

Chapter 3 : Open Economy Macroeconomics

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1 Balance of payments

Balance of Payments

- Records of all foreign economic transactions.
 - Trade in goods and services.
 - International transfers.
 - Capital movements (lending, investment)
- **Double-entry method:**
 - Foreign exchange earnings — credit (+).
 - Foreign exchange expenditures — debit (-)
 - Official reserve transactions — the opposite entry.

1. The current account (CA)

		Credit(+)	Debit(-)
	Merchandise Exports	+	
	Merchandise Imports		-
(1)	Merchandise Trade Balance	surplus	deficit
(2)	Service balance	+	-
(3)	Transfer	+	-
	CA Balance (1)+(2)+(3)	surplus	deficit

2. The capital account

	Credit(+)	Debit(-)
Public Borrowing Lending	+	-
Private Borrowing Lending	+	-
Investment Portfolio investment Direct investment	+	-
Capital Account Balance	surplus	deficit

Balance of Payments = Current Account (CA) + Capital Account (KA)

3. Official reserve transactions

- Changes in official reserve assets at the central bank due to activities in the current account and the capital account.
 - Gold;
 - Special drawing rights (SDRs);
 - Foreign currencies;
 - Foreign government securities.
- Existence of sovereign funds.

2 International Payment and Foreign Exchange Rate Market

2.1 Foreign Exchange Rate : Nominal V.S. Real

- The nominal exchange rate (e): the price of one unit of foreign currency in terms of domestic currency; rising 'e' means depreciation in local currency.
- P = the price of domestic goods in the unit of domestic currency.
- P^* = the price of foreign goods in the unit of foreign currency.
- eP^* = the price of foreign goods in the unit of domestic currency.
- The real exchange rate (rer: the terms of trade) is the price of foreign goods in terms of domestic goods:

$$\text{Real Exchange Rate} = \frac{eP^*}{P}$$

2.2 Exchange Rate Determination

- Long-run v.s. Short-run theory
- Institutional details and how a country run its exchange rate regime : Fix Exchange Rate Regime, Flexible Exchange Rate Regime and Managed Float Regime

2.2.1 Long-Run Theory : The Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)

- Accounting for the long-run movement of nominal exchange rate is often referred to the theory of purchasing power parity, i.e. PPP.
- The theorem is founded upon one the most important concepts in international trade theory so called “**the law of one price**”
- Law of One Price : an identical product should be priced the same across countries. A dollar should buy the same everywhere.
 - Holds under (i) zero transport cost and (ii) no trade barriers.
 - $P = eP^*$
 - If the condition doesn't hold, we are under the arbitrage condition.
 - * If $eP_i^* > P_i$, domestic good-i is cheaper. Foreigners buy more domestic goods; P is rising
 - * If $eP_i^* < P_i$, foreign good-i is cheaper. Domestic consumers buy more foreign goods; P is falling
 - The idea is extended to aggregate level.

$$eP^* = P$$

$$e = \frac{P}{P^*}$$

P and P^* are consumer price index

- If domestic inflation rate exceeds the inflation rate of foreign country, domestic currency should be depreciating.
- In the long-run, productivity matters for the exchange rate movement.
 - Fast-growing productive economy (such as China) should have its national currency appreciate.
- The nominal exchange rate implied by PPP is treated as the long-run equilibrium rate.
- Deviation from PPP exchange rate.
 - Ex: Item X is an internationally-traded good.
The US: the price of X is \$10.
Thailand: the price of X is THB200.
The PPP rate: $\text{THB}200/\$10 = \text{THB}20/\1 .
But the nominal rate is THB30/\$1.
So the Thai baht is undervalued by 33%!
- The Big Mac Index by the Economist

“Academic economists are taking burgeronomics more seriously, chewing over the Big Mac index in almost a dozen studies. Now a whole book has been written about the index* by Li Lian Ong, of the International Monetary Fund. She says it has been surprisingly accurate in tracking exchange rates in the long term. But there are **some persistent deviations from PPP**. In particular, **emerging-market currencies are consistently undervalued**.

Differences in productivity are one explanation of this. **Rich countries have higher productivity than poor countries**, but their advantage tends to be smaller in non-tradable goods and services than in tradables. Because wages are the same in both sectors, non-tradables are cheaper in poorer countries. Therefore, if currencies are determined by the relative prices of tradables, but PPP is calculated from a basket that includes non-tradables, such as the Big Mac, **the currencies of poor countries will always look undervalued.**”

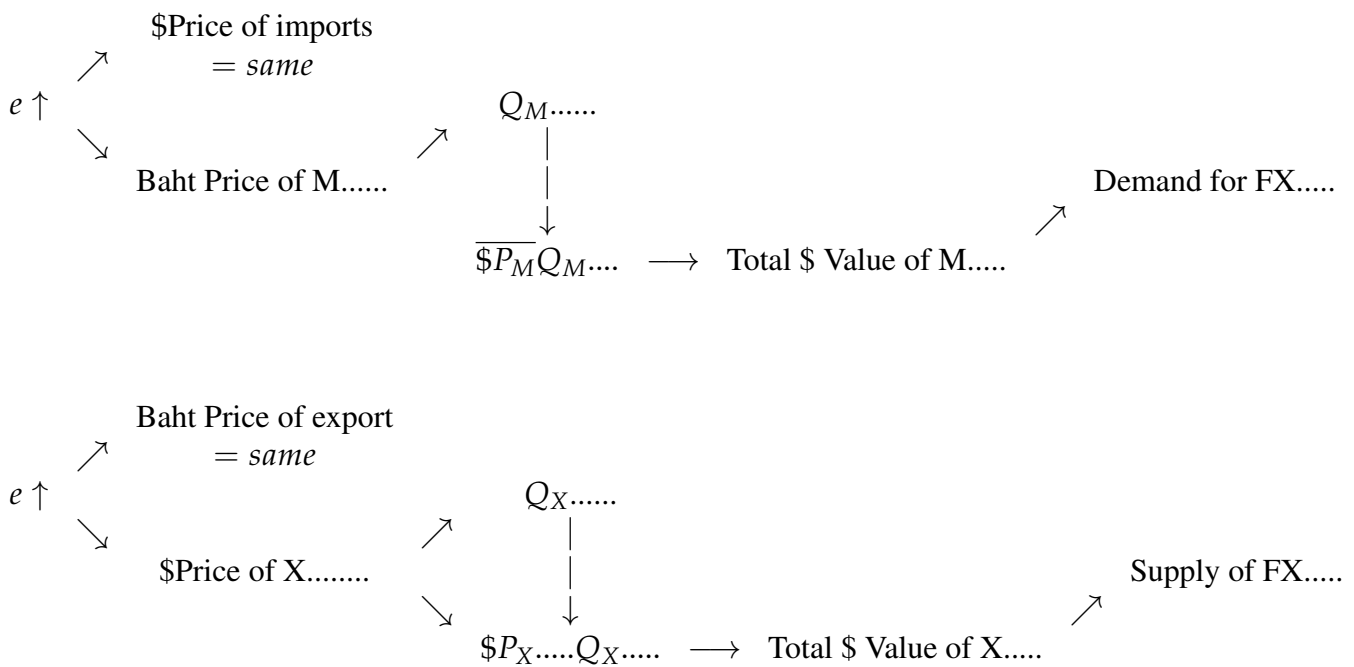
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- PPP holds in the case of traded goods with low transport cost, e.g., crude oil.
- PPP may not hold with non-traded goods (due to physical and legal barriers), e.g., services.
- In the long-term, strong market forces push foreign and domestic prices towards PPP.
 - Physical and legal barriers tend to be overcome by consumers and firms.

