

# A Technical Appendix for Burstein and Gopinath (2015)

## A.1 Definitions of variables used in construction of trade-weighted measures

- Define the nominal exchange rate  $e_{in,t}$  between countries  $n$  and  $i$  as the number of units of currency  $n$  per unit of currency  $i$  at time  $t$ .
- Log quarterly differences:

$$\Delta e_{in,t} = \ln(e_{in,t}) - \ln(e_{in,t-1})$$

- Define  $imports_{in,t}$  as the dollar value of goods imported by country  $n$  from country  $i$ .
- Define the set of country  $n$ 's trading partners  $\Omega_{n,t}^e$  for which there exist log differences in bilateral exchange rates with  $n$  between time  $t$  and  $t-1$ :

$$\Omega_{n,t}^e = \{i : \exists \Delta e_{in,t}, i \neq n\}$$

- Define similarly the set of country  $n$ 's trading partners  $\Omega_{n,t}^{P_j}$  for which there exist log differences in the price index  $P_j$  used to construct a real exchange rate, where  $P_j \in \{CPI_{tradables}, CPI_{overall}, PPI, IPI, (IPI^{0.5} EPI^{0.5})\}$
- Define the intersection  $\Omega_{n,t} = \Omega_{n,t}^e \cap \left( \bigcap_j \Omega_{n,t}^{P_j} \right)$  as the set of trading partners for which there exist log differences in bilateral exchange rates and log differences in all price indices used to construct alternative versions of the real exchange rate
- Then the trade weight  $w_{in,t}$  given to trading partner  $i$  by country  $n$  is:

$$w_{in,t} = \frac{imports_{in,t} + imports_{ni,t}}{\sum_{k \in \Omega_{n,t}} imports_{kn,t} + imports_{nk,t}}$$

## A.2 Trade-weighted Nominal Exchange Rate

The trade-weighted Nominal Exchange Rate  $\Delta e_{n,t}$  in log quarterly differences is:

$$\Delta e_{n,t} = \sum_{i \in \Omega_{n,t-1}} w_{in,t-1} \Delta e_{in,t}$$

Because this is implemented using bilateral exchange rates vis-a-vis the United States, the calculation of  $\Delta e_{n,t}$  in practice becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta e_{n,t} &= \sum_{i \in \Omega_{n,t-1}} w_{in,t-1} (\Delta e_{USAn,t} - \Delta e_{USAi,t}) \\ \Delta e_{n,t} &= \Delta e_{USAn,t} - \sum_{i \in \Omega_{n,t-1}} w_{in,t-1} \Delta e_{USAi,t} \end{aligned}$$

## A.3 Trade-weighted Real Exchange Rate

Suppose that the price index being used is the PPI.

The trade-weighted PPI-based real exchange rate, denoted  $\Delta rer_{n,t}^{ppi}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta rer_{n,t}^{ppi} &= \sum_{i \in \Omega_{n,t-1}} w_{in,t-1} (\Delta ppi_{i,t} - \Delta ppi_{n,t} + \Delta e_{in,t}) \\ \Delta rer_{n,t}^{ppi} &= \left( \sum_{i \in \Omega_{n,t-1}} w_{in,t-1} \Delta ppi_{i,t} \right) - \Delta ppi_{n,t} + \Delta e_{n,t} \end{aligned}$$

## A.4 Log yearly differences

Time  $t$  is in quarters. Log yearly differences of, for example, the nominal exchange rate are represented by:

$$\sum_{k=0}^3 \Delta e_{n,t-k}$$

## A.5 Quarterly differences from HP-filtered trend

Suppose  $\Delta e_{n,t}$  exists as early as 1975Q2. Normalize  $\Delta e_{n,1975Q1} = 0$  and define quarterly differences from the HP-filtered trend as

$$\Delta e_{n,t}^{HP} = \left( \sum_{s=1975Q1}^t \Delta e_{n,s} \right) - HPtrend \left( t, \left\{ \sum_{s=1975Q1}^t \Delta e_{n,s} \right\}_{t=1975Q1}^{2011Q4} \right)$$

## A.6 Series used for trade-weighted measures

The series summarized below are in log quarterly differences, and thus almost all of them start in the second quarter.

