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## **Stable aggregate BRIC-currency constructing**

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# 1. EXTENDED SIMPLE EXCHANGE MODEL

Set of simple goods:  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$

Set of measurement-units:  $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$

Quantity of simple good:  $q_i \cdot e_i$ ,  $q_i \geq 0$

Exchange-coefficient of simple goods:  $c(i, j; t)$  – number of units  $e_j$  exchangeable to one unit  $e_i$  at the moment  $t$

Exchange-matrix of simple goods:

$$C(t) = (c(i, j; t)), \quad c(i, j; t) > 0, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

Set of aggregate goods:

$$AG = \{\bar{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n) : q_i \geq 0, q_1 + \dots + q_n > 0\}$$

Set of basic aggregate goods:

$$V = \{\bar{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n) : v_i \geq 0, v_1 + \dots + v_n = 1\}$$

Representation of aggregate good:  $\bar{q} = \lambda \cdot \bar{v}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$

“Natural” unit:  $\bar{q} = q \cdot \bar{v}$ ,  $v_i = q_i / q$ ,  $q = q_1 + \dots + q_n$

Exchange-coefficients of simple and aggregate goods:

$$c(\bar{v}, k; t) = v_1 c(1, k; t) + \dots + v_n c(n, k; t)$$

## 2. IMF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS (SDR) AS AN AGGREGATE GOOD (CURRENCY)

Weight-coefficients (fixed at January 1, 2006):

$$\begin{aligned}w_1 &= w(\text{EUR}) = 0.34 & w_2 &= w(\text{GBP}) = 0.11 \\w_3 &= w(\text{JPY}) = 0.11 & w_4 &= w(\text{USD}) = 0.44\end{aligned}$$



Quantities (fixed for the period 01.01.06–31.12.10):

$$\begin{aligned}q_1 &= q(\text{EUR}) \approx 0.41 & q_2 &= q(\text{GBP}) \approx 0.09 \\q_3 &= q(\text{JPY}) \approx 0.18 & q_4 &= q(\text{USD}) \approx 0.63 \\ \bar{q} &= (q_1, \dots, q_4) - \text{aggregate currency SDR}\end{aligned}$$

Relative quantities  $v_i = q_i / [q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + q_4]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= v(\text{EUR}) \approx 0.31 & v_2 &= v(\text{GBP}) \approx 0.07 \\v_3 &= v(\text{JPY}) \approx 0.14 & v_4 &= v(\text{USD}) \approx 0.48 \\ \bar{v} &= (v_1, \dots, v_4) - \text{basic aggregate good SDR}^*\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_4) = \lambda \cdot (v_1, \dots, v_4) \quad , \quad \lambda \approx 1.316$$

### 3. MONETARY INDICES OF EXCHANGE-VALUE

Monetary Index (*MIND*) of “value in exchange”:

$$c(i, j; t) = MIND(e_i; t) / MIND(e_j; t)$$

Primitive Monetary Index (*PMI*):

$$PMI(i; k; t) = c(i, k; t)$$

$$PMI(\bar{v}; k; t) = c(\bar{v}, k; t)$$

Multiplicative Monetary Index (*MMI*) (*Jevons Index*):

$$MMI(i; t) = [c(i, 1; t) \cdot \dots \cdot c(i, n; t)]^{1/n}$$

$$MMI(\bar{v}; t) = [c(\bar{v}/1; t) \cdot \dots \cdot c(\bar{v}/n; t)]^{1/n}$$

Reduced Monetary Index (*RMI*):

$$RMI(i; t/t_0) = MMI(i; t) / MMI(i; t_0)$$

$$RMI(\bar{v}; t/t_0) = MMI(\bar{v}; t) / MMI(\bar{v}; t_0)$$

***RMI* – variation-index of exchange-value index *MMI***

## 4. AGGREGATE GOOD OF MINIMAL VOLATILITY

Measure of aggregate good's exchange-value volatility -

variance of time series  $RMI(\bar{v};t/t_0)$   $t=1,\dots,T$

$$S^2(\bar{w}) \quad \bar{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$$

$$w_i = [v_i c(i, k; t_0)] / [v_1 c(1, k; t_0) + \dots + v_n c(n, k; t_0)]$$

$$S^2(\bar{w}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_i \cdot w_j \cdot \text{cov}(i, j)$$

$$\text{cov}(i, j) = \text{cov}(RMI(i), RMI(j)) \quad \text{cov}(i, i) = SRMI^2(i)$$