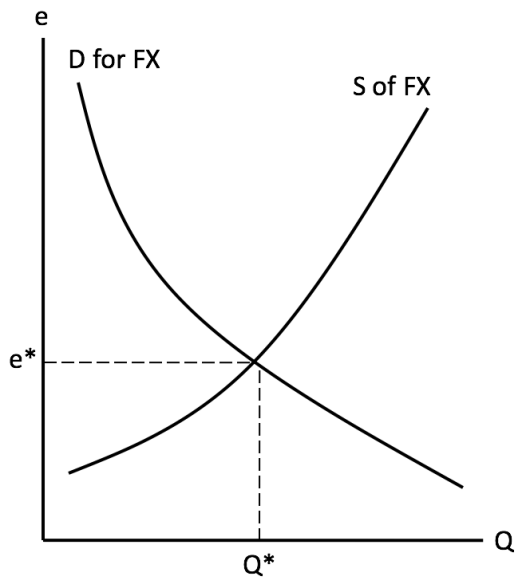
2.2.2 Short-Run Theory : Exchange Rate Market

- e is exchange rate quoted as domestic currency per unit of foreign currency.

	Demand for FX	Supply of FX
Source		
	$(1+r) \dots \frac{(1+r^*)e_{t+1}}{e_t}$	$(1+r) \dots \frac{(1+r^*)e_{t+1}}{e_t}$
FX Intervention		
e	*Unclear effect of changes in 'e' on the capital outflow. * Higher exchange rate causes a drop in the quantity of imports at the same FX price, so the FX value of imports falls.	* Effects of changes in 'e' on exports depend on the elasticity of foreign demand for exports . * Assume elastic foreign demand, the supply of FX has a positive slope.



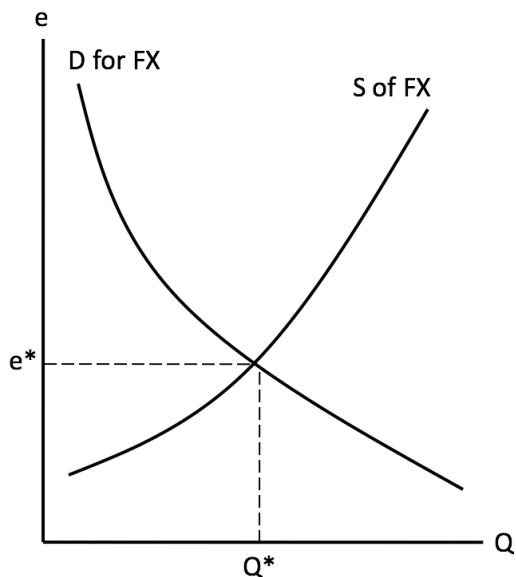
- If $|\epsilon_X^d| > 1$ \Rightarrow Effect of $\Delta Q_M \dots$ Effect of $\Delta P \Rightarrow$ Total value of \$ export \Rightarrow Supply of FX
- If $|\epsilon_X^d| < 1$ \Rightarrow Effect of $\Delta Q_M \dots$ Effect of $\Delta P \Rightarrow$ Total value of \$ export \Rightarrow Supply of FX



- Change in Exchange Rate \Rightarrow Movement Along D and S curve
- Exchange Rate $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ Demand for FX
- Exchange Rate $\downarrow \Rightarrow$ Demand for FX
- Exchange Rate $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ Supply of FX
- Exchange Rate $\downarrow \Rightarrow$ Supply of FX
- Equilibrium Exchange Rate
- Change in the other factors determining D and S for FX \Rightarrow Shift in D and S curve

2.2.2.1 Flexible Exchange Rate :

- the exchange rates that are determined by market

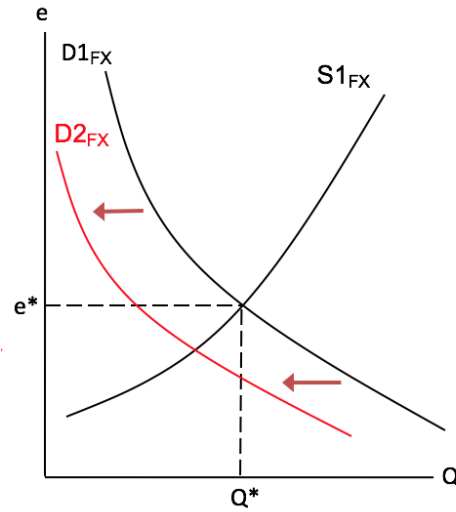
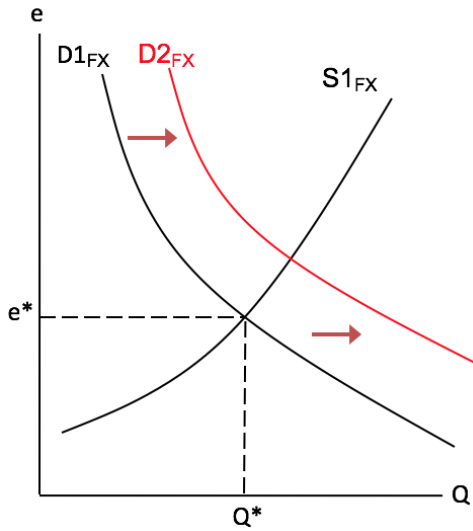


- Excess supply : BOP surplus
- Excess Demand : BOP deficit
- Supply of FX = Demand for FX
- $X = X(Y^f, e, \text{other factors})$
- $M = Z(Y, e, \text{other factors})$
- $BP = 0$ when $e = e^*$ and FX market is in equilibrium
- Flexible Exchange Rate System : BOP always equal to zero.

