

# A Mathematical Appendix

## Appendix A.1. Intertemporal Optimization of Agents:

The first order approximation of the optimality conditions of the households and firms is constructed around the following steady state:  $\xi = 0$ ,  $Y_t = \bar{Y}$  (defined below) and  $\bar{P}_1^B = \beta$  (or  $\bar{i}_1 = (1 - \beta)/\beta$ ) with  $\bar{\pi} = 1$ . The hat variables denote the log deviations of the respective variable from its steady state value. For the one-period interest rate, the log deviation is defined as  $\hat{i}_{1,t} = \log[(1 + i_{1,t})/(1 + \bar{i}_1)]$ . The first order approximation of the household's Euler equation for the one-period asset price yields:

$$\hat{C}_t^i = \tilde{E}_t \hat{C}_{t+1}^i - \sigma(\hat{i}_{1,t} - \hat{\pi}_{t+1}) + (g_t - \tilde{E}_t g_{t+1}). \quad (1)$$

The flow budget constraint in (4) is iterated forwards, and its approximation is:

$$\tilde{E}_t \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta^j \hat{C}_{t+j}^i = \hat{W}_t^i + \tilde{E}_t \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta^j \hat{Y}_{t+j}^i. \quad (2)$$

Substituting (1) recursively into (2) yields:

$$\hat{C}_t^i = (1 - \beta)\hat{W}_t^i + (1 - \beta)\tilde{E}_t \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta^j \left[ \hat{Y}_{t+j}^i - \sigma\beta(\hat{i}_{1,t+j} - \hat{\pi}_{t+j+1}) + \beta(g_{t+j} - g_{t+j+1}) \right].$$

The output gap is defined as  $\hat{x}_t = \log(Y_t/Y_t^n)$ . Aggregating across  $i$  households, and applying market clearing conditions yields:

$$\hat{x}_t = \tilde{E}_t \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta^j \left[ (1 - \beta)\hat{x}_{t+j+1} - \sigma\beta(\hat{i}_{1,t+j} - \tilde{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+j+1}) + \hat{r}_{t+j+1}^n \right], \quad (3)$$

with the natural rate of interest  $\hat{r}_t^n = (\hat{Y}_{t+1}^n - g_{t+1}) - (\hat{Y}_t^n - g_t)$ .

Before deriving the approximation to the firm's optimization problem, the real marginal cost function is defined using  $s_{t,t+j}$  as firm  $k$ 's marginal cost in period  $t + j$ :

$$s(y, Y, \bar{\xi}) = \frac{v_h(f^{-1}(y/A; \xi))}{u_c(Y, \xi)A} \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y))}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\bar{\xi} \equiv (\xi, A)$  is a vector of preference and technology shocks. When prices are fully flexible, the price of firm  $k$  is a markup over its real marginal cost,  $\frac{p_t(k)}{P_t} = \mu s(y_t(k), Y_t, \bar{\xi}_t)$ , where  $\mu = \theta/(\theta - 1)$ . Then, in equilibrium, the firms will face the symmetric problem, so that the price set by each firm  $k$  is  $P_t$  and its output is  $Y_t$ . This implies that  $s(Y_t^n, Y_t^n, \bar{\xi}_t) = \mu^{-1}$ . The natural rate of output  $Y_t^n$  is thus defined. This relation is also used to define the steady state level of output  $\bar{Y}$  such that  $s(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, 0) = \mu^{-1}$ .

The linearization of (4) gives  $\hat{s}_{t,t+j}(k) = \omega \hat{y}_{t+j}(k) + \sigma^{-1} \hat{Y}_{t+j} - (\omega + \sigma^{-1}) \hat{Y}_{t+j}^n$ , where  $\omega > 0$  is the elasticity of the real marginal cost function  $s(\cdot)$  with respect to  $y_t(k)$ . Aggregating this relation yields  $\hat{s}_{t+j} = (\omega + \sigma^{-1})(\hat{Y}_{t+j} - \hat{Y}_{t+j}^n)$ . This implies the following relation between the real marginal cost of producing  $y_t(k)$  and the aggregate output  $Y_t$ :  $\hat{s}_{t,t+j}(k) = \hat{s}_{t+j} - \omega\theta \left[ \hat{p}_t(k) - \sum_{m=t+1}^{t+j} \hat{\pi}_m \right]$ . Finally, to derive the Phillips curve, differentiate the firm's optimization problem with respect to  $p_t(k)$ , and use this relation to get:

$$\hat{p}_t^* = \tilde{E}_t \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\alpha\beta)^j \left[ \frac{1 - \alpha\beta}{1 + \omega\theta} (\omega + \sigma^{-1}) \hat{x}_{t+j} + \hat{\pi}_{t+j} \right]. \quad (5)$$

The can be rewritten using the approximation to the aggregate price index:  $\hat{\pi}_t = \hat{p}_t^*(1 - \alpha)/\alpha$ .

