

Real Exchange Rate, 9

1 RER ①

"Nominal" = in terms of a currency

"Real" = in terms of goods & services purchasable

Nominal Exch Rate = \$ price of foreign currency

Real Exch Rate = the \$ price of one country's goods & services relative to another country

Normally, Nominal $\rightarrow$ Real $\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Nominal}}{P} = \text{Real}$.

$$\text{So } \frac{E}{P} = ? \quad E = \frac{P}{P^*} \rightarrow \frac{E}{P} = \frac{1}{P^*}$$

$$\text{Value of Foreign Good} = EP^* \Rightarrow \frac{EP^*}{P} = 1 \quad \text{if PPP holds}$$

Problems w/ PPP (pp 396 - 397)

- ① Trade Barriers: NT goods $\Rightarrow$ overall P-levels may not be equal
- ② Departures from free competition
- Pricing To Market
- ③ Different Consumption Pattern.

Definition of RER

RER (2)

$$q = \frac{EP^*}{P} = \frac{\left(\frac{\$}{\text{€}}\right) \left(\frac{\text{€}}{\text{Euro Basket}}\right)}{\frac{\$}{\text{US Basket}}} = \frac{\text{US Basket}}{\text{Euro Basket}}$$

So q = # US Baskets of goods per Euro Basket.

$\uparrow q$ "real depreciation"

— must trade more US baskets for each foreign basket

$\downarrow q$ "real appreciation"

— costs fewer US baskets for each foreign basket.

Ex: $P^* = \text{€}100$
 $P = \$120$
 $E = \$1.20/\text{€}$

$$q = \frac{(1.2)(100)}{120} = 1$$

Suppose $\uparrow E$ so $E = \$1.32$ (10% Nominal Depreciation)

$$q = \frac{(1.32)(100)}{120} = 1.1$$

① Δ World Relative Demand for Domestic Products

$\uparrow$ RD for Domestic Products $\rightarrow$ domestic goods become scarce $\hat{=}$ thus $\uparrow$ value relative to foreign goods $\rightarrow \downarrow q$

② Δ World Relative Supply for Domestic Products

$\uparrow$ RS for domestic products $\rightarrow$ domestic goods flood the market $\hat{=}$ thus $\downarrow$ value relative to foreign goods $\rightarrow \uparrow q$

General E Theory

General
E

$$g = \frac{EP^R}{P} \rightarrow E = g \left(\frac{P}{P^e} \right)$$

$\uparrow$
Real
S&D

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Relative
Mon Policy

4 Determinants of E

- ① Δ relative M^S levels : $\uparrow M \rightarrow \uparrow P$
 - ② Δ relative M^S growth rates : $\uparrow \hat{M} \rightarrow \uparrow \pi$
 - ③ Δ Relative Demand
 - ④ Δ Relative Supply
- } $\frac{P}{P^e}$
- } g