Under flexible exchange rate regime, at equilibrium e^* , $X - M + F = 0$.

Changes in Equilibrium : Shifts in Demand or supply

1. Demand Shifts



(a) At the original equilibrium exchange rate e_1^* , Demand for FX = Supply of FX. Balance of Payments 0. FX flows in FX flows out.

(b) Demand for FX shifts to the right, caused by

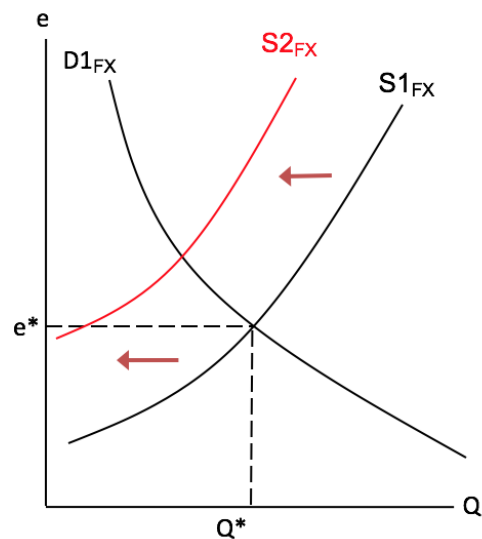
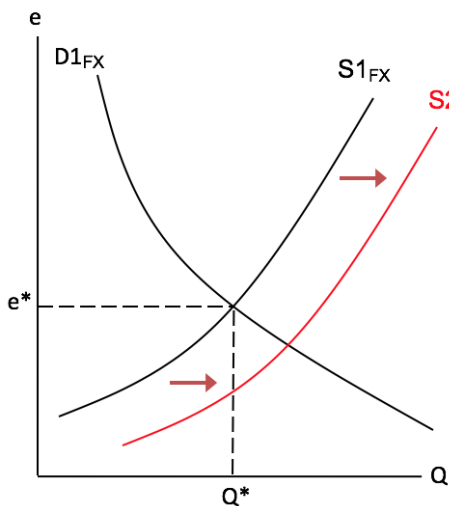
- Quantity demand for FX increases for all levels of e .
- At the original e^* , there is excess demand for FX. Balance of Payments 0. FX flows in FX flows out.

(c) There is excess demand for FX at e_1^* . Competition in the market will drive e to e_2^* .

(d) As e increases, excess demand for FX

(e) At new e_2^* , D for FX S of FX. Balance of Payments 0. FX flows in FX flows out.

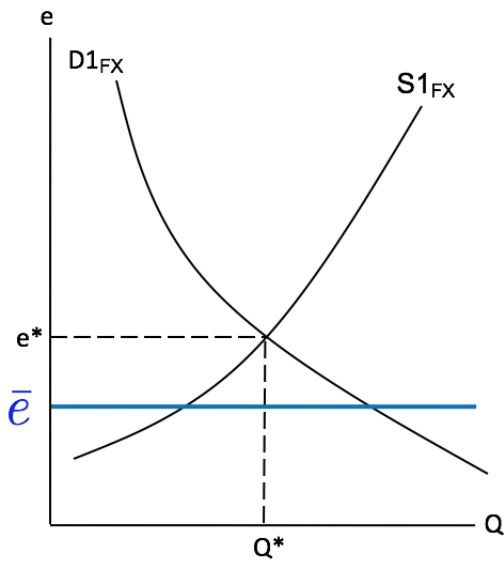
2. Supply Shifts



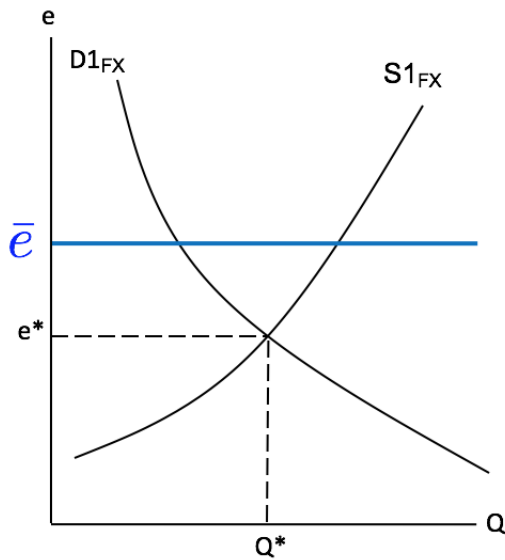
Examples : How does each of these situations affect Baht exchange rate?

- Thailand imports more US products
- Foreigners invest more in Thai stock market
- Domestic price of export goods (such as rice) decreases and Thailand rice export increase [export more rice].
- Foreign price of import goods (such as machine) decreases and Thailand value of machine import increase [import more machines].
- Changes in overall price level
 - Case of equal inflation in both countries
 - Case of inflation in only one country
 - Case of inflation at unequal rates
- Interest rate in Thailand increases so that it is more than interest rates in other ASEAN countries
- Interest rate in Thailand decreases so that it is more than interest rates in other ASEAN countries

2.2.2.2 Fixed exchange rate system: Exchange rates are determined by central bank (fix at a particular value) Authority makes an announcement in advance for a targeted level of exchange rate.



- The official exchange rate (\bar{e}) is below e^* .
- Domestic currency is overvalued.
- There is excess FX. Balance of Payments 0. FX flows in FX flows out.
- Hence the Central Bank need to FX
- Loss of FX reserve. BOP 0.
- At (\bar{e}), BOP 0 and FX flows in FX flows out.
- Devaluation of Domestic currency



- The official exchange rate (\bar{e}) is above e^* .
- Domestic currency is undervalued.
- There is excess FX. Balance of Payments 0. FX flows in FX flows out.
- Hence the Central Bank need to FX
- Accumulation of FX reserve. BOP 0.
- At (\bar{e}), BOP 0 and FX flows in FX flows out.
- Revaluation of domestic currency.

