t := \frac{D_t}{P_t}, v_t := \frac{V_t}{P_t}, z_t := \frac{p_t}{A_t}, \bar{p}_t := \frac{p_t}{P_t}, \pi_t := \frac{p_t}{p_{t-1}}$$

System of equations

- 1 Taylor rule

$$(1 + i_t) = (1 + i_{t-1})^{\alpha_i} (\pi_t - 1)^{(1 - \alpha_i)\alpha_\pi} u_t$$

- 2 Euler equation for bonds

$$C_t^{-\sigma} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t C_{t+1}^{-\sigma} \frac{1 + i_t}{\pi_{t+1}} \frac{\bar{p}_{t+1}}{\bar{p}_t}$$

- 3 New Keynesian Phillips curve (hereafter, NKPC)

$$\left[1 - \frac{\chi}{2} (\pi_t - 1)^2\right] \frac{s'(z_t) z_t}{s(z_t)} + \left[1 - \frac{s'(z_t) z_t}{s(z_t)}\right] \frac{L_t^\psi C_t^\sigma}{Z_{P,t} \bar{p}_t} - \chi (\pi_t - 1) \pi_t + \beta (1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \frac{C_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{C_t^{-\sigma}} \chi (\pi_{t+1} - 1) \pi_{t+1}^2 \frac{s(z_{t+1})}{s(z_t)} \frac{\bar{p}_t}{\bar{p}_{t+1}} \frac{A_{t+1}}{A_t} \frac{Y_{t+1}}{Y_t} = 0$$

- 4 Euler equation for equity

$$L_t^\psi C_t^\sigma \frac{f_{E,t}}{Z_{E,t}} = \beta (1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \frac{C_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{C_t^{-\sigma}} \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{L_{t+1}^\psi C_{t+1}^\sigma}{Z_{P,t+1} \bar{p}_{t+1}} - \frac{\chi}{2} (\pi_{t+1} - 1)^2\right] s(z_{t+1}) Y_{t+1} + L_{t+1}^\psi C_{t+1}^\sigma \frac{f_{E,t+1}}{Z_{E,t+1}} \right\}$$

- 5 Firm dynamics

$$\frac{1}{s(z_t)} = (1 - \delta) \left[\frac{1}{s(z_{t-1})} + \frac{Z_{E,t-1}}{f_{E,t-1}} \left(L_{t-1} - \frac{Y_{t-1}}{\bar{p}_{t-1} Z_{t-1}} \right) \right]$$

- 6 P_t/A_t

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_t}{A_t}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{z_t}{\bar{p}_t}\right) = R - \frac{1}{s(z_t)} \left[\int_{z_t}^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi \right]$$

- 7 Resource constraint

$$C_t = \left[1 - \frac{\chi}{2} (\pi_t - 1)^2\right] Y_t$$

Steady state

- 1 Taylor rule

$$\pi = 1$$

- 2 Euler equation for bonds

$$i = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta}$$

- 3 NKPC

$$L\psi Y^\sigma = \frac{\bar{p}}{1 - \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z}} Z_P$$

- 4 Euler equation for equity

$$L = \frac{1}{1 - \delta} \frac{f_E}{Z_E} \left[\delta - \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta} \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \right] \frac{1}{s(z)}$$

- 5 Firm dynamics

$$Y = - \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta(1 - \delta)} Z_P \frac{f_E}{Z_E} \frac{\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \frac{z}{s(z)}}{\exp\left(\bar{K} - \frac{\int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi}{s(z)}\right)}$$

- 6 P/A

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{z}{\bar{p}} = \exp\left(\bar{K} - \frac{\int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi}{s(z)}\right)$$

Linearized system of equations

1 Taylor rule

$$\hat{i}_t = \alpha_i \hat{i}_{t-1} + (1 - \alpha_i) \alpha_\pi \hat{\pi}_t + u_t$$

2 Euler equation for bonds

$$\hat{Y}_t = \mathbf{E}_t \hat{Y}_{t+1} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[\hat{i}_t - (\hat{p}_t - \mathbf{E}_t \hat{p}_{t+1}) - \mathbf{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} \right]$$

3 NKPC

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \frac{1}{\chi} \left[-\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \right] (\psi \hat{L}_t + \sigma \hat{Y}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) + \frac{1}{\chi} \left[\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} - \frac{\frac{s''(z)z}{s'(z)}}{1 - \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z}} \right] \hat{z}_t + \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbf{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1}$$