### A.6.1 Canada

| series | start  | end    | source | concept                                | unit                    |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|-------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | all items                              | 2005=100                |
| CPItra | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | commodities - inferred using weights   | 2005=100                |
| EPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Unit value, EXP-End products, inedible | Local ccy               |
| IPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Unit value, IMP-End products, inedible | Local ccy               |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS    | period average                         | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar |
| PPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Total producer prices - Manufacturing  | 2005=100                |

### A.6.2 France

| series | start  | end    | source   | concept                                       | unit                                   |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|---|--|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 1990q1 | OECD     | all items                                     | 2005=100                               |
| CPIovr | 1990q2 | 2011q4 | INSEE    | all items                                     | (1998 = 100)                           |
| CPItra | 1975q2 | 1990q1 | OECD     | commodities - inferred using weights          | 2005=100                               |
| CPItra | 1990q2 | 2011q4 | INSEE    | commodities - inferred using weights          | (1998 = 100)                           |
| EPI    | 1981q2 | 1994q1 | INSEE    | Unit value, Manufacturing                     | chain of base 1980 and 1995, local ccy |
| EPI    | 1994q2 | 1999q1 | Eurostat | Industry (ex constr. and waste mgmt. related) | local ccy                              |
| EPI    | 1999q2 | 2005q1 | Eurostat | Manufacturing                                 | local ccy                              |
| EPI    | 2005q2 | 2011q4 | INSEE    | EPI manufacturing                             | (2005 = 100), local ccy                |
| IPI    | 1981q2 | 1999q1 | INSEE    | Unit value, Manufacturing                     | chain of base 1980 and 1995, local ccy |
| IPI    | 1999q2 | 2005q1 | Eurostat | Manufacturing                                 | local ccy                              |
| IPI    | 2005q2 | 2011q4 | INSEE    | IPI manufacturing                             | (2005 = 100), local ccy                |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS      | period average                                | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar                |
| PPI    | 1980q2 | 1995q1 | IFS      | Wholesale Prices, All Commodities             | 2005=100                               |
| PPI    | 1995q2 | 2005q1 | OECD     | Total producer prices - Industrial Activities | 2005=100                               |
| PPI    | 2005q2 | 2011q4 | OECD     | Total producer prices - Manufacturing         | 2005=100                               |

### A.6.3 Germany

| series | start  | end    | source                     | concept                                  | unit                    |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 1996q1 | OECD                       | all items                                | 2005=100                |
| CPIovr | 1996q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat                   | HICP - All items                         | 2005=100                |
| CPItra | 1996q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat                   | HICP - Total goods                       | 2005=100                |
| EPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | Federal Statistical Office | Products of the manufacturing sector     | (2005 = 100), local ccy |
| IPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | Federal Statistical Office | Products of the manufacturing sector     | (2005 = 100), local ccy |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS                        | period average                           | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar |
| PPI    | 1975q2 | 1995q1 | OECD                       | Domestic producer prices - Manufacturing | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 1995q2 | 2011q4 | OECD                       | Total producer prices - Manufacturing    | 2005=100                |

### A.6.4 Italy

| series | start  | end    | source   | concept  | unit                    |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|--|-------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 1996q1 | OECD     | all items  | 2005=100                |
| CPIovr | 1996q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat | HICP - All items   | 2005=100                |
| CPItra | 1996q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat | HICP - Total goods   | 2005=100                |
| EPI    | 1975q2 | 1999q1 | OECD     | Unit value, EXP-Manufactured goods, excluding oil products | Local ccy               |
| EPI    | 1999q2 | 2002q1 | OECD     | Unit value, EXP-Manufactured goods                         | Local ccy               |
| EPI    | 2002q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat | Manufacturing  | (2005 = 100) local ccy  |
| IPI    | 1975q2 | 1999q1 | OECD     | Unit value, IMP-Manufactured goods, excluding oil products | Local ccy               |
| IPI    | 1999q2 | 2011q4 | OECD     | Unit value, IMP-Manufactured goods                         | Local ccy               |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS      | period average   | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar |
| PPI    | 1981q2 | 1991q1 | IFS      | Producer Prices, All Commodities                           | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 1991q2 | 2002q1 | OECD     | Domestic producer prices - Manufacturing                   | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 2002q2 | 2011q4 | OECD     | Total producer prices - Manufacturing                      | 2005=100                |