	Fix Exchange Rate	Flexible Exchange Rate
Advantage	No uncertainty in exchange rate.	Reflecting fundamental of economy
Disadvantage	Likely to invite a financial crisis; slow to respond to imbalances.	Prone to subject to high volatility; resulting in unnecessarily high cost for hedging exchange rate risk.

- Managed float regime is more popularized regime.
- Occasional intervention if rate changes at a very dramatic pace.

3 Foreign sector and IS-LM-BP Framework

- Three interconnected markets
 1. Goods Market = IS
 2. Money Market = LM
 3. International Transation = BP

Equilibrium takes place for (r, Y) that satisfy equilibrium in all three markets

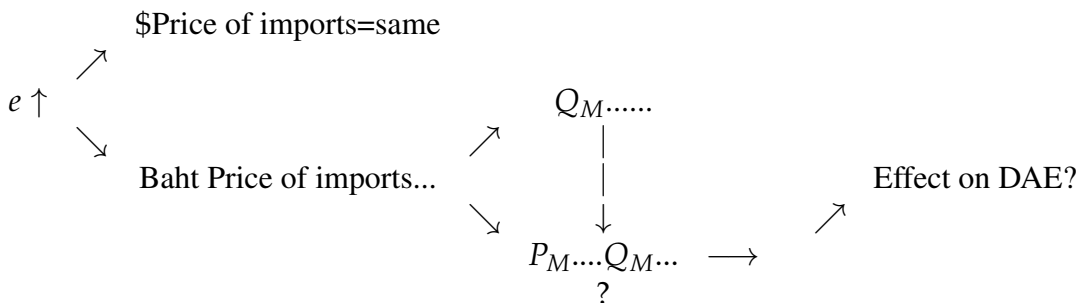
- $X - M$ and F (net capital flow) have **no direct** effect on the money market (and LM curve).
- Net exports $(X - M)$ is part of aggregate expenditure (DAE and IS curve).
 - An increase in $(X - M)$ raises DAE and shifts IS right.
 - Exports are determined by foreign income (Y^f) and exchange rate (e) .
 - Imports are determined by domestic income (Y) and exchange rate (e) .

3.1 Product market equilibrium (IS)

$$\begin{aligned}
 C + S + T &= C + I + G + (X - M) = Y \\
 S + T &= I + G + (X - M) \\
 S + T + M &= I + G + X \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

Where $\frac{\partial M}{\partial Y} \dots\dots 0$; $\frac{\partial M}{\partial e} \dots\dots 0$, when $|\epsilon_M^d| > 1$

and $\frac{\partial X}{\partial Y} \dots\dots 0$; $\frac{\partial X}{\partial e} \dots\dots 0$



• $e \uparrow \Rightarrow$ If $|\epsilon_M^d| > 1| \Rightarrow P_M Q_M \dots\dots \Rightarrow$ DAE $\dots\dots \Rightarrow$ IS $\dots\dots$

(If $|\epsilon_M^d| < 1| \Rightarrow$ Effect of $\Delta Q_M \dots\dots$ Effect of $\Delta P \Rightarrow$ Total value of Baht M $\dots \Rightarrow$ DAE $\dots\dots$)

3.2 The BP line

3.2.1 Developing BP line

- Combinations of the real interest rate and output which keep the balance of payments in equilibrium.
- The balance of payments is in equilibrium when Balance of Payments = 0.

$$BP = X - M + F$$

$$= X(Y^f, e) + M(Y, e) + F(r - r^f)$$

- where $\frac{dF}{dr} > 0$, given r^f .
- Small open economy: the country's economic activity has no influence on the world prices of goods.

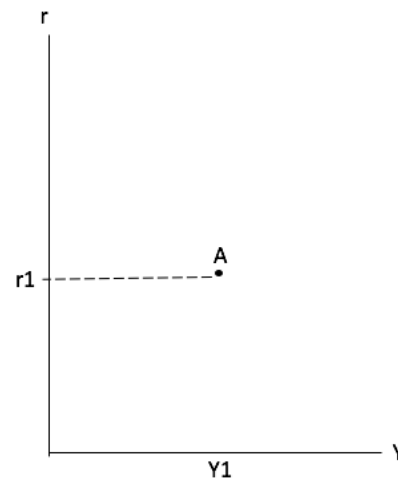
BP equation : $X - M + F = 0$; where $\frac{dF}{dr} < 0$, given r^f .

$r \uparrow \Rightarrow$ Net Capital Inflow $F(r, r^f)$ $\Rightarrow (X - M) + F = BP = 0 \Rightarrow M$ must..... $\Rightarrow Y$

- On BP : $X(Y^f, e) - M(Y, e) + F(r, r^f) = 0$, BOP is equal to zero.
- Above BP : $X(Y^f, e) - M(Y, e) + F(r, r^f)$0, BOP

 - the same X-M as A (with same Y_1)
 - $r > r^*$, has more F.
 - So at B, $BP > 0$.

- Below BP : $X(Y^f, e) - M(Y, e) + F(r, r^f)$0, BOP



3.2.2 Slope of BP line

- The slope of BP line depends on the sensitivity of capital flow (F) with respect to the domestic interest rate (r), given the foreign rate (r^f).

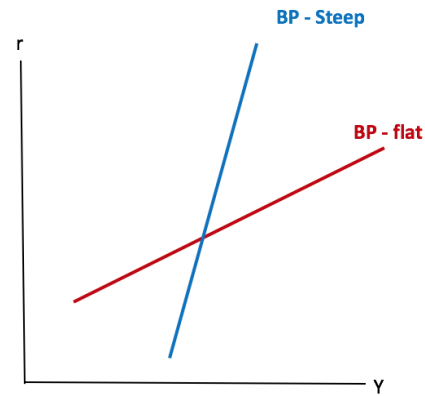
– Sensitivity = degree of capital mobility

– High degree of capital mobility

$r \uparrow \Rightarrow$ Net Capital Inflow $F(r, r^f) \uparrow \dots \Rightarrow (X - M) + F = BP = 0 \Rightarrow M \text{ must } \uparrow \dots \Rightarrow Y \uparrow \dots \Rightarrow$ BP is

– Low degree of capital mobility

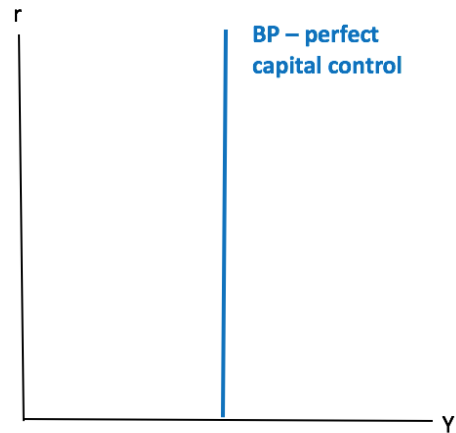
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- High sensitivity = high degree of capital mobility = flat BP.
- Low sensitivity = low degree of capital mobility = steep BP.

