

Why Do Borrowing Conditions for Sovereign Debt Differ?

Lender's Trust And Borrower's Cost

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"Unambiguously, output declines in the run-up to default on domestic debt are typically significantly worse than for external debt. As ..., the average cumulative decline in output during the three-year run-up to a domestic default crisis is 8 percent. The output decline on the year of the domestic debt crisis alone is 4 percent; the comparable average decline for the external debt events is 1.2 percent."

Reinhart and Rogoff (2011)

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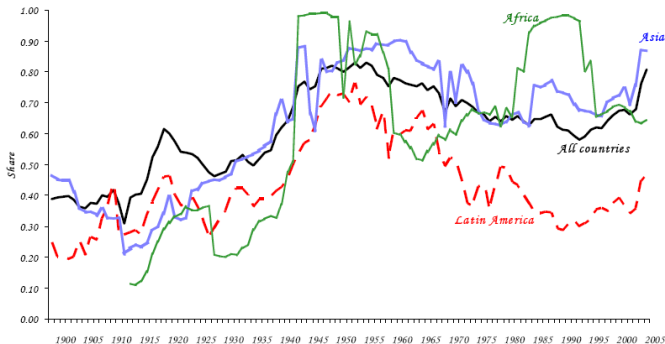
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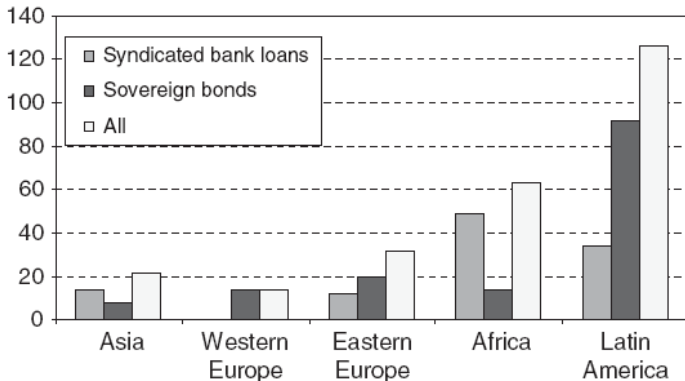
Domestic Public Debt as a Share of Total Debt
Emerging market economies, 1900-2006



Reinhart and Rogoff (2011)

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Figure 1. Number of Defaults (1824–2004)



Borensztein and Panizza (2009)

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And exclusion from the financial market?

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No

Default cost depends on defaulted amount?

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Is domestic or external debt modeled?

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$$\sup_{b_t \in B_t, \theta_t \in \Theta_t, g_t \in G_t, \tau_t \in \Upsilon_t} \{U(c_t, g_t) + \beta E_t \mathbb{V}(y_{t+1}, z_t b_t, \vec{p}_{t+1}(\theta_t); \alpha)\} \quad \text{s. t.}$$

$$c_t = y_t - x(\tau_t) - \tau_t + \alpha(1 - \theta_t)z_{t-1}b_{t-1} - \alpha b_t$$

$$(1 - \theta_t)z_{t-1}b_{t-1} + g_t = \tau_t + b_t - p(\theta_t) - \vec{p}_t$$

$$z_t = \inf[z : z_t E_t[1 - \theta_{t+1}] = R_t]$$

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The value of non-default

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$$c_t = y_t - x(\tau_t) - (1 - \alpha)z_{t-1}b_{t-1} + (1 - \alpha)b_t - g_t$$

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The value of anarchy $\mathbb{V}^a(\vec{p}) =$

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$$c_t = y_t - x(\tau_t) - g_t - \vec{p}$$