## Appendix A.2. Proof of Proposition 1:

In the flexible price limit of the benchmark model considered here, the one-period asset price is only a function of the exogenous endowment process:  $\hat{P}_{1,t} = a_t + b_t \hat{y}_{t-1} + \eta_t$ . With rational expectations, the fixed points of the beliefs are  $\bar{a} = 0$  and  $\bar{b} = \rho(1 - \rho)/\sigma$ , where  $\rho$  is the AR(1) parameter of the endowment process. The only process that will be forecasted by optimizing households is  $\hat{P}_{1,t}$ , since  $\hat{y}_t$  is assumed to be known with probability one. The actual evolution of the one period asset price will be determined as  $\hat{P}_{1,t} = T_0^p(a_t, b_t) + T_z^p(a_t, b_t)\hat{y}_{t-1} + \eta_t$ . Now, the  $T$ - mappings are constructed as:

$$T^{0,p}(a_t, b_t) = \frac{-\beta}{1-\beta} a_t^p \quad (6)$$

$$T^{z,p}(a_t, b_t) = \rho \left[ \frac{(1-\beta)\rho}{\sigma(1-\beta\rho)} - \frac{\beta b_t^{p,y}}{1-\beta\rho} \right] + \frac{\rho}{\sigma} \quad (7)$$

The rational expectations equilibrium (REE) is defined as a fixed point of the mappings in (6) and (7):  $T(\bar{a}_t, \bar{b}_t) = (\bar{a}_t, \bar{b}_t)$ . Evans and Honkapohja (2001) use stochastic approximation results to show that the learning algorithm in (17)<sup>1</sup> converges to this REE if the following ordinary differential equation is locally stable:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}(a_t, b_t) = T(a_t, b_t) - (a_t, b_t)$ . The required Jacobian, evaluated at  $(\bar{a}_t, \bar{b}_t)$  is  $J(\bar{a}_t, \bar{b}_t) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\beta}{1-\beta} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\beta\rho}{1-\beta\rho} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

As  $J(\bar{a}_t, \bar{b}_t)$  has negative eigenvalues for  $0 < \beta, \rho < 1$ , the conditions for E-stability are satisfied. To obtain the asymptotic distribution of the parameters, I consider the system where the intercept term is not estimated, and set  $S_{t-1} = R_t$  to get:

$$\begin{aligned} b_t &= b_{t-1} + g S_{t-1}^{-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} [db_{t-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_{b,t-1} \varepsilon_t] \\ S_t &= S_{t-1} + g(\hat{y}_t^2 - S_{t-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

This is in the standard form:  $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} + g\mathcal{H}(\theta_{t-1}, X_t)$  where

$$\theta_t = \begin{pmatrix} b_t \\ S_t \end{pmatrix}, \mathcal{H}(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_b(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) \\ \mathcal{H}_S(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) \end{pmatrix}, X_t = \begin{pmatrix} b_t \\ b_{t-1} \\ \varepsilon_t \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

and  $\mathcal{H}_b(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) = S_{t-1}^{-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} [db_{t-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_{b,t-1} \varepsilon_t]$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_S(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) = (\hat{y}_t^2 - S_{t-1})$ .

For infinite horizon asymptotic results, by Theorem 7.9 of Evans and Honkapohja (2001), the distribution of  $\theta_t$  can be approximated for small  $g$  and large  $t$  as  $\theta_t \sim N(\theta^{RE}, gC)$  where  $\theta^{RE} = (\rho(1 - \rho), E\hat{y}_t^2)'$ , and  $C = \int_0^\infty e^{sB} \mathcal{R}^* e^{sB'} ds$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} h_b(b, S) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E\mathcal{H}_b(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) = S^{-1} E\hat{y}_t^2 \left[ \frac{\rho}{\sigma} + \frac{\rho^2(\beta - 1)}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)} + b \left( \frac{-\beta\rho}{1 - \beta\rho} - 1 \right) \right] \\ h_S(b, S) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E\mathcal{H}_S(\theta_{t-1}, X_t) = E\hat{y}_t^2 - S \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Also,

$$B = D_\theta h(\theta^{RE}) = \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{-1}{1-\beta\rho} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Equation reference in original paper.