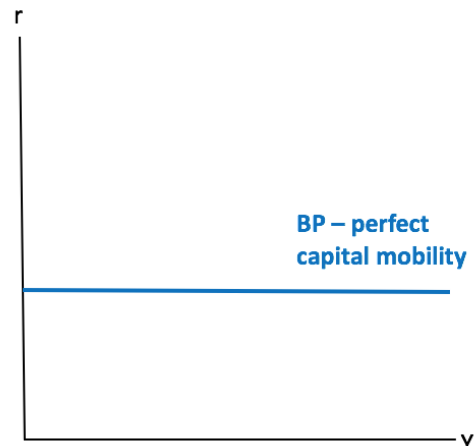
- Perfect capital control : BP is vertical**

- Whenever $r > r^f \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow r \dots$
- Whenever $r < r^f \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow r \dots$
- At A, $BP = 0$.
- At B, $BP \dots 0$, infinite capital inflow
- At C, $BP \dots 0$, infinite capital outflow



- Perfect capital mobility : BP is horizontal**

- Whenever $r > r^f \Rightarrow$ infinite capital..... \Rightarrow domestic bonds $\Rightarrow r \dots$ until
- Whenever $r < r^f \Rightarrow$ infinite capital..... \Rightarrow domestic bonds $\Rightarrow r \dots$ until
- On BP, $BP = 0$.
- Above BP, $BP \dots 0$, infinite capital inflow
- Below BP, $BP \dots 0$, infinite capital outflow



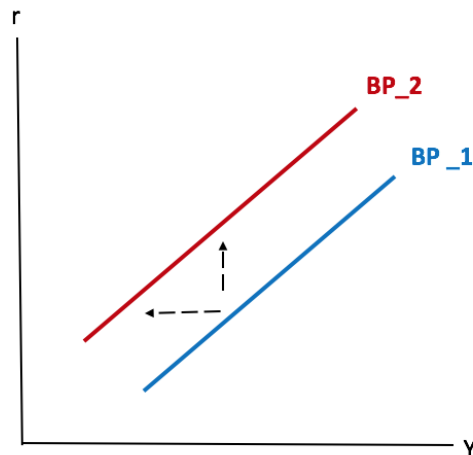
3.2.3 Shifting BP line

BP equation : $X - M + F = 0$; where $\frac{dF}{dr} < 0$, given r^f .

$r \uparrow \Rightarrow$ Net Capital Inflow $F(r, r^f)$ $\Rightarrow (X - M) + F = BP = 0 \Rightarrow M$ must..... $\Rightarrow Y$

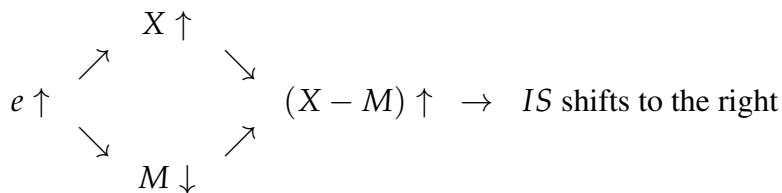
Leftward Shift

- *** higher r^f, Y for all r , or r for all Y . ***
- lower Y^f, Y for all r , or r for all Y .
- lower $REER = \frac{eP^*}{P}$, or import for all Y and export,
 Y for all r, r for all Y .



3.3 Exchange rate on IS curve

- Higher exchange rate (rising e):
 - The \$ price of exports is lower; more foreign demand for exports — exports (X) increases.
 - The domestic price of imports is higher; less demand for imports (assuming $|\epsilon_M^d| > 1$) — imports (M) falls.
 - DAE increases; IS curve shifts right.



4 The Mundell-Fleming model

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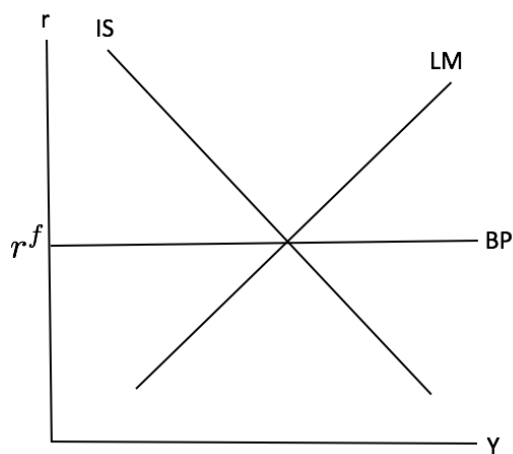
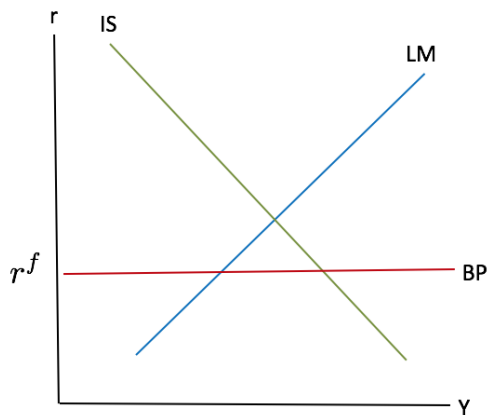
A small-open economy and the shape of BP line

- The economy has no impact on the world.
- Perfect capital mobility; no barrier to capital movement.
- Assume price is constant.
- The domestic real interest rate is the same as the world rate ($r = r^f$).
- Any deviation causes huge capital movement. If $r > r^f$, huge capital inflow. If $r < r^f$, huge capital outflow.