### A.6.5 Japan

| series | start  | end    | source | concept                                  | unit                    |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|-------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | all items                                | 2005=100                |
| CPItra | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | commodities - inferred using weights     | 2005=100                |
| EPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Unit value, EXP-Manufactured goods       | Local ccy               |
| IPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Unit value, IMP-Manufactured goods       | Local ccy               |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS    | period average                           | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar |
| PPI    | 1975q2 | 1995q1 | IFS    | Producer Prices, All Commodities         | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 1995q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Domestic producer prices - Manufacturing | 2005=100                |

### A.6.6 Switzerland

| series | start  | end    | source                     | concept                               | unit                         |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 2005q1 | OECD                       | all items                             | 2005=100                     |
| CPIovr | 2005q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat                   | HICP - All items                      | 2005=100                     |
| CPItra | 1975q2 | 2005q1 | OECD                       | commodities - inferred using weights  | 2005=100                     |
| CPItra | 2005q2 | 2011q4 | Eurostat                   | HICP - Total goods                    | 2005=100                     |
| IPI    | 1990q2 | 2011q4 | Federal Statistical Office | Import Price Index                    | (Dec. 2010 = 100), local ccy |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS                        | period average                        | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar      |
| PPI    | 1975q2 | 2002q3 | IFS                        | Producer Prices, All Commodities      | 2005=100                     |
| PPI    | 2002q4 | 2011q4 | OECD                       | Total producer prices - Manufacturing | 2005=100                     |

### A.6.7 United Kingdom

| series | start  | end    | source | concept  | unit                    |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|-------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 1988q1 | OECD   | all items  | 2005=100                |
| CPIovr | 1988q2 | 2011q4 | ONS    | CPI INDEX 00 : ALL ITEMS- estimated pre-97       | (2005 = 100)            |
| CPItra | 1988q2 | 2011q4 | ONS    | CPI INDEX: Goods - estimated pre-96              | (2005 = 100)            |
| EPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q2 | OECD   | Unit value, EXP-Manufactured goods               | Local ccy               |
| IPI    | 1975q2 | 2011q2 | OECD   | Unit value, IMP-Manufactured goods               | Local ccy               |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS    | period average                                   | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar |
| PPI    | 1975q2 | 1991q1 | IFS    | Producer Prices, All Commodities                 | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 1991q2 | 1996q1 | OECD   | Domestic producer prices - Industrial Activities | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 1996q2 | 2009q1 | OECD   | Domestic producer prices - Manufacturing         | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 2009q2 | 2011q4 | OECD   | Total producer prices - Manufacturing            | 2005=100                |

### A.6.8 United States

| series | start  | end    | source   | concept                                       | unit                    |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|---|-------------------------|
| CPIovr | 1975q2 | 1998q1 | OECD     | all items                                     | 2005=100                |
| CPIovr | 1998q2 | 2011q3 | Eurostat | HICP - All items                              | 2005=100                |
| CPIovr | 2011q4 | 2011q4 | OECD     | all items                                     | 2005=100                |
| CPItra | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | BLS      | CPI Commodities subindex                      | 1982-1984=100           |
| EPI    | 1985q2 | 2011q4 | BLS      | Exports excluding agricultural commodities    |                         |
| IPI    | 1985q2 | 2011q4 | BLS      | All Imports excluding petroleum               |                         |
| NER    | 1975q2 | 2011q4 | IFS      | period average                                | Nat'l ccy per US Dollar |
| PPI    | 1975q2 | 1986q1 | OECD     | Total producer prices - Manufacturing         | 2005=100                |
| PPI    | 1986q2 | 2011q4 | BLS      | Producer Price Index Manufacturing Industries | 1984M12=100             |

## A.7 Weights assigned to trading partners

### A.7.1 Methodology

The import data used to construct weights is drawn from the IMF Direction of Trade Statistics. Imports are reported c.i.f. and in US dollars, at an annual frequency. Weights are constructed only for the set of trading partners for which nominal exchange rates and all price indices exist at a given point in time. Please refer to the "Definitions" section at the beginning of the Technical appendix for more details. Price indices for trading partners may be a composite of a few different series. For example, if a PPI-based real exchange rate is being constructed, then the manufacturing PPI is used for a trading partner if it is available. If not, then a general PPI is used. Lastly, if that is not available then the overall CPI is used. The same substitution of overall CPI for a trade partner's missing price series applies to the IPI, EPI, and tradable goods CPI - based real exchange rates.

