

Appendix to
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Dynamic Portfolio Choice with Incomplete Markets*

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Appendix

This appendix provides the derivations of some equations presented in the text.

A Model equations and the approximation point

The system of equations characterizing the equilibrium of the model consists of

1. Process for productivity

$$z_t = az_{t-1} + e_t,$$

where e_t is a vector of i.i.d. normally distributed, mean zero shocks with covariance Ω_e .

2. H and F budget constraints

$$\begin{aligned} W_{t+1} &= R_{t+1}^W (W_t - C_t^H - Q_t^F C_t^F - Q_t^N C_t^N) \\ R_{t+1}^W &= R_t^1 + \alpha_t^H (R_{t+1}^H - R_t^1) + \alpha_t^F (R_{t+1}^F - R_t^1) + \alpha_t^N (R_{t+1}^N - R_t^1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{W}_{t+1} &= \hat{R}_{t+1}^W (\hat{W}_t - \hat{C}_t^H - \hat{Q}_t^F \hat{C}_t^F - \hat{Q}_t^N \hat{C}_t^N) \\ \hat{R}_{t+1}^W &= R_t^1 + \hat{\alpha}_t^H (R_{t+1}^H - R_t^1) + \hat{\alpha}_t^F (R_{t+1}^F - R_t^1) + \hat{\alpha}_t^N (\hat{R}_{t+1}^N - R_t^1). \end{aligned}$$

3. H and F bond and equity Euler equations

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} R_t^1], & 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [\hat{M}_{t+1} R_t^1], \\ 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} R_{t+1}^H], & 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [\hat{M}_{t+1} R_{t+1}^H], \\ 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} R_{t+1}^F], & 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [\hat{M}_{t+1} R_{t+1}^F], \\ 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} R_{t+1}^N], & 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [\hat{M}_{t+1} \hat{R}_{t+1}^N], \end{aligned}$$

where $M_{t+1} = \beta \frac{\partial U_{t+1} / \partial C_{t+1}^H}{\partial U_t / \partial C_t^H}$. The US stochastic discount factor then becomes

$$M_{t+1} = \beta \left(\frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\phi} \left(\frac{C_{t+1}^T}{C_t^T} \right)^{\phi - \rho} \left(\frac{C_{t+1}^H}{C_t^H} \right)^{\rho - 1},$$

where $C \equiv \left(\lambda_T^{1-\phi} (C^T)^\phi + \lambda_N^{1-\phi} (C^N)^\phi \right)^{\frac{1}{\phi}}$ denotes the aggregate consumption basket in the US. Substituting in the definitions for C and C^T , and collecting the terms, allows me to express M_{t+1} as a growth rate of the US consumption expenditures:

$$M_{t+1} = \beta \frac{C_t^H + Q_t^F C_t^F + Q_t^N C_t^N}{C_{t+1}^H + Q_{t+1}^F C_{t+1}^F + Q_{t+1}^N C_{t+1}^N}.$$

When preferences are logarithmic, consumption expenditure is proportional to wealth, so that

$$C_t^H + Q_t^F C_t^F + Q_t^N C_t^N = (1 - \beta) W_t, \tag{A1}$$

which allows to simplify the expression for M_{t+1} as $M_{t+1} = \beta W_t / W_{t+1}$. Similarly, in the ROW, $\hat{M}_{t+1} = \beta \hat{W}_t / \hat{W}_{t+1}$.

4. H and F optimality conditions determining relative goods prices

$$\begin{aligned} Q_t^N &= \left(\frac{\lambda_N}{\lambda_T}\right)^{1-\phi} \left(\frac{C_t^N}{C_t^T}\right)^{\phi-1} \lambda_H^{\rho-1} \left(\frac{C_t^H}{C_t^T}\right)^{1-\rho}, \\ \hat{Q}_t^N &= \left(\frac{\lambda_N}{\lambda_T}\right)^{1-\phi} \left(\frac{\hat{C}_t^N}{\hat{C}_t^T}\right)^{\phi-1} \hat{\lambda}_H^{\rho-1} \left(\frac{\hat{C}_t^H}{\hat{C}_t^T}\right)^{1-\rho}, \\ Q_t^F &= \left(\frac{\lambda_F}{\lambda_H}\right)^{1-\rho} \left(\frac{C_t^F}{C_t^H}\right)^{\rho-1}. \end{aligned}$$

5. Capital Euler equation at H and F

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} R_{t+1}^K], & \text{with } R_{t+1}^K &\equiv \theta Z_{t+1}^H (K_{t+1}^H)^{\theta-1} + (1-\delta) \\ 1 &= \mathbb{E}_t [\hat{M}_{t+1} \hat{R}_{t+1}^K], & \text{with } \hat{R}_{t+1}^K &\equiv (Q_{t+1}^F/Q_t^F) [\theta Z_{t+1}^F (K_{t+1}^F)^{\theta-1} + (1-\delta)] \end{aligned}$$

6. Market clearing conditions

(a) traded goods

$$\begin{aligned} C_t^H + \hat{C}_t^H &= D_t^H, \\ C_t^F + \hat{C}_t^F &= D_t^F. \end{aligned}$$