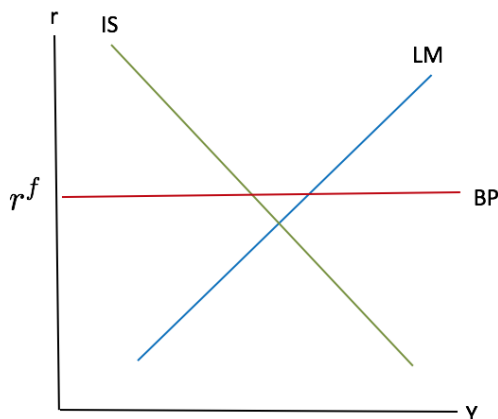
Notions of equilibrium concepts

1. **Internal equilibrium (IE)** “r” and “y” clear goods and money market: IS-LM intersection
2. **External equilibrium (EE)** “r” and “y” clear the balance of payments: on the BP

- Internal Equilibrium : BOP 0



- Internal Equilibrium : BOP 0



- **Given the Internal equilibrium, how does the economy reach the GE? Mechanism?**

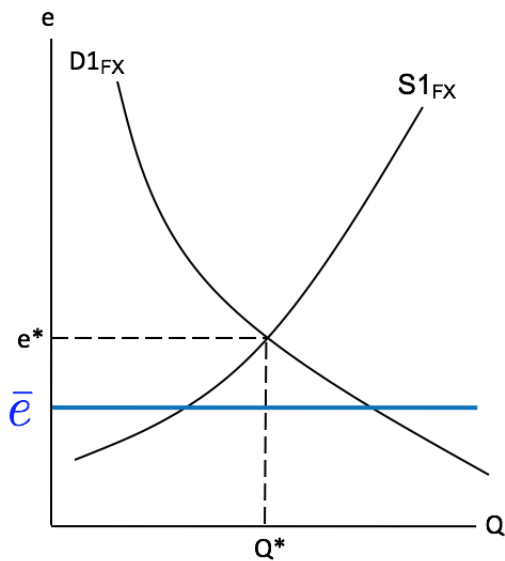
- Answer depends on the choice of exchange rate regime.
- Under the fixed exchange rate, nominal exchange rate is fixed.
 - * The adjustment mechanism will work through money supply.
- Under the flexible exchange rate, nominal exchange rate is flexible.
 - * “e” will directionally move to clear the imbalance of BOP.

5 Policy Effectiveness

5.1 Policy Effectiveness under the fixed exchange rate regime

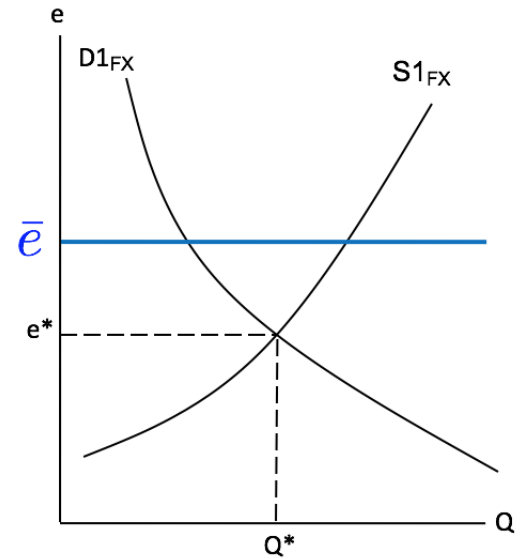
- **Exchange Rate Market and Money Supply**

Official rate e^f under e^*

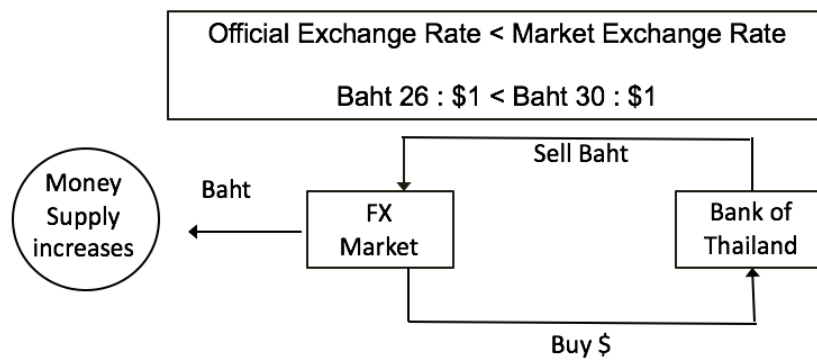
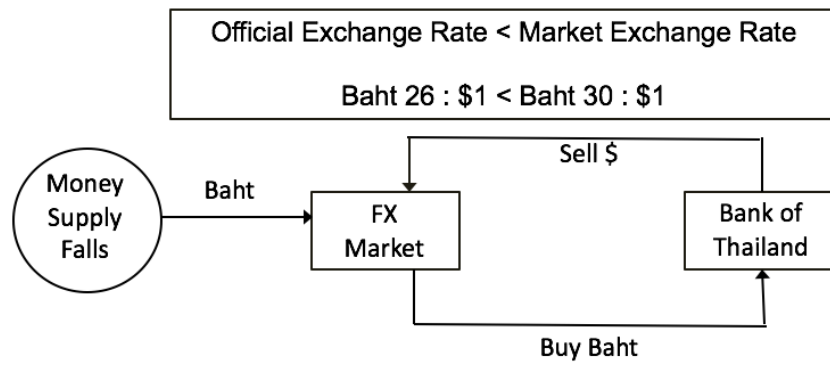


- Domestic currency is overvalued.
- Excess D for FX ; $BP < 0$.
- Central bank must sell FX to keep e^f .
- Domestic money supply falls.

Official rate e^f above e^*

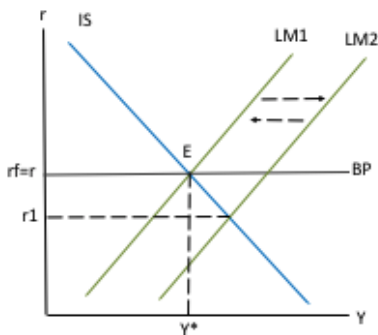


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- Excess Supply for FX ; $BP < 0$.
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$\bar{e} < e^*$,	Excess Demand	Central Bank sells FX	Money Supply ↓	BOP deficits
$\bar{e} > e^*$,	Excess Supply	Central Bank buys FX	Money Supply ↑	BOP Surplus

5.1.1 Monetary Policies under fixed exchange rate



- Initially the economy is at E. All three markets are clear. $\bar{e} = e^*$, real money supply is constant.

- Monetary policy: The central bank expands the money supply (LM shifts right).
- Domestic interest rate drops below the world rate (r^f) — huge capital outflow and $BP < 0$.
- More demand for FX; market exchange rate (e) tends to rise above the official rate.
- At new e^* , there is Excess Demand for FX
- The central bank must sell FX and buy domestic currency — the money supply decreases..
- LM shifts left.
- The domestic interest rate returns to $r = r^f$.
- $BP = 0$ at the same initial output (Y^*).