### A.7.2 Weights assigned for log difference between 1975Q3 and 1975Q4

| partner | CAN   | CHE   | DEU   | FRA   | GBR   | ITA   | JPN   | USA   |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AUS     | 0.010 | 0.008 | 0.012 | 0.008 | 0.036 | 0.011 | 0.095 | 0.025 |
| AUT     | 0.002 | 0.055 | 0.049 | 0.009 | 0.013 | 0.029 | 0.003 | 0.004 |
| BEL     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| CAN     | 0.000 | 0.013 | 0.014 | 0.016 | 0.050 | 0.021 | 0.060 | 0.342 |
| CHE     | 0.004 | 0.000 | 0.055 | 0.053 | 0.038 | 0.047 | 0.012 | 0.014 |
| CHN     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| CZE     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| DEU     | 0.025 | 0.267 | 0.000 | 0.301 | 0.113 | 0.290 | 0.045 | 0.082 |
| DNK     | 0.002 | 0.015 | 0.029 | 0.011 | 0.038 | 0.015 | 0.006 | 0.008 |
| ESP     | 0.004 | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.041 | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.008 | 0.025 |
| FIN     | 0.001 | 0.011 | 0.014 | 0.008 | 0.024 | 0.005 | 0.003 | 0.004 |
| FRA     | 0.016 | 0.153 | 0.177 | 0.000 | 0.097 | 0.211 | 0.024 | 0.045 |
| GBR     | 0.052 | 0.110 | 0.067 | 0.097 | 0.000 | 0.066 | 0.036 | 0.066 |
| GRC     | 0.001 | 0.005 | 0.014 | 0.008 | 0.006 | 0.015 | 0.008 | 0.004 |
| HKG     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| HUN     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| IDN     | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.077 | 0.023 |
| IND     | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.013 | 0.004 | 0.018 | 0.014 |
| IRL     | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.060 | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.003 |
| ISL     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| ITA     | 0.015 | 0.099 | 0.125 | 0.155 | 0.048 | 0.000 | 0.013 | 0.043 |
| JPN     | 0.061 | 0.033 | 0.027 | 0.024 | 0.036 | 0.018 | 0.000 | 0.170 |
| KOR     | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.005 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.059 | 0.025 |
| LUX     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| MEX     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| MYS     | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.010 | 0.003 | 0.022 | 0.008 |
| NLD     | 0.008 | 0.044 | 0.178 | 0.096 | 0.096 | 0.065 | 0.011 | 0.033 |
| NOR     | 0.005 | 0.011 | 0.021 | 0.010 | 0.035 | 0.006 | 0.010 | 0.008 |
| NZL     | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.019 | 0.002 | 0.012 | 0.005 |
| PHL     | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.001 | 0.033 | 0.012 |
| POL     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| PRT     | 0.001 | 0.008 | 0.006 | 0.007 | 0.012 | 0.006 | 0.002 | 0.005 |
| RUS     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| SGP     | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.009 | 0.002 | 0.028 | 0.013 |
| SVK     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| SWE     | 0.006 | 0.036 | 0.048 | 0.027 | 0.062 | 0.021 | 0.011 | 0.015 |
| THA     | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.028 | 0.005 |
| USA     | 0.769 | 0.086 | 0.106 | 0.100 | 0.145 | 0.128 | 0.375 | 0.000 |

Weights for BEL, CZE, LUX, RUS, and SVK are zero because import and export data are not available at the time.

Weights for MEX were set to zero prior to 1988 because Mexico had hyperinflation. Incidentally, this means that the log difference between 1987Q4 and 1988Q1 also received zero weight.

Weights for CHN, HKG, HUN, POL are zero because these countries have no overall CPI series during this time.