4 Euler equation for equity

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \hat{L}_t &= \left\{ [1 - \beta(1 - \delta)] \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} + \beta(1 - \delta) \right\} \psi \mathbf{E}_t \hat{L}_{t+1} + [1 - \beta(1 - \delta)] \left[\sigma \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} + (1 - \sigma) \right] \mathbf{E}_t \hat{Y}_{t+1} \\ &\quad - (\hat{f}_{E,t} - \hat{Z}_{E,t}) + \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbf{E}_t (\hat{f}_{E,t+1} - \hat{Z}_{E,t+1}) - [1 - \beta(1 - \delta)] \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \mathbf{E}_t \hat{Z}_{P,t+1} \end{aligned}$$

5 Firm dynamics

$$\hat{z}_t = (1 - \delta) \hat{z}_{t-1} - \left\{ \left[\delta \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z} - \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta} \right] \hat{L}_t - \hat{Y}_t + \hat{p}_t + \hat{Z}_{P,t} \right\} + \delta \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z} (\hat{f}_{E,t} - \hat{Z}_{E,t})$$

6 $\hat{P}_t - \hat{\lambda}_t$

$$\hat{P}_t - \hat{\lambda}_t = \hat{z}_t - \hat{p}_t = \left[1 + \frac{\int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta}{s(z)} \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \right] \hat{z}_t$$

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NKPC under HSA

- How does market concentration affect the slope of the Phillips curve?
- How does the entry cost f_E affect the number of firms N in the steady state, and then the slope of NKPC?

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\pi}_t &= \beta(1-\delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\chi}\left[-\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)}\right]}_{\text{steady-state effect}}(\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\chi}\left[\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} - \frac{\frac{s''(z)z}{s'(z)}}{1 - \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z}}\right]}_{\text{dynamic effect}}\left[-\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)}\right]\hat{z}_t \\ &= \beta(1-\delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \underbrace{\frac{\zeta(z)-1}{\chi}}_{\text{steady-state effect}}(\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\chi}\frac{1-\rho(z)}{\rho(z)}}_{\text{dynamic effect}}\hat{N}_t \end{aligned}$$

- Price elasticity: $\zeta(z) := -\frac{\partial \ln(c_t(\omega))}{\partial \ln(p_t)} = 1 - \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} > 1$

- Markup rate under flexible price: $\mu^f(z) = \zeta(z) / (\zeta(z) - 1)$

- Pass-through rate under flexible price: $\rho(z) := \frac{\partial \ln(p_t)}{\partial \ln(W_t/Z_{P,t})} = \left[1 - \frac{d \ln\left(\frac{\zeta(z)}{\zeta(z)-1}\right)}{d \ln(z)}\right]^{-1}$

- The role of pass-through rate in NKPC: [Baqae et al. \(2021\)](#), [Auclert et al. \(2022\)](#) Super-elasticity

NKPC under CES

- Under CES

$$s(z) = \gamma_{CES} z^{1-\theta}$$

- No effect from competition – the entry cost $f_{E,t}$ – on parameters in NKPC

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{\theta - 1}{\chi} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t)$$

- Due to constant price elasticity under CES
 - no effect to the slope of the Phillips curve
 - no dynamic effect of endogenous entry

Implications of the Second law $\zeta'(z) > 0$

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \overbrace{\frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi}}^{\text{steady-state effect}} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \overbrace{\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)}}^{\text{dynamic effect}} \hat{N}_t$$

- 1 Steady-state effect of concentration - flattening of the Phillips curve
 - More concentration \Leftrightarrow higher market share: $s(z) \uparrow \Leftrightarrow z \downarrow$
 - $\zeta'(z) > 0 \Rightarrow \zeta(z) \downarrow$, flattening of the Phillips curve
- 2 Dynamic effect of endogenous entry - endogenous cost-push shock

$$\hat{\mu}_t^f = -\frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)} \hat{z}_t = -\frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)} (\hat{p}_t - \hat{A}_t)$$

- $\zeta'(z) > 0 \Leftrightarrow$ incomplete pass-through: $\rho(z) < 1 \Leftrightarrow$ *strategic complementarity*
 - The firm reduces its price and markup rate in response to more competitive pressure, a lower A_t , when other firms reduce their prices
 - If $\hat{\mu}_t^f = -(\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t)$ and \hat{N}_t move to the opposite directions to a structural shock, its impact on inflation is muted