Optimization problem: minimize variance

under constraints  $w_i \geq 0$   $w_1 + \dots + w_n = 1$

$$\min S^2(\bar{w}) = S^2(\bar{w}^*) \quad \bar{w}^* = (w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*)$$

Stable Aggregate Good (Currency) – SAG (SAC):

$$\bar{v}^* = (v_1^*, \dots, v_n^*)$$

$$v_i^* = [w_i^* / c(i, k; t_0)] / [w_1^* / c(1, k; t_0) + \dots + w_n^* / c(n, k; t_0)]$$

## 5. STABLE AGGREGATE BRIC-CURRENCY

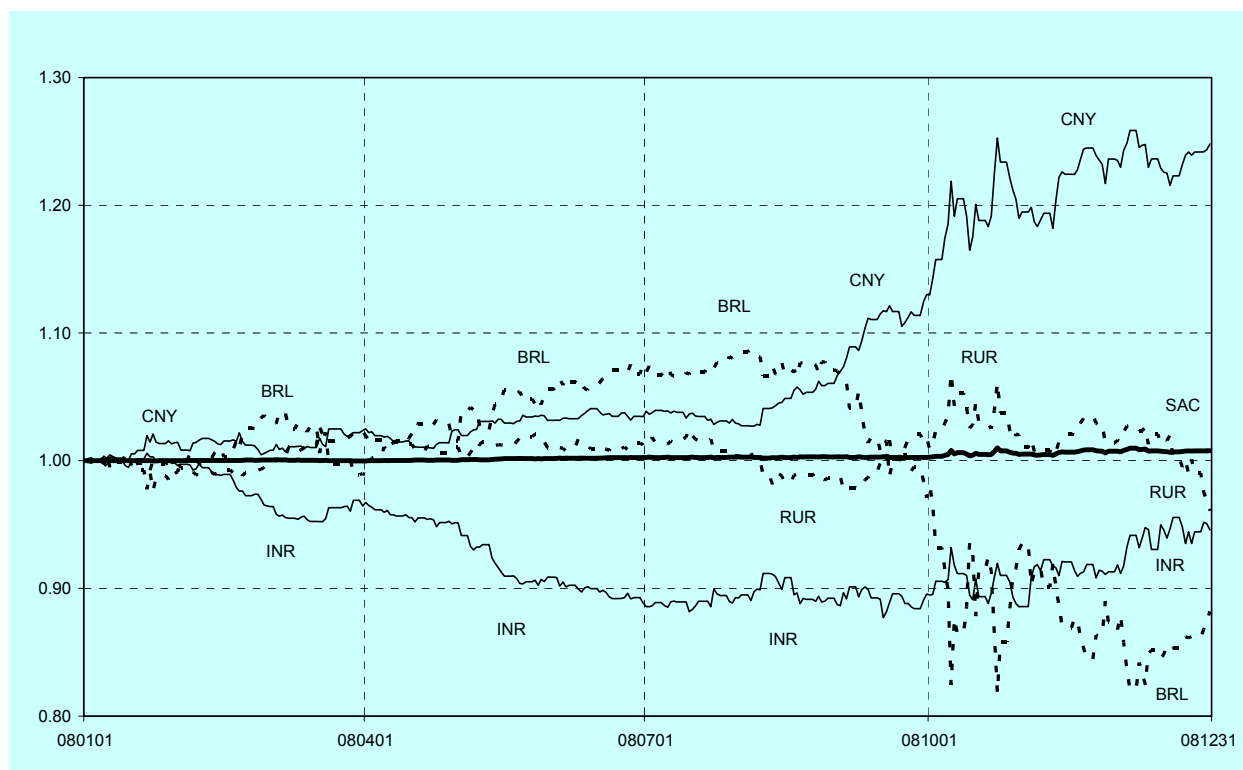
Learning period: 01.01.2007–31.12.2007

$SAC = SAC(BRIC) =$

$= \{0.573 * BRL; 0.228 * CNY; 0.125 * INR; 0.074 * RUR\}$

$JPY' = 100 * JPY; \quad CNY' = 10 * CNY;$   
 $INR' = 100 * INR; \quad RUR' = 100 * RUR$

Testing period: 01.01.2008–31.12.2008