### A.7.3 Weights assigned for log difference between 2011Q3 and 2011Q4

| partner | CAN   | CHE   | DEU   | FRA   | GBR   | ITA   | JPN   | USA   |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AUS     | 0.005 | 0.009 | 0.006 | 0.005 | 0.016 | 0.009 | 0.058 | 0.014 |
| AUT     | 0.002 | 0.045 | 0.057 | 0.011 | 0.008 | 0.032 | 0.002 | 0.004 |
| BEL     | 0.005 | 0.027 | 0.063 | 0.116 | 0.062 | 0.043 | 0.009 | 0.015 |
| CAN     | 0.000 | 0.010 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.032 | 0.010 | 0.021 | 0.195 |
| CHE     | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.049 | 0.033 | 0.018 | 0.045 | 0.009 | 0.012 |
| CHN     | 0.087 | 0.043 | 0.076 | 0.051 | 0.071 | 0.074 | 0.286 | 0.185 |
| CZE     | 0.001 | 0.009 | 0.040 | 0.012 | 0.011 | 0.016 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| DEU     | 0.022 | 0.269 | 0.000 | 0.207 | 0.149 | 0.195 | 0.035 | 0.050 |
| DNK     | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.016 | 0.007 | 0.017 | 0.008 | 0.002 | 0.003 |
| ESP     | 0.004 | 0.020 | 0.034 | 0.082 | 0.037 | 0.063 | 0.005 | 0.008 |
| FIN     | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.009 | 0.005 | 0.007 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| FRA     | 0.010 | 0.084 | 0.097 | 0.000 | 0.077 | 0.127 | 0.014 | 0.022 |
| GBR     | 0.035 | 0.040 | 0.059 | 0.065 | 0.000 | 0.047 | 0.015 | 0.033 |
| GRC     | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.011 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| HKG     | 0.003 | 0.028 | 0.004 | 0.005 | 0.011 | 0.008 | 0.032 | 0.011 |
| HUN     | 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.021 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.012 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| IDN     | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.006 | 0.041 | 0.011 |
| IND     | 0.006 | 0.077 | 0.010 | 0.008 | 0.017 | 0.015 | 0.014 | 0.021 |
| IRL     | 0.002 | 0.018 | 0.006 | 0.010 | 0.050 | 0.007 | 0.004 | 0.017 |
| ISL     | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| ITA     | 0.009 | 0.082 | 0.065 | 0.091 | 0.040 | 0.000 | 0.011 | 0.018 |
| JPN     | 0.032 | 0.028 | 0.020 | 0.017 | 0.021 | 0.018 | 0.000 | 0.072 |
| KOR     | 0.016 | 0.007 | 0.012 | 0.009 | 0.008 | 0.011 | 0.082 | 0.036 |
| LUX     | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| MEX     | 0.044 | 0.005 | 0.008 | 0.004 | 0.005 | 0.009 | 0.017 | 0.158 |
| MYS     | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.006 | 0.005 | 0.007 | 0.004 | 0.039 | 0.015 |
| NLD     | 0.008 | 0.029 | 0.110 | 0.069 | 0.087 | 0.051 | 0.017 | 0.020 |
| NOR     | 0.010 | 0.003 | 0.016 | 0.009 | 0.037 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.005 |
| NZL     | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.002 |
| PHL     | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.012 | 0.006 |
| POL     | 0.002 | 0.006 | 0.044 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.027 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| PRT     | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.007 | 0.011 | 0.006 | 0.008 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| RUS     | 0.003 | 0.009 | 0.034 | 0.025 | 0.017 | 0.033 | 0.019 | 0.016 |
| SGP     | 0.003 | 0.012 | 0.006 | 0.012 | 0.011 | 0.005 | 0.026 | 0.020 |
| SVK     | 0.000 | 0.003 | 0.013 | 0.006 | 0.004 | 0.009 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| SWE     | 0.003 | 0.007 | 0.022 | 0.015 | 0.024 | 0.013 | 0.003 | 0.006 |
| THA     | 0.005 | 0.023 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.006 | 0.005 | 0.051 | 0.014 |
| USA     | 0.659 | 0.082 | 0.061 | 0.058 | 0.103 | 0.065 | 0.158 | 0.000 |

### A.8 CPI weights

We inferred a CPI commodities series for countries for which this was not directly available. Depending on the available CPI subcategory series, one of the two following equations was used:

$$CPI = CPI_{comm}^{\gamma_c} CPI_{serv-hous}^{(\gamma_s - \gamma_h)} CPI_{hous}^{\gamma_h}$$

$$CPI = CPI_{comm}^{\gamma_c} CPI_{serv}^{\gamma_s}$$

The weights  $\gamma_c, \gamma_s, \gamma_h$  for commodities, services, and housing, respectively, we obtained at an annual frequency between 1986 and 2010 from the BLS, *Table 1 (YYYY-YYYY Weights). Relative importance of components in the Consumer Price Indexes: U.S. city average, December YYYY.*

In particular,  $\gamma_c$  and  $\gamma_s$  correspond to the *Commodities...* and *Services...* lines under the *Special Aggregate Indexes* heading. For housing,  $\gamma_h$ , we used the *Shelter...* line under the *Expenditure category* heading.