(b) nontraded goods

$$C_t^N = Y_t^N = D_t^N \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{C}_t^N = \hat{Y}_t^N = \hat{D}_t^N.$$

(c) bond

$$0 = B_t + \hat{B}_t.$$

(d) tradable equity

$$1 = A_t^H + \hat{A}_t^H \quad \text{and} \quad 1 = A_t^F + \hat{A}_t^F,$$

which can equivalently be written as

$$\begin{aligned} P_t^H &= \alpha_t^H \beta W_t + \hat{\alpha}_t^H \beta \hat{W}_t \\ Q_t^F P_t^F &= \alpha_t^F \beta W_t + \hat{\alpha}_t^F \beta \hat{W}_t \end{aligned}$$

(e) nontradable equity

$$1 = A_t^N \quad \text{and} \quad 1 = \hat{A}_t^N,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\alpha_t^N = Q_t^N P_t^N / \beta W_t \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\alpha}_t^N = \hat{Q}_t^N \hat{P}_t^N / \beta \hat{W}_t.$$

The approximation point is given by $R = R^K = \hat{R}^K = R^H = R^F = R^N = \hat{R}^N = R^W = \hat{R}^W = \frac{1}{\beta}$. $K \equiv K^H = K^F = (\beta\theta)^{1/(1-\theta)} (1-\beta + \beta\delta)^{1/(\theta-1)}$, $D \equiv D^H = D^F = K^\theta - \delta K$, $P^H = P^F = \beta D / (1-\beta)$. $D^N = \hat{D}^N = \kappa$, so that $C^N = \hat{C}^N = \kappa$ and $P^N = \hat{P}^N = \beta\kappa / (1-\beta)$. Wealth at H and F is approximated around

an initial level, W_0 and \hat{W}_0 . When $W_0 = \hat{W}_0$, then $C_0^H = \hat{C}_0^H = D^H$ and $C_0^F = \hat{C}_0^F = D^F$. This implies that initial aggregate consumption is also equalized across countries: $C_0 = \hat{C}_0$. Then portfolios are approximated around $\alpha^N = \hat{\alpha}^N = \lambda_N^{1-\phi} (C_0^N/C_0)^\phi$ and $\alpha^H = \alpha^F = \lambda_r^{1-\phi} (C_0^r/C_0)^\phi$, where α^H and α^F denote the initial values of $(\alpha_t^H + \hat{\alpha}_t^H)$ and $(\hat{\alpha}_t^F + \alpha_t^F)$, respectively, as before.

B Derivation of equations (12)-(14)

Equation (12) is obtained by using second-order Taylor series expansion and the log-normality of asset returns. The first-order condition for bond in equation (9c) can be expressed as

$$1 = \mathbb{E}_t [\exp(m_{t+1} + r_t^1)] \simeq \exp [\mathbb{E}_t (m_{t+1} + r_t^1) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{V}_t (m_{t+1})].$$

Taking logs on both sides yields a log-approximate version of the consumption Euler equation:

$$0 = r_t^1 + \mathbb{E}_t m_{t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{V}_t (m_{t+1}). \quad (\text{A2})$$

First-order condition for asset χ in equation (9) is log-approximated analogously:

$$1 = \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} R_{t+1}^\chi] \simeq \exp [\mathbb{E}_t (m_{t+1} + r_{t+1}^\chi) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{V}_t (m_{t+1} + r_{t+1}^\chi)].$$

Again, taking logs and substituting in the bond Euler equation gives expression in (12):

$$\mathbb{E}_t r_{t+1}^\chi - r_t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{V}_t (r_{t+1}^\chi) = -\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t (m_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^\chi). \quad (\text{A3})$$

Next, I characterize m_{t+1} . Recall its definition on page 10: $m_{t+1} \equiv \ln(M_{t+1}) - \ln M = \ln\left(\beta \frac{\partial U_{t+1}/\partial C_{t+1}^H}{\partial U_t/\partial C_t^H}\right) - \ln \beta$, which using the derivations in Appendix A can be written as $m_{t+1} = -\Delta w_{t+1}$. Substituting this result in (28) gives equation (13) in the text.

Finally, to obtain a representation for risk premium in terms of consumption, as given in equation (14), I log-linearized the consumption rule in equation (A1).

C Derivation of equation (19) and bias term in (20)

Start by revisiting the optimal decision rule for portfolio shares in equation (17). We can write it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t^H \\ \alpha_t^F \\ \alpha_t^N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H) & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^N) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) & \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F) & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^N) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^N) & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^N) & \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^N) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^N) \end{bmatrix},$$

where I used equation (13) to substitute for the risk-premium. My objective is to find expressions for tradable portfolio shares, α_t^H and α_t^F , for a given α_t^N . For this purpose we can re-write the first two lines in the expression above as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H) & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) & \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t^H \\ \alpha_t^F \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^N) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^N) \end{bmatrix} \alpha_t^N = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solving for $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t^H \\ \alpha_t^F \end{bmatrix}$ gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t^H \\ \alpha_t^F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H) & \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) & \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F) \end{bmatrix} - \alpha_t^N \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^N) \\ \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^N) \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Isolating the solution for α_t^H gives equation (19) in the text:

$$\alpha_t^H = \frac{\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F) [\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) - \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^N, r_{t+1}^H)\alpha_t^N]}{\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H)\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F) - \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t^2(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F)} - \frac{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F) [\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F) - \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^N, r_{t+1}^F)\alpha_t^N]}{\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H)\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F) - \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t^2(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F)}.$$

