Exchange rate risks in a small open economy

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Abstract

This paper analyzes the choice of an effective exchange rate policy for a small open

economy indebted in foreign currency, incorporating the open economy financial ac-

celerator. We show that a trade-weighted currency basket adopted in many previous

studies is not sufficient to stabilize the economy, because currency mismatches be-

tween assets and liabilities cause balance-sheet effects and the effects have a serious

impact on the economic stability. This result implies that the currency composition

of liabilities has an influence on a choice of exchange rate policies and that we need

decide it based on those influences.

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