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Homework # 2

1. Obtain data on Thailand's exchange rate (Baht per US Dollar) during 1990-2009. Plot its movement and offer your observations on its fluctuation.
2. If central bank never intervened in foreign exchange markets, could there be deficits or surpluses in a country's balance of payments? Explain.
3. Why is there a potential conflict between internal and external balance under a fixed exchange rate system? How does a flexible exchange rate system eliminate such a potential conflict?
4. What is meant by a balance of payment curve? Suppose under fixed exchange rate and fixed price an economy has the following features

Exports $X = x_0 = 150$

Imports $Z = w + vY = 50 + 0.1Y$

Net Capital Inflow $F = F = \alpha r = 10r$

Find the equation and draw graph for the balance of payment curve. Determine the balance of payment situation under

- a. $Y=1200, r = 2$
 - b. $Y=1200, r = 4$
 - c. $Y=1400, r = 2$
5. In an open economy with a fixed exchange rate system and capital flows respond highly to interest rate changes, if the economy is facing a high unemployment problem and balance of payment deficit, should the government use the fiscal or monetary policy to solve the problems? Explain and draw diagrams to illustrate the situation.