Dynamics of variation-indices  $RMI(XYZ;t/1)$   
of exchange-value indicators  $MMI(XYZ;t/1)$ ,  
 $XYZ=BRL, CNY, INR, RUR, SAC=SAC(BRIC)$

## 6. STATISTICS OF VARIATION-INDICES *RMI* OF EXCHANGE-VALUE INDICATORS *MMI*

Statistics of variation-indices  $RMI(XYZ;t/1)$   
 $XYZ=BRL, CNY, INR, RUR, EUR, GBP, JPY, USD,$   
 $SAC=SAC(BRIC), SAC^*=SAC(EGJU)$

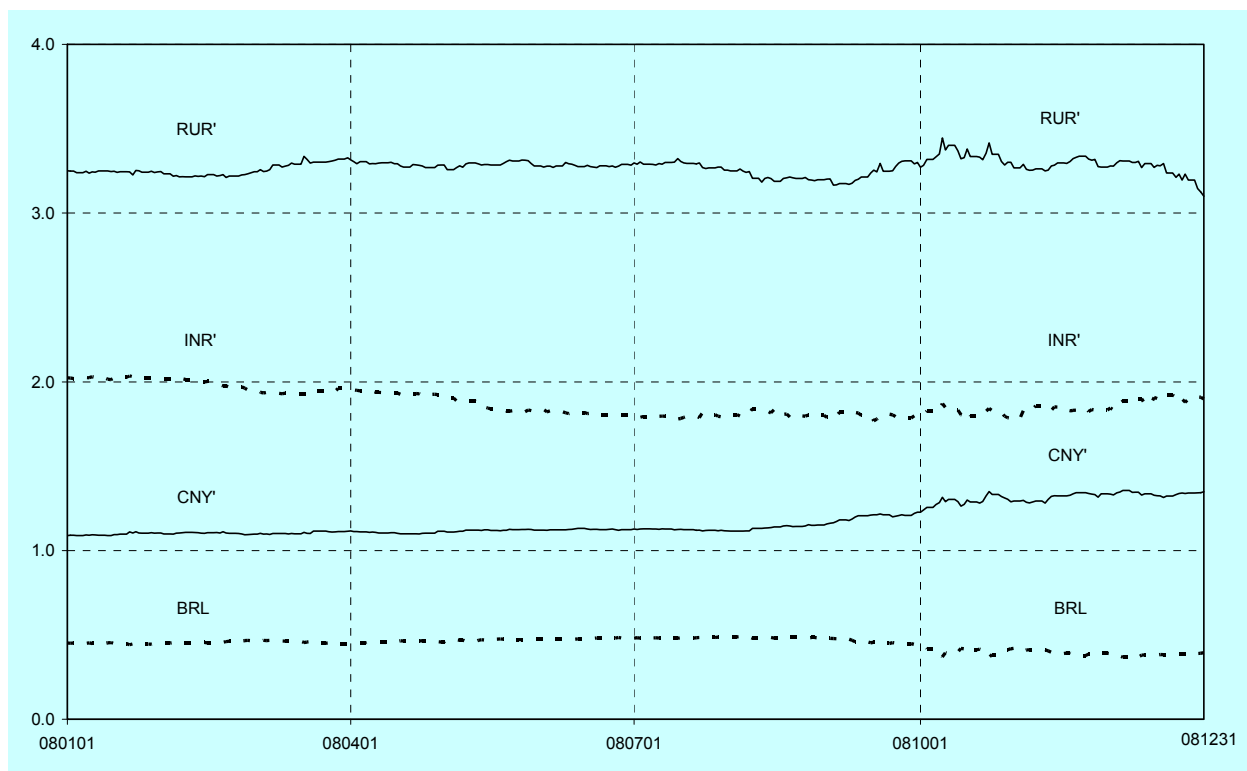
<b>Statistics</b>	<b><i>BRL</i></b>	<b><i>CNY</i></b>	<b><i>INR</i></b>	<b><i>RUR</i></b>	<b><i>SAC</i></b>
<b>Mean</b>	0.995	1.080	0.929	1.008	1.003
<b>Min</b>	0.818	1.000	0.877	0.961	1.000
<b>Max</b>	1.087	1.259	1.006	1.068	1.010
<b>Range</b>	0.269	0.259	0.129	0.107	0.010
<b>St. Dev.</b>	0.075	0.084	0.037	0.015	0.003