### A.9 Real exchange rate persistence (Table 2)

**Data** The real exchange rates (RERs) are the *narrow* RERs compiled by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). The data was downloaded from the [BIS website](#) in September 2012. The RERs use trade weights based on 2008–2010 trade

data. The countries used are listed in Table 7.2 of [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#) (the files mentioned below also contain data for Spain, which was not used in the published paper). The data series are quarterly and the sample is 1975q1–2011q4.

**Estimation procedure** The estimation method is exactly as in [Steinsson \(2008\)](#), using Steinsson’s [Matlab code](#) in essentially unmodified form (but with our data). For all 8 countries, the quarterly log RER is modeled as an AR(5) process.  $\alpha$  denotes the sum of the AR coefficients. The half-life (HL) is the largest time  $T$  such that the impulse response function  $IR$  satisfies  $IR(T - 1) \geq 0.5$  and  $IR(T) < 0.5$ . The up-life (UL) and quarter-life (QL) are similarly defined with 1 (0.25, resp.) replacing 0.5. As discussed by Steinsson,  $UL/HL$  and  $HL - (QL - HL) = 2HL - QL$  may be interpreted as measuring the extent of hump-shaped behavior, as both measures are 0 under exponential decay.

Due to the strong persistence of most RER series, the [Hansen \(1999\)](#) grid bootstrap is used to obtain a median unbiased (MU) estimate of  $\alpha$ . The other AR parameters are estimated by OLS conditional on the MU estimate of  $\alpha$ . Point estimates of the HL/UL/QL statistics (which are expressed in years) are calculated from the point estimates of the AR parameters. The MU estimate of  $\alpha$  is obtained by applying Hansen’s grid bootstrap with  $G = 80$  grid points over the interval  $[\hat{\alpha}_{OLS} - 0.07, 1]$ , using  $B = 249$  bootstrap replications per grid point. 90% confidence intervals and p-values are obtained by bootstrapping residuals over 1,000 replications. The p-values reported in the Matlab output are for the hypotheses  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $HL = \infty$ ,  $UL = \infty$ ,  $QL = \infty$ ,  $UL/HL = 0$ ,  $HL - QL = 0$  and  $2HL - QL = 0$ .

Notice that Table 7.2 in [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#) only reports the half-life and up-life estimates with corresponding 90% confidence intervals.

**Errors** There is a minor error in the published Table 7.2 in [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#). The point estimate of the up-life for Switzerland should be 0.9, with a 90% confidence interval of [0.3, 1.3]. See Table A below for the correct numbers.

## A.10 Pass-through regressions (Table 4)

**Data** The data for the pass-through regressions comes from a variety of sources. We use quarterly data on each of the 8 countries listed in Table 7.4 of [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#). The largest sample used for the reported numbers is 1975q1–2011q4, but several regressions are based on shorter samples (see below).

The construction of the import price index (IPI), tradeable consumer price index (CPIT), and trade-weighted foreign producer price index (PPI) was described above.

The *narrow* nominal exchange rate (NER) series used for every country is the BIS *narrow* nominal effective exchange rate (NEER). The data was downloaded from the [BIS website](#) in August 2012.

For the U.S., in addition to the BIS narrow NEER index, we also use a *broad* NER index, namely the Broad NER index produced by the Fed Board of Governors (FRB) for the H.10 “Foreign Exchange Rates” statistical release. The data was downloaded from the St. Louis Fed’s FRED website (series code “[TWEXB](#)”) in August 2012, averaging daily levels to quarterly frequency.

We do not use the BIS’s broad NEER indices for any country.

**Estimation procedure** The pass-through into import prices and that into traded CPI are estimated using the exact same procedure. Below we focus on import prices.