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More compact:

$$\mathbb{V}^n((1 - \alpha)z_{t-1}b_{t-1}) =$$

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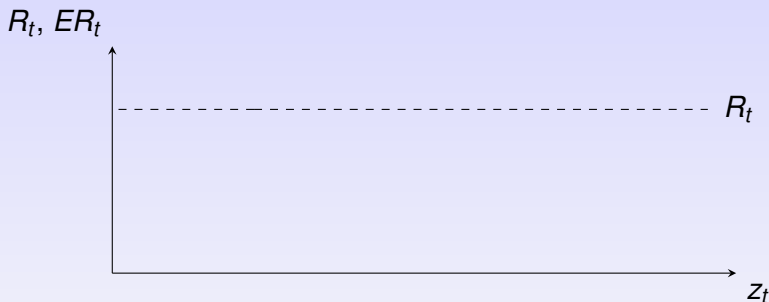
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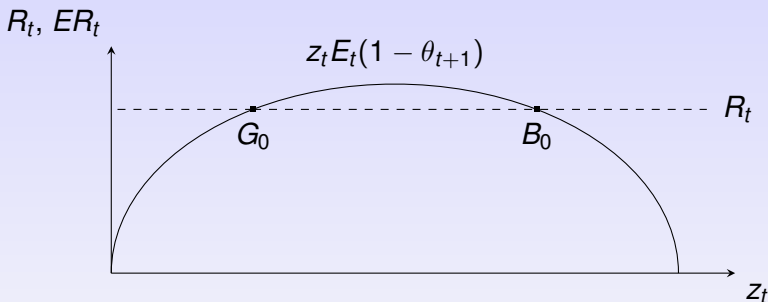
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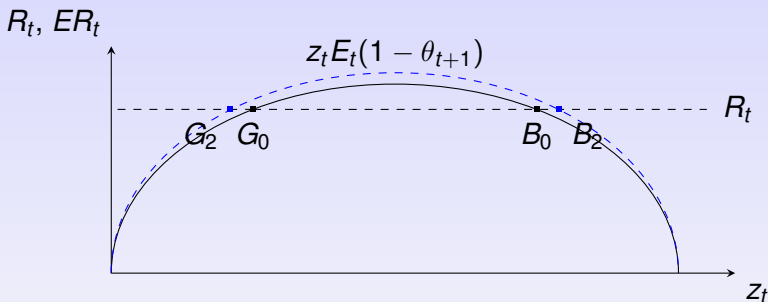
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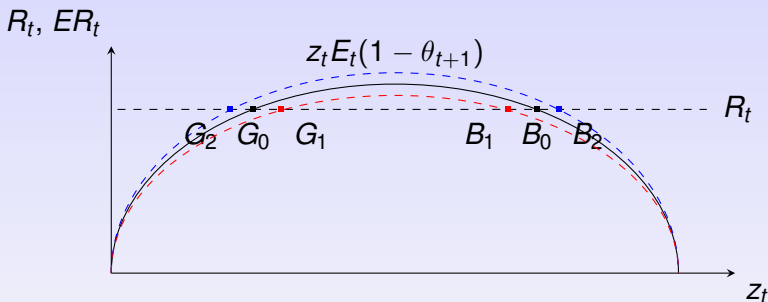
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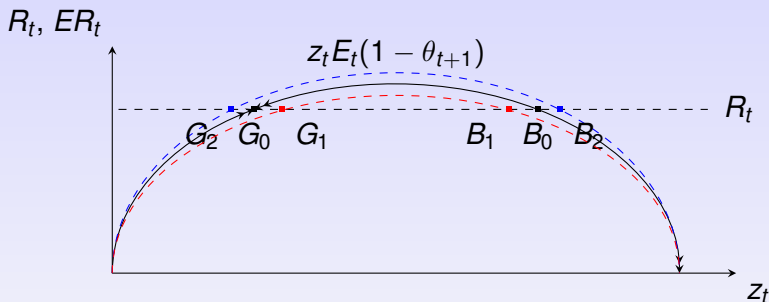
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The value of α is positively related to the capital availability in the domestic economy and in the economies with tight economic and/or political links to it if the government bond can be traded freely among the investors.