$SAC^* = SAC(EGJU) =$

$= \{0.213*EUR; 0.148*GBP; 0.344*JPY; 0.295*USD\}$

<b>Statistics</b>	<b><i>EUR</i></b>	<b><i>GBP</i></b>	<b><i>JPY'</i></b>	<b><i>USD</i></b>	<b><i>SAC*</i></b>
<b>Mean</b>	0.999	0.922	1.091	1.002	1.004
<b>Min</b>	0.899	0.750	1.000	0.947	1.000
<b>Max</b>	1.047	1.000	1.300	1.081	1.020
<b>Range</b>	0.148	0.251	0.300	0.133	0.020
<b>St. Dev.</b>	0.039	0.064	0.089	0.035	0.006

## 7. STABLE AGGREGATE BRIC-CURRENCY AS A VIRTUAL UNIT OF ACCOUNT



Dynamics of exchange-coefficients  $c(XYZ, SAC; t)$ ,  
 $XYZ = BRL, CNY', INR', RUR'$ ,  $SAC = SAC(BRIC)$

Statistics	<i>BRL</i>	<i>CNY'</i>	<i>INR'</i>	<i>RUR'</i>
Mean	0.448	1.172	1.875	3.270
Min	0.365	1.088	1.769	3.100
Max	0.489	1.356	2.035	3.445
Range	0.123	0.269	0.266	0.346
St. Dev.	0.034	0.089	0.078	0.045
C. Var.	0.077	0.076	0.041	0.013