Supply side effects of monetary policy

- Dynamic effect of endogenous entry \Rightarrow the supply side effects of monetary policy
- Misallocation across heterogeneous firms in [Baqaee, Farhi and Sangani \(2021\)](#)
 - Monetary easing \Rightarrow production shifts to more efficient firms $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ aggregate TFP $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ inflation-stimulating effect \downarrow
- Entry of firms in our model
 - Monetary easing \Rightarrow number of firms $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ markup rate via the Second law $\downarrow \Rightarrow$ inflation-stimulating effect \downarrow

HDIA and HIIA

- [Matsuyama and Ushchev \(2017\)](#) characterize three classes of homothetic demand systems
 - 1 HSA
 - 2 HDIA (Homothetic with Direct Implicit Additivity): Without endogenous entry, this would be equivalent to [Kimball \(1995\)](#)

$$\int_{\Omega_t} \varphi \left(\frac{y_t(\omega)}{Y_t(\mathbf{y}_t)} \right) d\omega = 1$$

$$y_t(\omega) = \varphi'^{-1} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A_{\text{HDIA}}(\mathbf{p}_t)} \right) Y_t(\mathbf{y}_t)$$

- 3 HIIA (Homothetic with Indirect Implicit Additivity)

$$\int_{\Omega_t} \vartheta \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{P(\mathbf{p}_t)} \right) d\omega = 1$$

$$y_t(\omega) = -\vartheta'^{-1} \left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{P(\mathbf{p}_t)} \right) B_{\text{HIIA}}(\mathbf{y}_t)$$

NKPC under HSA, HDIA and HIIA

- The same implications on NKPC can be derived by appropriately re-defining z_t

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi} \left[(\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)} \hat{z}_t \right]$$

- Under HSA

$$z_t = \frac{p_t}{A_t}$$

- Under HDIA

$$z_t = \frac{p_t}{A_{\text{HDIA},t}}$$

- Under HIIA

$$z_t = \frac{p_t}{P_t}$$

- GE implications, such as entry, productivity, and welfare, can be very different across the three classes

Cyclicalty of markup to the technology shock

	Flexible price	Sticky price
CES	constant	procyclical
The Second law	countercyclical	procyclical / countercyclical

- In a flexible price equilibrium under CES, constant
- In a sticky price equilibrium under CES, procyclical
 - The marginal cost decreases but the price does not change
- In a flexible price equilibrium under the Second law, countercyclical
 - A positive technology shock increases the number of firms, which causes the markup rate to decline
- In a sticky price equilibrium under the Second law, generally ambiguous and depends on the tension between nominal rigidities and the pass-through rate

$$\hat{\mu}_t = \frac{1}{\zeta(z) - 1} \left\{ \overbrace{\chi [\beta (1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} - \pi_t]}^{\text{nominal rigidity}} - \overbrace{\frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)} \hat{N}_t}^{\text{pass-through}} \right\}$$

- Disagreement about the cyclicalty of the markup in the literature as surveyed by [Nekarda and Ramey \(2020\)](#)

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Parametric families of HSA

	Share	Price elasticity	Pass-through
CES	$s(z) = \gamma_{CES} z^{1-\theta}$	$\zeta(z) = \theta$	$\rho(z) = 1$
Translog	$s(z) = \gamma_{TL} \ln\left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)$	$\zeta(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)}$	$\rho(z) = \frac{1 + \ln\left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)}{2 + \ln\left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)}$
Co-PaTh	$s(z) = \gamma_{CP} \theta^{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)^{\frac{1-\rho}{\rho}}\right]^{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}}$	$\zeta(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)^{\frac{1-\rho}{\rho}}}$	$\rho(z) = \rho < 1$

- $\bar{z} := \inf\{z > 0 | s(z) = 0\}$: if $\bar{z} < \infty$, $\bar{z}A_t$ is the choke price

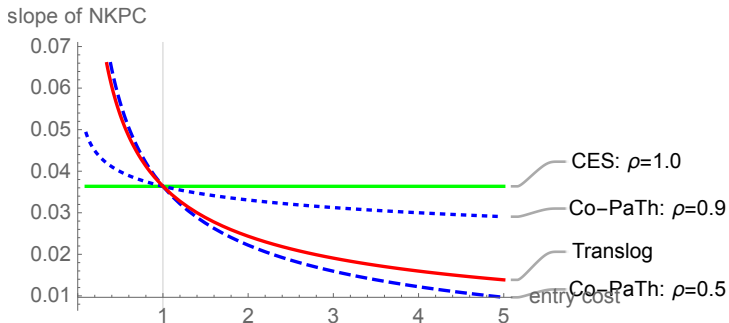
$$\bar{z} = \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta - 1}\right)^{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}}$$