To derive the expression for bias in (20) I used the model equilibrium conditions as follows. First, using the definition of wealth from households' problem, the aggregate world wealth in the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} W_t + \hat{W}_t &= (P_t^H + D_t^H) (A_{t-1}^H + \hat{A}_{t-1}^H) + Q_t^F (P_t^F + D_t^F) (A_{t-1}^F + \hat{A}_{t-1}^F) \\ &\quad + Q_t^N (P_t^N + D_t^N) A_{t-1}^N + \hat{Q}_t^N (\hat{P}_t^N + \hat{D}_t^N) \hat{A}_{t-1}^N + (B_{t-1} + \hat{B}_{t-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Using the asset market clearing conditions, I get

$$W_t + \hat{W}_t = (P_t^H + D_t^H) + Q_t^F (P_t^F + D_t^F) + Q_t^N (P_t^N + D_t^N) + \hat{Q}_t^N (\hat{P}_t^N + \hat{D}_t^N).$$

The expression above can also be written in terms of returns as

$$W_t + \hat{W}_t = R_t^H P_{t-1}^H + R_t^F Q_{t-1}^F P_{t-1}^F + R_t^N Q_{t-1}^N P_{t-1}^N + \hat{R}_t^N \hat{Q}_{t-1}^N \hat{P}_{t-1}^N$$

Log-approximating this condition around a symmetric steady state and equal initial wealth distribution yields

$$\frac{1}{2} w_t + \frac{1}{2} \hat{w}_t = \frac{1}{4} (r_t^H + p_{t-1}^H) + \frac{1}{4} (r_t^F + q_{t-1}^F + p_{t-1}^F) + \frac{1}{4} (r_t^N + q_{t-1}^N + p_{t-1}^N) + \frac{1}{4} (\hat{r}_t^N + \hat{q}_{t-1}^N + \hat{p}_{t-1}^N). \quad (\text{A4})$$

Bond market clearing condition in conjunction with logarithmic utility also imply

$$\beta (W_t + \hat{W}_t) = P_t^H + Q_t^F P_t^F + Q_t^N P_t^N + \hat{Q}_t^N \hat{P}_t^N,$$

which can be log-approximated as follows

$$\frac{1}{2} w_t + \frac{1}{2} \hat{w}_t = \frac{1}{4} p_t^H + \frac{1}{4} (q_t^F + p_t^F) + \frac{1}{4} (q_t^N + p_t^N) + \frac{1}{4} (\hat{q}_t^N + \hat{p}_t^N).$$

Substituting this result into equation (A4) and forwarding it by one period gives

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta w_{t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \hat{w}_{t+1} = \frac{1}{4} r_{t+1}^H + \frac{1}{4} r_{t+1}^F + \frac{1}{4} r_{t+1}^N + \frac{1}{4} \hat{r}_{t+1}^N.$$

I can now use the expression above to derive $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H)$ and $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F)$ terms in equation (19). For instance, the covariance between US wealth and US tradable return, r_{t+1}^H , can be obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(\hat{w}_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) &= \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H) + \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^H) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^N, r_{t+1}^H) + \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(\hat{r}_{t+1}^N, r_{t+1}^H). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A5})$$

Second, since both US and ROW households have access to tradable equity issued in both countries, Euler equations in (13) imply that $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H) = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(\hat{w}_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H)$ and $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F) = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(\hat{w}_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F)$. Similar steps are applied to derive an expression for $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F)$. Equipped with these equalities we can substitute the expressions for $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^H)$ and $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(w_{t+1}, r_{t+1}^F)$ into equation (19) in the text to get

$$\alpha_t^H = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H) \left(1 - \frac{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t^2(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F)}{\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H)\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F)}\right)} \left[\frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, \hat{r}_{t+1}^N) - \left(\alpha_t^N - \frac{1}{4}\right) \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^N) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^F)}{\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F)} \left(\frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, \hat{r}_{t+1}^N) - \left(\alpha_t^N - \frac{1}{4}\right) \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^N) \right) \right],$$

or, using the notation in Proposition 1 in the text:

$$\alpha_t^H = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\sigma_t^2} \left[\frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, \hat{r}_{t+1}^N) - \left(\alpha_t^N - \frac{1}{4}\right) \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^H, r_{t+1}^N) \right. \\ \left. - \beta_t^{\text{HF}} \left(\frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, \hat{r}_{t+1}^N) - \left(\alpha_t^N - \frac{1}{4}\right) \mathbb{C}\mathbb{V}_t(r_{t+1}^F, r_{t+1}^N) \right) \right].$$

Under conditions (i)-(iii) in the Proposition, the expression above simplifies to the bias term in the text.