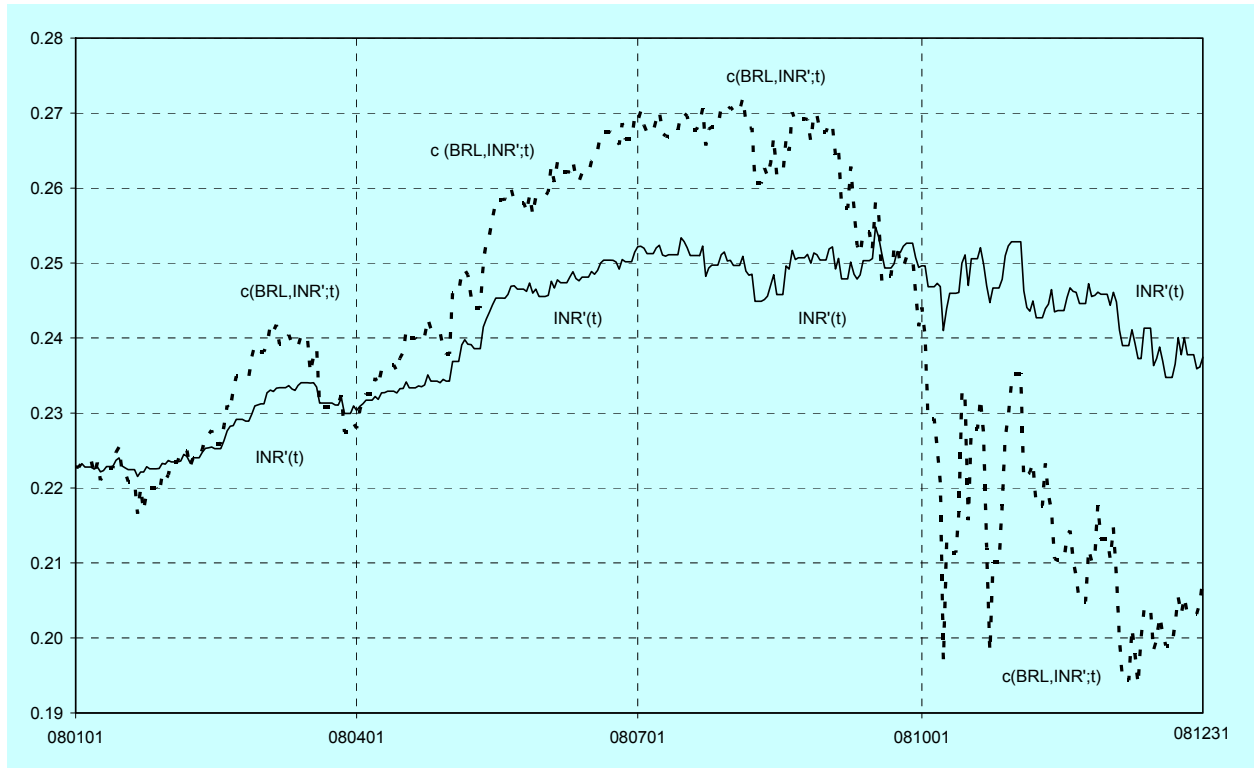
## 8. STABLE AGGREGATE BRIC-CURRENCY AS A STORAGE OF EXCHANGE-VALUE



At the moment  $t(0)=01.01.2008$  an investor exchanges  $1*BRL$  for  $SAC = SAC(BRIC)$ :  
 $1*BRL \rightarrow c(BRL,SAC;t(0)) = 0.4508*SAC$

At the moment  $t$  from the period  $[01.01.2008, 31.12.2008]$  the investor may exchange his  $0.4508*SAC(BRIC)$  for  $BRL(t)=c(BRL,SAC;t(0))*c(SAC,BRL;t)*BRL$

## 9. STABLE AGGREGATE BRIC-CURRENCY AS A CURRENCY OF CONTRACTS



At the moment  $t(0)=01.01.2008$  a Brazilian buyer (“B”) and an Indian Producer (“P”) may negotiate contracts:

C1: “B” must pay  $1 \cdot \text{BRL}$  for the production of “P” at the fixed moment  $t$  from  $[01.01.2008-31.12.2008]$ . So, at the moment  $t$  “P” will obtain  $1 \cdot \text{BRL}$  which may be exchanged for  $100 \cdot c(\text{BRL}, \text{INR}' ; t)$  Indian Rupees

C2: “B” must pay  $c(\text{BRL}, \text{SAC}; t(0)) \cdot c(\text{SAC}, \text{BRL}; t)$  BRL for the production of “P” at the fixed moment  $t$ . So, “P” will obtain  $c(\text{BRL}, \text{SAC}; t(0)) \cdot c(\text{SAC}, \text{BRL}; t) \cdot \text{BRL}$  which may be exchanged for  $\text{INR}'(t)$  Indian Rupees:  

$$\text{INR}'(t) = 100 \cdot c(\text{BRL}, \text{SAC}; t(0)) \cdot c(\text{SAC}, \text{INR}' ; t) \cdot \text{INR}'$$

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“A commodity which is itself continually varying in its own value, can never be an accurate measure of the value of other commodities”

Smith A. “An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations”. 1776

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