Calibration

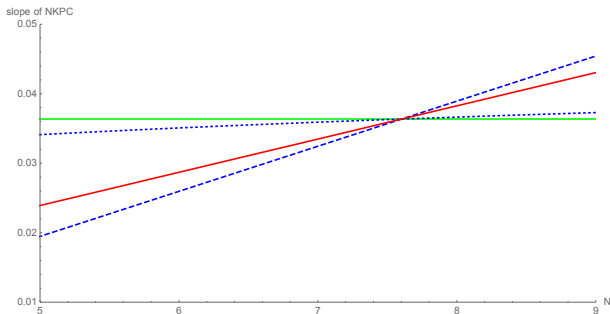
parameter	definition	value
β	subjective discount factor	0.99
σ	relative risk aversion	1
δ	exit rate	0.025
ψ	inverse of labor supply elasticity	1
f_E, Z_E, Z_P	technologies	1
θ	price elasticity under CES	3.8
χ	Rotemberg adj. cost	77
α_i	policy inertia	0.9
α_π	policy reaction to π	1.1 or ∞
ρ	pass-through rate	1, 0.9 or 0.5

- Most are taken from [Bilbiie, Fujiwara and Ghironi \(2014\)](#)
- $\bar{K} = 1/(\theta - 1) \Leftrightarrow Z_C = \gamma_{CES}^{1/(\theta-1)} \Leftrightarrow P_t = A_t$ under CES
- γ_{TL} and γ_{CP} are calibrated so that $\zeta(z) = \theta$ when $f_E = 1$

Entry cost and the slope of NKPC (Fig. 2)



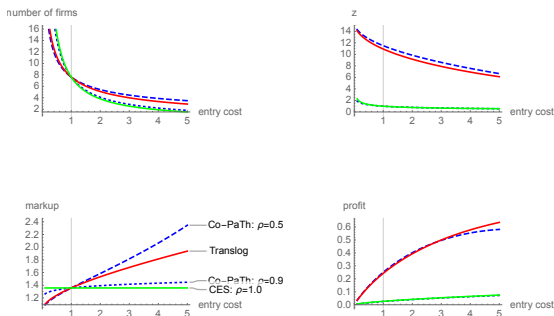
Concentration and the slope of NKPC (Fig. 2)



- The slope of NKPC: $\frac{\zeta(z)-1}{\chi}$, where $\frac{dz}{dN} > 0$,
- The Second law

$$\zeta'(z) > 0, \quad \frac{d \ln \left(\frac{\zeta(z)}{\zeta(z)-1} \right)}{d \ln(z)} = 1 - \frac{1}{\rho(z)} < 0$$

SS with varying entry cost (Fig. 1)



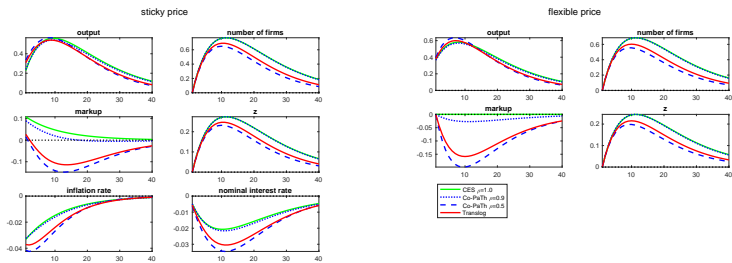
- Increasing barriers to entry: higher entry cost
 - Market concentration: fewer number of firms
 - More concentration \Leftrightarrow high market share (concentration), $s(z) \uparrow \Leftrightarrow z \downarrow$
 - The Second law: $\zeta'(z) > 0 \Rightarrow \zeta(z) \downarrow$
 - Higher markup, $\mu(z) = \frac{\zeta(z)}{\zeta(z)-1} \uparrow$: higher profit