- *Dynamic lag regressions*: The nominal exchange rate pass-through into import prices is estimated by a quarterly regression of the log import price index (in domestic currency) on lags 0 to 8 of the log trade-weighted nominal exchange rate (in units of domestic per foreign currency) and lags 0 to 8 of log trade-weighted foreign PPI (in foreign currency). The short-run pass-through is given by the lag-0 coefficient on the nominal exchange rate, while the long-run pass-through is given by the sum of the 9 coefficients on lags of the exchange rate. Standard errors are calculated using the Newey-West HAC estimator with a bandwidth of 8 lags.
- *VECM*: These results are not reported in the paper, although they are mentioned briefly in the text ([Burstein & Gopinath, 2015](#), p. 403). We follow [Nakamura & Steinsson \(2012\)](#). For each country, a three-dimensional VECM in the log import price index, the log nominal exchange rate and the log foreign PPI is estimated. The lag length is determined by the AIC. The cointegration rank is estimated by the Johansen trace statistic using a significance level of 95%. The specification allows for a constant in the cointegrating relation but not a time trend, unlike in [Nakamura & Steinsson \(2012\)](#). If the data points towards a cointegration rank of 1, the VECM is estimated by maximum likelihood. The long-run exchange rate pass-through is given by (negative) the coefficient on the exchange rate in the estimated cointegrating vector (the coefficient on import prices is normalized to 1). The long-run marginal cost pass-through is given by (negative) the coefficient on foreign PPI in the cointegrating vector. Standard errors are based on the usual asymptotic normal approximation.

**Errors** The published Table 7.4 in [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#) contains a number of errors. The largest sample used for all countries except France is 1983q1–2011q4, not 1975q1–2011q4 as claimed in the published table. For France the largest sample is 1975q1–2011q4, as claimed. There were also a few inaccuracies in the sample coverage notes for individual countries. See Tables [B](#) and [C](#) below for the correct numbers and notes on the 1975q1–2011q4 and 1983q1–2011q4 subsamples, respectively.

We remark that the differences between the results on various subsamples are small and do not affect any qualitative conclusions.

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|                    | U.S. |     | Japan |     | Italy |     | U.K. |     | France |     | Germany |     | Canada |     | Switzerland |            |
|--------------------|------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|--------|-----|---------|-----|--------|-----|-------------|------------|
|                    | HL   | UL  | HL    | UL  | HL    | UL  | HL   | UL  | HL     | UL  | HL      | UL  | HL     | UL  | HL          | UL         |
| <b>MU estimate</b> | 6.0  | 2.4 | 3.7   | 1.6 | 5.6   | 2.0 | 2.9  | 1.3 | 3.2    | 1.0 | 3.7     | 2.1 | 8.7    | 3.4 | 1.6         | <b>0.9</b> |
| <b>90% CI</b>      | 2.2  | 0.5 | 1.8   | 0.4 | 2.0   | 0.7 | 1.7  | 0.3 | 1.4    | 0.3 | 2.0     | 0.9 | 2.4    | 1.0 | 1.1         | <b>0.3</b> |
|                    | Inf  | Inf | 24.9  | 6.5 | Inf   | Inf | 10.5 | 3.0 | Inf    | Inf | 13.4    | 5.2 | Inf    | Inf | 2.6         | <b>1.3</b> |

**Table A:** Persistence of RER deviations, 1975q1–2011q4. Numbers in bold are corrected relative to [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#).

|                           |  | U.S.       |    | Japan       |             | Italy        |             | U.K.        |             | France      |             | Germany |      | Canada      |             | Switzerland |             |             |             |
|---------------------------|--|------------|----|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                           |  | ERPT       | SE | ERPT        | SE          | ERPT         | SE          | ERPT        | SE          | ERPT        | SE          | ERPT    | SE   | ERPT        | SE          | ERPT        | SE          |             |             |
| <b>Import Price Index</b> |  |            |    |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Dynamic Lag               |  |            |    |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Short run                 |  | Narrow NER |    | 0.20        | 0.05        | <b>0.75</b>  | <b>0.06</b> | <b>0.51</b> | <b>0.06</b> | <b>0.38</b> | <b>0.02</b> | 0.40    | 0.09 | <b>0.41</b> | <b>0.05</b> | <b>0.74</b> | <b>0.05</b> | 0.13        | 0.03        |
| Long Run                  |  | Broad NER  |    | 0.20        | 0.04        |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|                           |  | Narrow NER |    | 0.51        | 0.08        | <b>0.69</b>  | <b>0.10</b> | <b>0.53</b> | <b>0.18</b> | <b>0.85</b> | <b>0.07</b> | 0.97    | 0.13 | <b>0.48</b> | <b>0.11</b> | <b>1.04</b> | <b>0.07</b> | 0.47        | 0.09        |
|                           |  | Broad NER  |    | 0.27        | 0.11        |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Tradeable CPI</b>      |  |            |    |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Dynamic Lag               |  |            |    |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Short run                 |  | Narrow NER |    | <b>0.07</b> | <b>0.02</b> | <b>-0.03</b> | <b>0.01</b> | -0.03       | 0.19        | 0.05        | 0.02        | 0.04    | 0.05 | -0.01       | 0.04        | <b>0.03</b> | <b>0.05</b> | <b>0.11</b> | <b>0.04</b> |
| Long Run                  |  | Broad NER  |    | <b>0.09</b> | <b>0.03</b> |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|                           |  | Narrow NER |    | <b>0.17</b> | <b>0.04</b> | <b>0.11</b>  | <b>0.03</b> | 0.01        | 0.11        | 0.14        | 0.07        | 0.36    | 0.11 | -0.01       | 0.05        | <b>0.29</b> | <b>0.13</b> | <b>0.20</b> | <b>0.11</b> |
|                           |  | Broad NER  |    | <b>0.13</b> | <b>0.07</b> |              |             |             |             |             |             |         |      |             |             |             |             |             |             |