$$\mathcal{R}^{ij}(\theta) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{cov}[\mathcal{H}^i(\theta, X_k^\theta), \mathcal{H}^j(\theta, X_0^\theta)]$$

Considering only  $b$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_b(\theta, X^\theta) = S_{t-1}^{-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} [db \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_b \varepsilon_t]$  and  $\mathcal{R}^{ij}(b) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} [\dots + \text{cov}[\mathcal{H}^i(\theta, X_0^\theta), \mathcal{H}^j(\theta, X_0^\theta)] + \text{cov}[\mathcal{H}^i(\theta, X_1^\theta), \mathcal{H}^j(\theta, X_0^\theta)] + \dots]$ . At  $\theta^{RE}$ ,  $\text{cov}[\mathcal{H}^i(\theta, X_t^\theta), \mathcal{H}^j(\theta, X_t^\theta)] = \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{E \hat{y}_t^2}$ . This is valid since the unconditional expectation is taken as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\hat{y}_{t-1}^2, \varepsilon_t^2$  are independent random variables,  $E(\hat{y}_{t-1}^2 \varepsilon_t^2) = E \hat{y}_{t-1}^2 \sigma_\varepsilon^2$ . Other sums in the series are  $\text{cov}[\mathcal{H}^i(\theta, X_{t+1}^\theta), \mathcal{H}^j(\theta, X_t^\theta)] = \frac{1}{(E \hat{y}_t^2)^2} \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} E(\hat{y}_t \varepsilon_{t+1} \hat{y}_{t-1} \varepsilon_t) =$

$$0. \text{ Therefore, for } b, \mathcal{R}^*(b) = \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{E \hat{y}_t^2} \text{ and } C = \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{(1-\beta\rho)(1-\rho^2)}{2}.$$

### Appendix A.3. Proof of Proposition 2:

I first consider the Expectations Hypothesis regression for  $n = 2$ :

$$\hat{i}_{1,t+1} - \hat{i}_{2,t} = \alpha + \gamma(\hat{i}_{2,t} - \hat{i}_{1,t}) + e_t \quad (12)$$

where  $\hat{i}_{1,t} = -T_{b,t-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} - V_{b,t-1} \varepsilon_t$  and  $\hat{i}_{1,t+1} = -T_{b,t} \hat{y}_t - V_{b,t} \varepsilon_{t+1}$ ,  $\hat{i}_{2,t} = \frac{1}{2}(y_{1,t} + E_t y_{1,t+1})$ .

In the regression in (12), define  $X$  and  $Y$  where

$$X = \hat{i}_{2,t} - \hat{i}_{1,t} = \frac{\hat{y}_{t-1}}{2} T_{b,t-1} (1 - \rho) - \frac{\varepsilon_t}{2} (T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1}) \quad (13)$$

$$Y = \hat{i}_{1,t+1} - \hat{i}_{2,t} = \hat{y}_{t-1} \left[ -T_{b,t} \rho + \frac{1}{2} T_{b,t-1} (1 + \rho) \right] + \varepsilon_t \left( -T_{b,t} + \frac{1}{2} (V_{b,t-1} + T_{b,t-1}) \right) - V_{b,t} \varepsilon_{t+1}$$

For computing the asymptotic bias in  $\gamma$ :

$$\text{bias} = \frac{p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t [\varepsilon_t (-T_{b,t} + \frac{1}{2} (V_{b,t-1} + T_{b,t-1})) - V_{b,t} \varepsilon_{t+1}]) - p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T X_t \right) p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t \right)}{p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} (T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T X_t^2 - (T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T X_t)^2)} \quad (14)$$

Consider the following term:

$$T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T X_t = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \frac{1}{2} T_{b,t-1} (1 - \rho) \hat{y}_{t-1} - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_t (T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1}) \right] \quad (15)$$

From Evans and Honkapohja (2001), when the E-stability conditions are satisfied (as they are for the present case), for the constant gain algorithm, the following results are obtained: (a) the estimates of the updated coefficients are unbiased asymptotically, i.e.,  $E(b_t) \rightarrow b^{RE}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ; (b)  $b_t$  approaches a limiting normal distribution  $N(b^{RE}, gC)$  where  $C$  is the variance-covariance matrix of the updated coefficients.