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Impulse responses

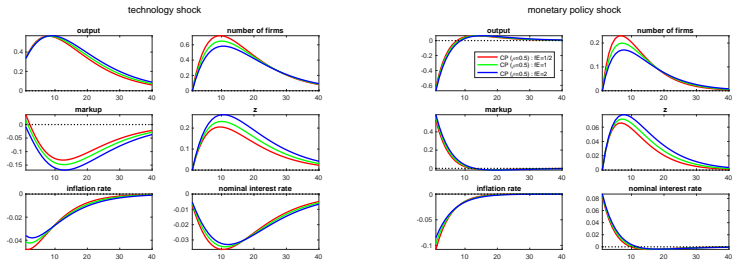
- Two shocks
 - 1 Technology shock: $Z_{P,t}, Z_{E,t}$
 - 2 Monetary policy shock: u_t
- Two scenarios
 - 1 Around the same steady state markup
 - 2 Around the different market concentration reflecting difference in the entry cost
 - Two countries
 - Two regulatory regimes

Technology shock by pass-through rate (Fig. 3)



- Under both sticky and flexible prices
 - Higher return $\Rightarrow C_t = Y_t \uparrow$ and $N_{E,t} \uparrow$ for intertemporal smoothing, but gradual increase in $N_t \Rightarrow z_t \uparrow \Rightarrow y_t \downarrow \Rightarrow d_t \downarrow$
 - Smaller pass-through \Rightarrow lower markup \Rightarrow lower profits \Rightarrow weaker incentive for creation \Rightarrow muted increase in N_t
- Sticky vs Flex
 - Countercyclical (procyclical) markup under flexible (sticky) price
 - Cyclicity of markup depends on the pass-through and nominal rigidities
 - The dynamic effect of endogenous entry \Rightarrow deflation with small $\rho(z)$

Technology and monetary policy shocks by entry cost (Fig. 4)



- Higher entry cost \Rightarrow higher market concentration
 - Response of π_t becomes smaller
 - The Second law \Rightarrow flatter NKPC

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NKPC under Calvo pricing

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{(1 - \phi)[1 - \phi\beta(1 - \delta)]}{\phi} \left[\rho(\tilde{z}) (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{1 - \rho(\tilde{z})}{\zeta(\tilde{z}) - 1} \hat{N}_t \right]$$

where $\tilde{\pi}_t := \tilde{p}_t / \tilde{p}_{t-1}$, $\tilde{z}_t := \tilde{p}_t / A_t$ and \tilde{p}_t is implicitly given by $\int_{\Omega_t} s(p_t(\omega) / A_t) d\omega = 1 = N_t s(\tilde{p}_t / A_t)$

- Concentration leads to flattening of NKPC under the Third law (Matsuyama and Ushchev, 2023; Baqaee et al., 2023)
 - A higher price leads to a smaller rate of change in the price elasticity
 - A higher entry cost leads to less competitive pressures and lowers the pass-through rate
 - Translog cannot accommodate the Third law
- Strategic complementarity \Rightarrow real rigidity

Power elasticity of markup rate

- Power Elasticity of Markup rate (hereafter, PEM) proposed by [Matsuyama and Ushchev \(2023\)](#) accommodates the third law
- The market share function: either $\bar{z} = \infty$ and $c \leq 1$ or $\bar{z} < \infty$ and $c = 1$, $\kappa > 0$ and $\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow$ the Second law and the strong Third law

$$s(z) = \exp \left[\int_{z_0}^z \frac{c}{c - \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa \bar{z}^{-\lambda}}{\lambda}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\kappa \zeta^{-\lambda}}{\lambda}\right)} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \right]$$

- Price elasticity

$$\zeta(z) = \frac{1}{1 - c \exp\left(\frac{\kappa \bar{z}^{-\lambda}}{\lambda}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa z^{-\lambda}}{\lambda}\right)}$$

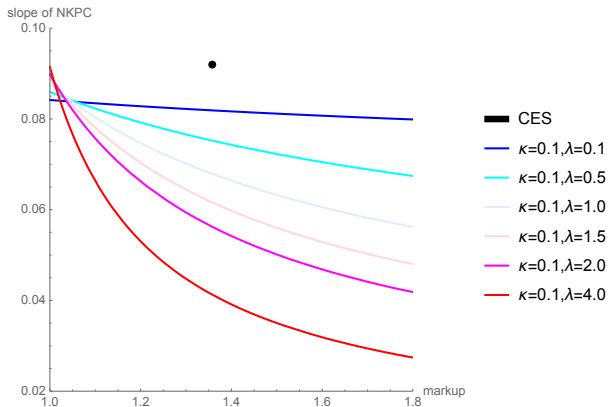
- Pass-through

$$\rho(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \kappa z^{-\lambda}}$$