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$$\mathbb{V}(zb) = \sup_{\theta \in [0,1], g \in \{\bar{g}\}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}} \{ \mathbb{U}(y - \tau - x(\tau) + \alpha(1 - \theta)zb, g) \}$$

$$\equiv \sup_{\theta \in [0,1], \tau \in \mathbb{R}} \{ y - \tau - x(\tau) + \alpha(1 - \theta)zb \} \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$(1 - \theta)zb + g = \tau - p(\theta) = \tau - \omega\theta zb$$

$$z = \inf[z : (1 - \theta)z = R]$$

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$$x(0) = x'(0) = 0$$

$$x''(\tau) > 0 \quad \forall \tau$$

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x''(\tau) = \infty = - \lim_{\tau \rightarrow -\infty} x''(\tau)$$

From budget constraint:

$$\theta = \frac{zb + g - \tau}{(1 - \omega)zb}$$

Insert θ :

$$\inf_{\tau \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ x(\tau) - \frac{\omega - (1 - \alpha)}{1 - \omega} \tau \right\} \Rightarrow x(\tau^*) = \frac{\omega - (1 - \alpha)}{1 - \omega}$$

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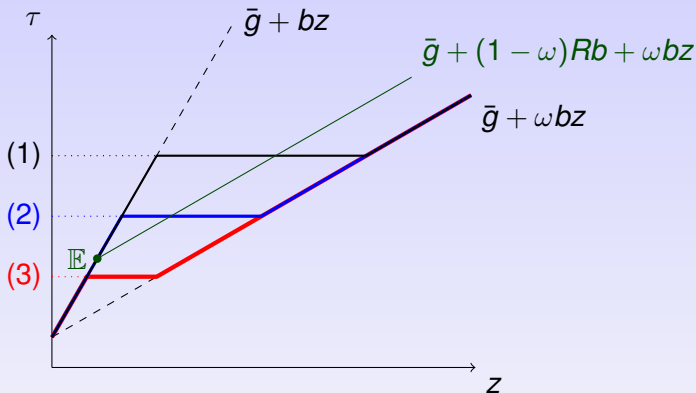
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$$(1) \tau_1^*(\alpha_1 = 1) = \bar{g} + Rb_1^{max}$$

$$(2) \tau_2^*(\alpha_2 < 1) = \bar{g} + Rb_2^{max}$$

$$(3) \tau_3^*(\alpha_3 \ll 1) = \bar{g} + Rb_3^{max}$$

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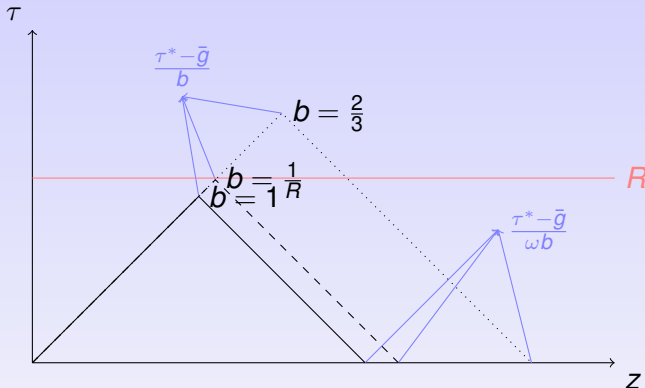
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$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial b} = R' - (1 - \alpha)R + x'(g + Rb - R'b)(R' - R) > 0$$

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$$c_t = y_t - (1 - \alpha)(1 - \theta_t)z_{t-1}b_{t-1} + (1 - \alpha)b_t$$

$$\max_{\theta_t \in [0,1]} E_t \left[\sum_{\tau=t}^{\infty} \beta^{\tau-t} U(c_{\tau} - P_{\tau}) \right]$$

$$z_t(1 - \lambda_t) = R_t$$

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The value of non-default

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