From adaptive learning  $b_t = b_{t-1} + gR_t^{-1} \hat{y}_{t-1} [(T_{b,t-1} - b_{t-1}) \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_{b,t-1} \varepsilon_t]$ . I further assume that  $R_t$  is not updated, and is equal to the RE value:  $\bar{R}$ . The relevant T-mappings are:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{b,t} &= \frac{\rho}{\sigma} + \rho \left[ \frac{-\beta b_t}{1 - \beta \rho} + \frac{\rho(\beta - 1)}{\sigma(1 - \beta \rho)} \right] \\ V_{b,t} &= \left[ \frac{-\beta b_t}{1 - \beta \rho} + \frac{\rho(\beta - 1)}{\sigma(1 - \beta \rho)} \right] + \frac{1}{\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Then,

$$p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (T_{b,t-1} \hat{y}_{t-1}) = -\frac{\beta\rho}{1-\beta\rho} p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( b_{t-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \rho^j \varepsilon_{t-1-j} \right) \quad (17)$$

Using the independence of random variables, and the weak law of large numbers,  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (T_{b,t-1} \hat{y}_{t-1}) = 0$ . For the second term in  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t)$  :

$$T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T [\varepsilon_t (T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1})] = (1-\rho) \frac{\beta}{1-\beta\rho} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_t b_{t-1}) \quad (18)$$

Rewriting  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_t b_{t-1})$ , and applying  $p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_t b_{t-1}) = p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t) = 0$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T [\varepsilon_t (b_{t-2} + gR_t^{-1} \hat{y}_{t-2} [(T_{b,t-2} - b_{t-2}) \hat{y}_{t-2} + V_{b,t-2} \varepsilon_{t-1}])] \\ &= T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_t b_{t-2}) + gR_t^{-1} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_t \hat{y}_{t-2} [(T_{b,t-2} - b_{t-2}) \hat{y}_{t-2} + V_{b,t-2} \varepsilon_t]) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

And  $p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_t b_{t-1}) = 0$ . Therefore,  $p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t) = 0$ . Similar reasoning as above implies  $p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (e_t) = 0$ . For  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t e_t)$  :

$$T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t e_t) = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} T_{b,t-1} (1-\rho) \hat{y}_{t-1} \varepsilon_t (-T_{b,t} + \frac{1}{2} (V_{b,t-1} + T_{b,t-1})) \\ + \frac{1}{2} T_{b,t-1} (1-\rho) \hat{y}_{t-1} V_{b,t} \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_t (T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1}) \varepsilon_t (-T_{b,t} + \frac{1}{2} (V_{b,t-1} + T_{b,t-1})) \\ - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_t (T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1}) V_{b,t} \varepsilon_{t+1} \end{array} \right] \quad (20)$$

Again, using the independence of  $b_t^2$  and  $\varepsilon_t$ ,  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t e_t)$  reduces to:

$$T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t e_t) = -\frac{1}{2} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T [\varepsilon_t^2 (T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1}) (-T_{b,t} + \frac{1}{2} (V_{b,t-1} + T_{b,t-1}))] \quad (21)$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} & T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T [(T_{b,t-1} - V_{b,t-1}) T_{b,t}] \\ &= (1-\rho) \left( \frac{\rho}{\sigma} \right)^2 - (1-\rho) \rho T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\beta b_{t-1}}{1-\beta\rho} \frac{\beta b_t}{1-\beta\rho} \right) \\ & \quad - 2 \frac{\rho^2 (1-\rho)^2 \beta \rho (1-\beta)}{\sigma^2 (1-\beta\rho)^2} - \frac{\rho^3 (1-\rho) (1-\beta)^2}{\sigma^2 (1-\beta\rho)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

and as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   $E(b_t^2) = gC + \frac{\rho^2(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (T_{b,t}^2 - V_{b,t}^2) &= \left[ \frac{\beta^2(\rho^2 - 1)}{(1 - \beta\rho)^2} \right] (gC + \rho^2(1 - \rho^2)) \\ &+ 2\frac{\rho(1 - \rho)}{\sigma} \left[ \frac{\beta(1 - \rho)}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)^2} (1 - \rho^2) \right] - \frac{(1 - \rho)^2}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} [1 - \rho^2] \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Finally, I have:

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t e_t) &= \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} (1 - \rho) \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma}\right)^2 - (1 - \rho)\rho T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\frac{\beta b_{t-1}}{1 - \beta\rho} \frac{\beta b_t}{1 - \beta\rho}\right) \\ - 2\frac{\rho^2(1 - \rho)^2 \beta\rho(1 - \beta)}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} - \frac{\rho^3(1 - \rho)(1 - \beta)^2}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} \end{array} \right] \\ &+ \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \frac{\beta^2(\rho^2 - 1)}{(1 - \beta\rho)^2} \right] (gC + \rho^2(1 - \rho^2)) \\ + 2\frac{\rho(1 - \rho)}{\sigma} \left[ \frac{\beta(1 - \rho)}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)^2} (1 - \rho^2) \right] \\ - \frac{(1 - \rho)^2}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} [1 - \rho^2] \end{array} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Using  $E(b_t \hat{y}_t^2)$  and  $E(b_t^2 \hat{y}_t^2) = 0$ , and  $E(b_t b_{t+1}) = E(b_t^2)$ , we get:

$$\frac{p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t e_t)}{p \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} (T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T X_t^2)} - 1 = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2} \left[ A - \frac{\beta^2(1 - \rho)}{(1 - \beta\rho)^2} E(b_t^2) \right] - 1 \quad (25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (1 - \rho) \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma}\right)^2 - 2\frac{\rho^2(1 - \rho)^2 \beta\rho(1 - \beta)}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} - \frac{\rho^3(1 - \rho)(1 - \beta)^2}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} \\ &+ 2\frac{\rho(1 - \rho)}{\sigma} \left[ \frac{\beta(1 - \rho)}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)^2} (1 - \rho^2) \right] - \frac{(1 - \rho)^2}{\sigma^2(1 - \beta\rho)^2} [1 - \rho^2] \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

is negative. Thus, the bias is negative, and the slope estimator  $\gamma$  is less than one. For longer yields, the same reasoning applies, as the  $T$ -mappings are monotonic transformations of the mappings considered here.

#### A. 4: Proof of Proposition 3:

Under RE, the one-period asset price is  $\hat{P}_{1,t}^{RE} = \frac{\rho(1-\rho)}{\sigma} \hat{y}_{t-1} + \frac{(1-\rho)}{\sigma} \varepsilon_t$  and its variance is  $V(P_{1,t}^{RE}) = \frac{\rho^2(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} E(\hat{y}_{t-1}^2) + \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} E(\varepsilon_t^2)$ . Under learning, the corresponding variables are  $\hat{P}_{1,t}^L = T_a + T_b \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_b \varepsilon_t$ , and  $V(\hat{P}_{1,t}^L) = E [T_a + T_b \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_b \varepsilon_t - E(T_a + T_b \hat{y}_{t-1} + V_b \varepsilon_t)]^2$ .

For evaluating the unconditional expectations, as  $g \rightarrow \bar{g}$ ,  $gt$  becomes large,  $E(T_a) = 0$  and  $E(T_b \hat{y}_{t-1}) = E \left[ \rho \left[ \frac{-\beta b_{t-1}}{1 - \beta\rho} - \frac{(1 - \beta)\rho}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)} \right] + \frac{\rho}{\sigma} \right] \hat{y}_{t-1} = 0$ . Similarly,  $E(V_b \varepsilon_t) = 0$ .

Now, the mappings are:

$$\begin{aligned} T_a &= \frac{-\beta}{1 - \beta} a_t; \quad T_b = \rho \left[ \frac{-\beta b_t}{1 - \beta\rho} - \frac{(1 - \beta)\rho}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)} \right] + \frac{\rho}{\sigma} \\ V_b &= \left[ \frac{-\beta b_t}{1 - \beta\rho} - \frac{(1 - \beta)\rho}{\sigma(1 - \beta\rho)} \right] + \frac{1}{\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Then the difference between learning and RE variance is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
V(\hat{P}_{1,t}^L) - V(\hat{P}_{1,t}^{RE}) &= \frac{\beta^2}{(1-\beta)^2} E(a_t^2) \\
&+ E(\hat{y}_{t-1}^2) \left[ \left( -\frac{(1-\beta)\rho^2}{\sigma(1-\beta\rho)} + \frac{\rho}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{\rho^2(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} \right] \\
&+ E(\varepsilon_t^2) \left[ \left( -\frac{(1-\beta)\rho}{\sigma(1-\beta\rho)} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{\sigma^2} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

The constant terms in second and third terms are positive for all values of  $\sigma$  and  $\beta, \rho \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore,  $V(\hat{P}_{1,t}^L) = V(\hat{P}_{1,t}^{RE}) + f(V(a_t), \text{positive constants})$ . As the one-period yield is a linear transformation of the one-period price, the result follows.

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