- PEM collapses to

- CES with $\kappa = 0$, $c = 1 - 1/\theta$ and $\bar{z} = \infty$
- Co-PaTh with $\lambda = 0$, $\kappa = (1 - \rho) / \rho$, $c = 1$ and $\bar{z} < \infty$

The markup rate and the slope of NKPC under Calvo



- Each locus traces the markup rate $\zeta(\tilde{z}) / [\zeta(\tilde{z}) - 1]$ and the slope of NKPC $(1 - \phi) [1 - \phi\beta(1 - \delta)] \rho(\tilde{z}) / \phi$ by changing \tilde{z} under several λ with the reset probability $1 - \phi = 0.25$

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Omitted variable bias

- We now show that under the Second law
 - Concentration affects price setting dynamically through strategic complementarity - endogenous cost-push shock
 - A *naive* regression of the inflation rate on the real marginal cost \Rightarrow the omitted variable bias (OVB): underestimating the slope
- Under Rotemberg pricing, the Third law matters for the magnitude of negative bias
- Under Calvo pricing, both Second and Third laws matter for the magnitude of negative bias

OVB: Rotemberg pricing

- NKPC under Rotemberg pricing

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi}_t - \beta(1 - \delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} &= \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\chi\rho(z)}\hat{N}_t \\ &= \kappa^R (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\chi\rho(z)}\hat{N}_t\end{aligned}$$

- Estimation of NKPC

$$\hat{\pi}_t - \beta(1 - \delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} = \bar{\kappa} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) + \varepsilon_t$$

- The estimated slope coefficient is biased

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\kappa} &= \kappa^R - \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\chi\rho(z)} \frac{\text{cov}((\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t), \hat{N}_t)}{\sigma_x^2} \\ &= \kappa^R + \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\chi\rho(z)} \frac{\text{cov}(\hat{\mu}_t, \hat{N}_t)}{\sigma_x^2}\end{aligned}$$

- The Second law

- countercyclical markup $\Leftrightarrow \text{cov}(\hat{\mu}_t, \hat{N}_t) < 0 \Rightarrow$ negative bias

- The Third law

- \uparrow market concentration $\Rightarrow \uparrow [1 - \rho(z)] / \rho(z) / \chi \Rightarrow \uparrow$ negative bias

OVB: Calvo pricing

- NKPC under Calvo pricing

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi}_t - \beta(1-\delta)\mathbb{E}_t\hat{\pi}_{t+1} &= \frac{(1-\phi)[1-\phi\beta(1-\delta)]}{\phi} \left[\rho(\bar{z})(\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{1-\rho(\bar{z})}{\zeta(\bar{z})-1}\hat{N}_t \right] \\ &= \kappa^C(\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{(1-\phi)[1-\phi\beta(1-\delta)]}{\phi} \frac{1-\rho(\bar{z})}{\zeta(\bar{z})-1}\hat{N}_t\end{aligned}$$

- The estimated slope coefficient is biased

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\kappa} &= \kappa^C - \frac{(1-\phi)[1-\phi\beta(1-\delta)]}{\phi} \frac{\rho(\bar{z})[1-\rho(\bar{z})]}{\zeta(\bar{z})-1} \frac{\text{cov}((\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t), \hat{N}_t)}{\sigma_x^2} \\ &= \kappa^C + \frac{(1-\phi)[1-\phi\beta(1-\delta)]}{\phi} \frac{\rho(\bar{z})[1-\rho(\bar{z})]}{\zeta(\bar{z})-1} \frac{\text{cov}(\hat{\mu}_t, \hat{N}_t)}{\sigma_x^2}\end{aligned}$$

- The Second law

- countercyclical markup $\Leftrightarrow \text{cov}(\hat{\mu}_t, \hat{N}_t) < 0 \Rightarrow$ negative bias

- The Second and Third laws

- \uparrow market concentration $\Rightarrow \downarrow$ the price elasticity (the Second law) + \downarrow the pass-through rate (the Third law) $\Rightarrow \uparrow \rho(\bar{z})[1-\rho(\bar{z})] / [\zeta(\bar{z})-1] \Rightarrow \uparrow$ negative bias

