

Stabilization Achieved by Optimal Stimulus Spending

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Optimal public expenditure w/ initial gap $u_0 - u^*$:

$$\frac{g/c - g/c^*}{g/c^*} = \frac{2 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m}{1 + z \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m^2} \cdot \frac{u_0 - u^*}{u^*}$$

resulting unemployment gap, after public expenditure:

$$\frac{u - u^*}{u^*} = \frac{u_0 - u^*}{u^*} - \frac{m \cdot z}{2} \cdot \frac{g/c - g/c^*}{g/c^*}$$

$z = \left[\frac{1}{u^*} \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{1}{g^*} + \frac{1}{c^*}} \right]$

Combine optimal stimulus w/ effect of stimulus on unemployment:

$$\frac{u - u^*}{u^*} = \frac{u_0 - u^*}{u^*} - \frac{z \cdot m}{2} \left(\frac{2 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m}{1 + z \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m^2} \right) \cdot \frac{u_0 - u^*}{u^*}$$

$$\frac{u - u^*}{u^*} = \left[1 - \frac{z \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m^2}{1 + z \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m^2} \right] \cdot \frac{u_0 - u^*}{u^*}$$

$$\frac{u - u^*}{u^*} = \frac{1}{1 + z \cdot \varepsilon \cdot m^2} \cdot \frac{u_0 - u^*}{u^*}$$

initial gap

final unemployment gap (w/ optimal stimulus)

Final unemployment gap ($u - u^*$) is a share

$$\frac{1}{1 + \epsilon + m}$$

of the initial unemployment gap.

- share $\neq 0$: stimulus spending never eliminates unemployment gap
- share $\in (0, 1)$: stimulus spending always reduces the initial unemployment gap.
- share is \downarrow w/ ϵ : final unemployment gap is smaller when public goods are more substitutable w/ private goods.
- share is \downarrow w/ m : final unemployment gap is smaller when multiplier is larger
- final unemployment gap $\rightarrow 0$ when $\begin{cases} \epsilon \rightarrow \infty \\ m \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$