Notice:

1. Sterilization policy

- The central bank may prevent the contraction of the money supply by putting the domestic currency back into circulation.
- Buying bonds from the public.
- Forcing domestic interest rate below r^f with larger output ($Y > Y^*$).
- But the CB will keep losing FX — limited FX reserves.

2. Loss of money supply control

- The central bank cannot pursue an independent monetary policy under the fixed exchange rate regime.
 - If it increases M_s , the nominal exchange rate rises, forcing it to sell foreign currency and reduce M_s .
 - If it decreases M_s , e drops, forcing it to buy foreign currency and increase M_s .
- An independent monetary policy is self-defeating.

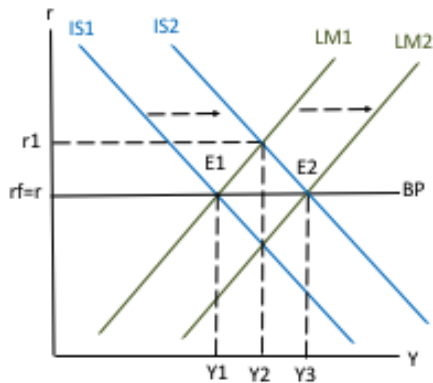
3. Impossible trinity

- Trilemma: it is impossible to conduct all three policies at the same time:
 - (1) The fixed exchange rate system
 - (2) Free capital movement
 - (3) Independent monetary policy

Ex: Mexican peso crisis (1994-95), Asian financial crisis (1997-98), Argentinian financial collapse (2001-2002).

Monetary policy is ineffective under fixed exchange rate.

5.1.2 Fiscal policy with fixed ER

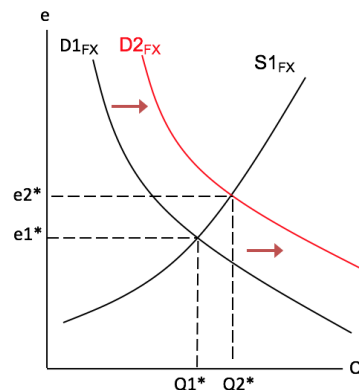
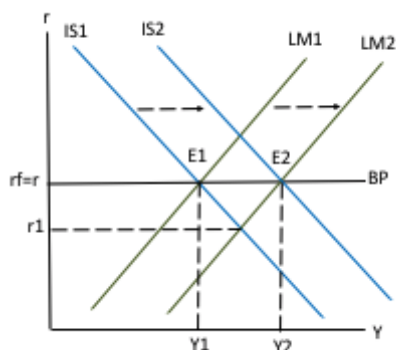


- Initially the economy is at E. All three markets are clear. $\bar{e} = e^*$, real money supply is constant.
- Government increases spending (G). IS shifts right.
- Aggregate expenditure and output increase ($AE = Y$), inducing more money demand (M^d).
- Domestic interest rate rises above r^f , causing huge capital inflow ($BP > 0$).
- More supply of FX forces the market exchange rate to fall below the official rate.
- Central bank buys FX and sells domestic currency. Money supply increases.
- LM shifts right.
- The domestic interest rate returns to $r = r^f$. $BP = 0$ at the same initial output (Y^*).

Fiscal policy is effective under fixed exchange rate.

5.2 Policy effectiveness under flexible exchange rate regime

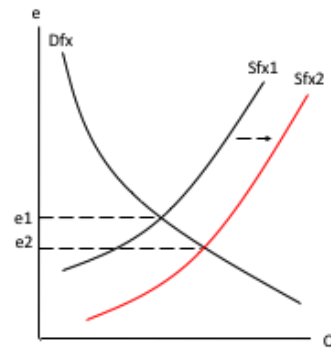
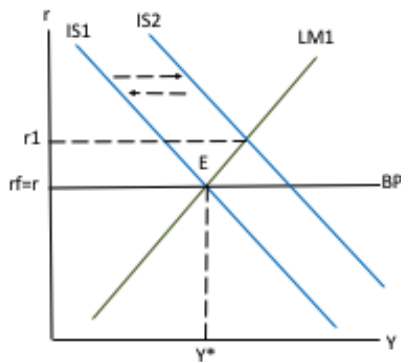
5.2.1 Monetary Policies under flexible exchange rate



- Initially the economy is at E. All three markets are clear. $e = e1^*$, real money supply is constant.
- Monetary policy: The central bank expands the money supply (LM shifts right).
- Domestic interest rate falls below r^f . Huge capital outflow ($BP < 0$); more demand for FX and nominal exchange rate (e) rises.
- Net exports ($X-M$) and AE increase (IS shifts right).
- Output increases from $Y1$ to $Y2$.
- Higher income raises money demand.
- Domestic interest rate rises to r^f .
- At $E2$, $BP = 0$ with higher income and higher exchange rate.
- **More demand for FX**
 - Easy-money policy causes $BP < 0$ and more demand for FX.
 - The domestic currency depreciates.

Monetary policy is effective under flexible exchange rate regime.

5.2.2 Fiscal Policies under flexible exchange rate



- Initially the economy is at E. All three markets are clear. $e = e1^*$, real money supply is constant
- Government increases spending (G). IS shifts right.
- Aggregate expenditure (AE) and output (Y) increase.
- Money demand rises, raising domestic interest rate above r^f . — huge capital inflow and $BP > 0$.
- More supply of FX; exchange rate falls. Net exports and AE decrease. Output drops back; money demand falls.
- Domestic interest rate falls to r^f . $BP = 0$ at the same level of income (Y^*).
- Exchange rate is lower (appreciation of domestic currency).
- Higher G results in $BP > 0$ and more supply of FX.
- The domestic currency appreciates.

Fiscal policy is ineffective under flexible exchange rate regime.