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Key takeaways

- *Steady-state effect of concentration*
 - Gross substitutes: $s(z) \uparrow \Leftrightarrow z \downarrow$
 - Under Rotemberg pricing, *the Second law* \Rightarrow lower price elasticity \Rightarrow higher markup rate \Rightarrow *structurally flattening the Phillips curve*
 - Under Calvo pricing, *the Third law* \Rightarrow lower pass-through rate \Rightarrow *structurally flattening the Phillips curve*
- *Dynamic effect of endogenous entry*
 - Concentration affects price setting dynamically through strategic complementarity - endogenous cost-push shock
 - *The supply side effects of monetary policy* through the entry of firms
 - Pass-through rate plays an important role in cyclicality of markup
- *Observational implications of concentration and endogenous cost-push shock under the Second law*
 - A *naive* regression of the real marginal cost on the inflation rate \Rightarrow the *negative OVB*: underestimating the slope
 - Under Rotemberg, *the Third law* matters for the *magnitude*
 - Under Calvo, both *Second and Third laws* matter for the *magnitude*

Future studies

- Future studies include
 - Optimal policy
 - Wage Phillips curve
 - More general price setting mechanisms such as menu cost
 - We conjecture that results would be a hybrid of Rotemberg and Calvo
 - Heterogeneous firm

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P(p_t) vs A(p_t)

- Under HSA

$$\frac{\partial P(\mathbf{p}_t) / \partial p_t(\omega)}{P(\mathbf{p}_t) / p_t(\omega)} = s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial (P(\mathbf{p}_t) / A(\mathbf{p}_t))}{P(\mathbf{p}_t) / A(\mathbf{p}_t)} = \frac{s(z_t(\omega))}{z_t(\omega)} \partial z_t(\omega)$$

- By integrating

$$\ln\left(\frac{P(\mathbf{p}_t)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right) = \bar{K} - \int_{\Omega_t} \left[\int_{\frac{p_t(\omega)}{\bar{A}_t}}^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi \right] d\omega$$

- $\bar{z} := \inf\{z > 0 | s(z) = 0\}$: if $\bar{z} < \infty$, $\bar{z}\bar{A}_t$ is the choke price
- \bar{K} : a constant
- $P(\mathbf{p}_t) = \text{constant} \times A(\mathbf{p}_t)$ iff CES, because, by differentiating the adding-up constraint

$$\frac{\partial \ln(A(\mathbf{p}_t))}{\partial \ln(p_t(\omega))} = \frac{\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)} s'\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right)}{\int_{\Omega_t} \frac{p_t(\omega')}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)} s'\left(\frac{p_t(\omega')}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right) d\omega'} \neq s\left(\frac{p_t(\omega)}{A(\mathbf{p}_t)}\right) = \frac{\partial \ln(P(\mathbf{p}_t))}{\partial \ln(p_t(\omega))}$$

unless $s(z)$ is a power function

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Super-elasticity

- Super-elasticity (Klenow and Willis, 2016)

$$\bar{\zeta}(z) := \frac{\zeta'(z)z}{\zeta(z)}$$

- The relationship between the super-elasticity and the pass-through rate is given by

$$\bar{\zeta}(z) = \left[\frac{1}{\rho(z)} - 1 \right] [\zeta(z) - 1]$$

- NKPC under Rotemberg

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{1}{\chi} \frac{\bar{\zeta}(z)}{\zeta(z) - 1} \hat{N}_t$$

- NKPC under Calvo

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{(1 - \phi)[1 - \phi\beta(1 - \delta)]}{\phi[\zeta(z) - 1 + \bar{\zeta}(z)]} \left\{ [\zeta(z) - 1] (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{\bar{\zeta}(z)}{\zeta(z) - 1} \hat{N}_t \right\}$$

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Flexible price by entry

- When entry firms face no nominal frictions, NKPC is given by

$$\hat{\pi}_t^* = \beta(1-\delta)\hat{\pi}_{t+1}^* + \frac{\zeta(z)-1}{\chi} \frac{1}{1-\delta} [1-\delta\rho(z)] (\hat{w}_t + \hat{p}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t}) - \frac{1}{\chi} \frac{1-\rho(z)}{\rho(z)} \frac{1}{1-\delta} \hat{N}_t$$

where the average inflation rate is implicitly given by

$$\sum_{\tau=2}^{\infty} (1-\delta)^{\tau-1} \hat{\pi}_{t,t-\tau} = \sum_{\tau=2}^{\infty} (1-\delta)^{\tau-1} \hat{\pi}_t^* = \frac{1-\delta}{\delta} \hat{\pi}_t^*$$

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NKP with output gap

- To transform the real marginal cost (reciprocal of the markup rate) into the output gap, we extend [Bilbiie \(2021\)](#)'s static entry model to include sticky prices and HSA