**Coverage.** US (broad+narrow): CPIT (1975-2011), IPI (1985-2011), Japan: CPIT, IPI (1975-2011), Italy: CPIT (1996-2011), IPI (1975-2011), UK: CPIT (1988-2011), IPI (1975-2011), France: CPIT (1975-2011), IPI (1981-2011), Germany: CPIT (1996-2011), IPI (1975-2011), Canada: CPIT, IPI (1975-2011), Switz.: CPIT (1975-2011), IPI (1990-2011)

**Table B:** Short-run and long-run NER pass-through using aggregate indices, 1975q1–2011q4 (where available). Numbers in bold differ from [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#) due to different sample.

|                           |  | U.S.       |    | Japan |      | Italy |      | U.K.  |      | France |      | Germany     |             | Canada |      | Switzerland |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|--|------------|----|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|------|-------------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|------|------|------|
|                           |  | ERPT       | SE | ERPT  | SE   | ERPT  | SE   | ERPT  | SE   | ERPT   | SE   | ERPT        | SE          | ERPT   | SE   | ERPT        | SE   |      |      |
| <b>Import Price Index</b> |  |            |    |       |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
| Dynamic Lag               |  |            |    |       |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
| Short run                 |  | Narrow NER |    | 0.20  | 0.05 | 0.75  | 0.07 | 0.53  | 0.05 | 0.37   | 0.04 | <b>0.26</b> | <b>0.08</b> | 0.43   | 0.05 | 0.75        | 0.05 | 0.13 | 0.03 |
| Long Run                  |  | Broad NER  |    | 0.20  | 0.04 |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
|                           |  | Narrow NER |    | 0.51  | 0.08 | 0.71  | 0.12 | 0.53  | 0.16 | 0.87   | 0.08 | <b>0.73</b> | <b>0.20</b> | 0.64   | 0.10 | 0.80        | 0.12 | 0.47 | 0.09 |
|                           |  | Broad NER  |    | 0.27  | 0.11 |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
| <b>Tradeable CPI</b>      |  |            |    |       |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
| Dynamic Lag               |  |            |    |       |      |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
| Short run                 |  | Narrow NER |    | 0.06  | 0.02 | -0.04 | 0.02 | -0.03 | 0.19 | 0.05   | 0.02 | <b>0.07</b> | <b>0.08</b> | -0.01  | 0.04 | 0.02        | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.05 |
| Long Run                  |  | Broad NER  |    | 0.09  | 0.03 |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |
|                           |  | Narrow NER |    | 0.17  | 0.04 | 0.10  | 0.04 | 0.01  | 0.11 | 0.14   | 0.07 | <b>0.40</b> | <b>0.15</b> | -0.01  | 0.05 | 0.14        | 0.19 | 0.29 | 0.10 |
|                           |  | Broad NER  |    | 0.14  | 0.08 |       |      |       |      |        |      |             |             |        |      |             |      |      |      |

**Coverage.** As in Table B, but restricted to 1983–2011.

**Table C:** Short-run and long-run NER pass-through using aggregate indices, 1983q1–2011q4 (where available). Numbers in bold differ from [Burstein & Gopinath \(2015\)](#) due to different sample.