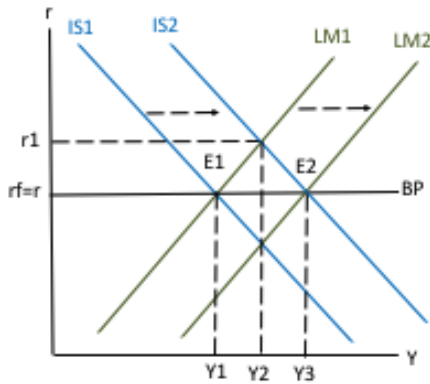
6 Shocks and Propogations

- Shocks :
 1. Domestic shocks
 - (a) Real shocks (IS)
 - (b) Financial shocks (LM)
 2. External shocks
 - (a) Real shocks (IS)
 - (b) Financial shocks (BP)

6.1 Domestic Real Shocks

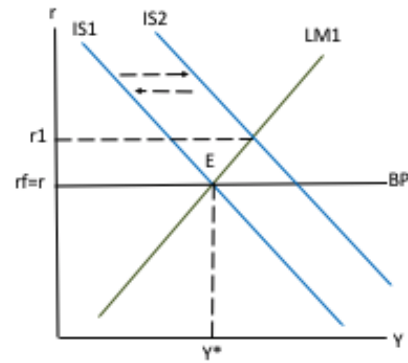
- IS shifts to the right : example , an improvement in business sentiment

Fixed Exchange Rate



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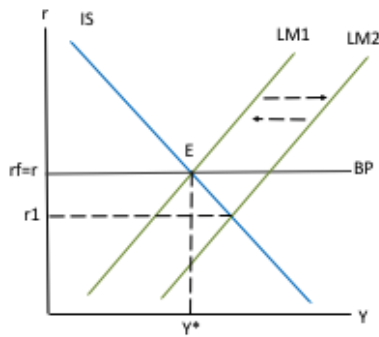
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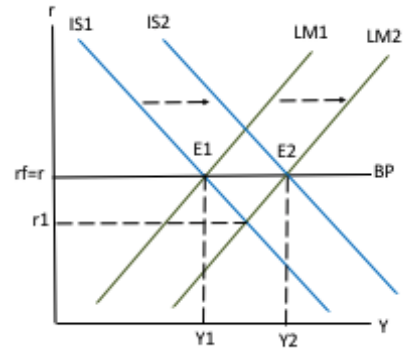
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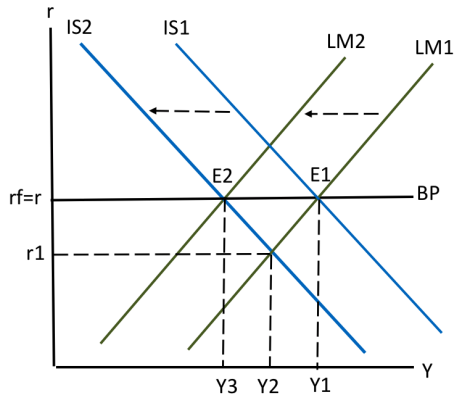


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6.3 External Real Shocks

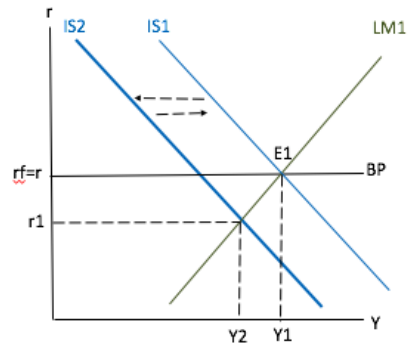
- World recession (falling world output) reduces foreign demand for exports (X).
 - Net exports (X-M) and DAE fall; IS shifts left.
 - Output drops and money demand decreases.
 - Domestic interest rate drops below r^f ; huge capital outflow and BP < 0.
 - More demand for FX; central bank sells FX and buys domestic currency.

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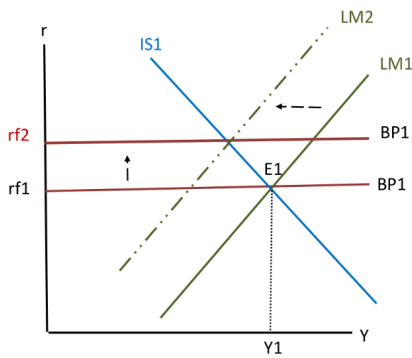


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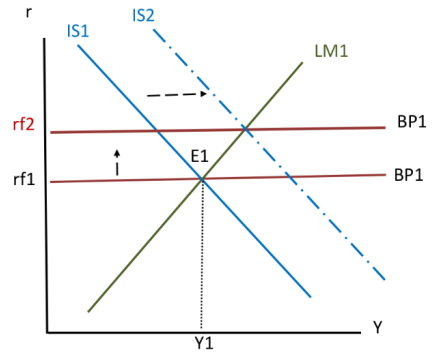
- Fed raises FED fund rate

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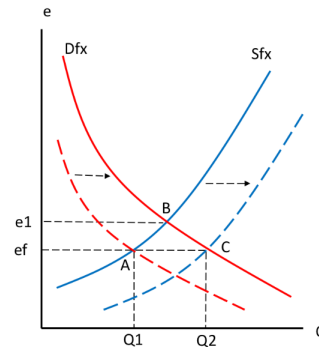


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6.5 Policy in response to shocks

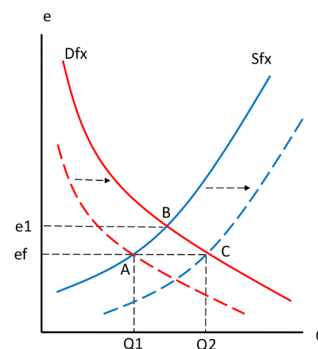
6.5.1 Fixed Exchange rate : Required foreign exchange market intervention in response to shocks

- when $e > e^f$
- More D_{fx} ; $BP < 0$; $e^f < e1$
- Central bank must sell FX to keep e^f .
- Domestic money supply falls.
- Loss of official reserves = $Q1Q2$.



Currency devaluation

- The shock is so large that FX losses are huge against limited FX reserves.
- Central bank devalues the currency to prevent FX reserves loss.



Cost of devaluation

- Currency devaluation might reduce a current account deficit in the short run.
- Future shocks may cause the CA deficit to resume.
- The CA deficit is caused by real factors: Excessive government spending — spending cut.
- Costs of devaluation — foreign debt!

6.5.2 flexible ER regime : no intervention required

- Policy independence: Central bank can pursue internal policy independently.
- The FX market clears and $BP = 0$ by flexible FX adjustment.
- Insulation from real foreign shocks.
- External shocks affect the exchange rate w/o effects on domestic output.

- Net exports drop. AE and Y are falling.
- Md decreases; $r < r_f$, capital outflows and $BP < 0$.
- Less supply of FX; e rises.
- Net exports increase; IS2 returns to IS1 and Y1.