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi}_t &= \beta \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi} (\hat{W}_t - \hat{Z}_{P,t} - \hat{p}_t) - \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi} \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)} \hat{z}_t \\ &= \beta \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \kappa(z) \hat{Y}_t - \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{\chi} \frac{1 - \rho(z)}{\rho(z)} \hat{z}_t\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\kappa(z) := \frac{1}{\chi} \frac{\frac{\sigma + \psi}{1 + \psi} [\zeta(z) - 1] - \frac{1 - \sigma}{1 + \psi} \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{s(z)} \int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi}{1 - \frac{\zeta(z) - 1}{s(z)} \int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi}$$

- Flattening of NKP with concentration under benchmark calibration

$$\frac{d\kappa(z)}{dz} > 0$$

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Computation of z

- Steady state of z is pinned down by

- Pricing formula: $f(L(z), Y(z), z) = 0$

$$L(z)^{\psi} Y(z)^{\sigma} = \frac{\overbrace{\left[\underbrace{1 - \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z}}_{\text{markup}} \right]}^w \underbrace{Z_P}_{\text{MPL}}}{\left[1 - \frac{s(z)}{s'(z)z} \right] \exp \left(\text{const.} - \int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi \right)}$$

- Firm dynamics: $Y = Y(z)$

$$Y(z) = - \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta(1 - \delta)} Z_P \frac{f_E}{Z_E} \frac{\frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \frac{z}{s(z)}}{\exp \left(\text{const.} - \int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi \right)}$$

- Value of the firm: $L = L(z)$

$$L(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \delta} \frac{f_E}{Z_E} \left[\delta - \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta} \frac{s'(z)z}{s(z)} \right] \frac{1}{s(z)}$$

Computation of z under CES

- Steady state of z is pinned down by
 - Pricing formula: $f(L(z), Y(z)) = \text{constant}$

$$\underbrace{L(z)^\psi Y(z)^\sigma}_{\text{MRS}} = \frac{\overbrace{\theta - 1}^{\text{markup}} \underbrace{Z_P}_{\text{MPL}}}{\theta}$$

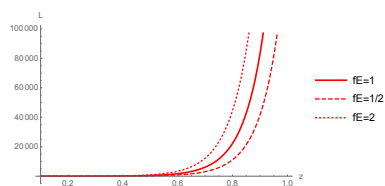
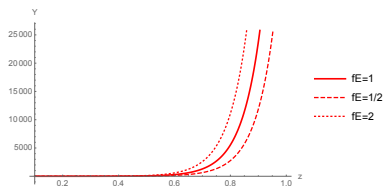
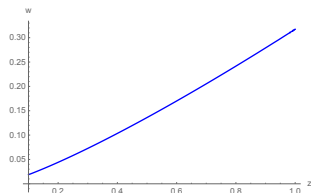
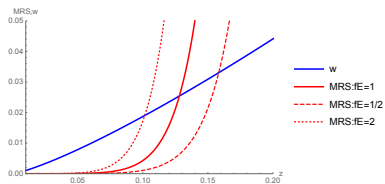
- Firm dynamics: $Y = Y(z): \frac{\partial Y}{\partial z} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial z \partial f_E} > 0$

$$Y(z) = \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta(1 - \delta)} Z_P \frac{f_E}{Z_E} (\theta - 1) z^{\theta - 1}$$

- Value of the firm: $L = L(z): \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial z \partial f_E} > 0$

$$L(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \delta} \frac{f_E}{Z_E} \left[\delta + \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta)}{\beta} (\theta - 1) \right] z^{\theta - 1}$$

Labor market equilibrium with f_E : Co-PaTh, $\rho = 0.9$



Analytical integration

- For some special cases, we can obtain an analytical expression for the integral, $\int_z^{\bar{z}} \frac{s(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi$
- Under Co-PaTh, the integral is given by the hypergeometric function

$$\int \frac{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\xi}{\bar{z}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\nu}}\right]^\nu}{\xi} d\xi = \frac{\nu \left[1 - \left(\frac{\xi}{\bar{z}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\nu}}\right]^{1+\nu}}{1+\nu} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1)_n (1+\nu)_n}{(2+\nu)_n n!} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\xi}{\bar{z}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\nu}}\right]^n$$

- Under Translog

$$\int \frac{\gamma_{TL} \ln\left(\frac{z}{\xi}\right)}{\xi} d\xi = -\frac{\gamma_{TL}}{2} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\bar{z}}{\xi}\right)\right]^2$$