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Notes

¹ Formally, this is the result under adaptive expectations. The condition for the price level to be determined under rational expectations is that the monetary authority should have a nominal anchor (Blanchard and Fischer, [1989](#)). The existence of this anchor would imply that inflation cannot wander away from some value indefinitely, thus ensuring stationarity. Also note that the discussion has as a maintained assumption that nominal rigidities are present, so that monetary policy can have real effects in the short run.

² Bernanke et al. ([1999](#)), Clarida et al. ([1999](#)) and Svensson ([1997](#), [2000](#)) provide descriptions of the inflation-targeting framework. Under this regime, first-round effects of supply shocks are accommodated by monetary policy, while demand shocks and second-round effects of cost push shocks are not accommodated. On the other hand, given inflation target, if

³ There is a reduction on both the [\(2003\)](#) document by Letti and

⁴ Capistrán's research in Mexico

⁵ For a discussion of the inflation process see Ramos-Francia and Torres ([2005](#)).



⁶ Examples of these more traditional procedures include testing for the stability of the sum of the coefficients on the lagged-dependent variable in an AR Model for inflation, or testing for shifts in the unconditional mean values of inflation, using structural change Models.

⁷ Capistrán and Ramos-Francia ([2006](#)) report: (i) a drastic drop in the mean and SD of inflation in Mexico for the period 2000–2006, compared to the previous two decades; (ii) evidence of a break in January 2001, which lowered the level of inflation; and (iii) a reduction in the sum of the autoregressive parameter from 0.95 in the period 1990–1999 to 0.31 in 2000–2006.

⁸ We do not discuss further these statistics as they are well known and implemented in popular software such as E-Views. For details, see Ng and Perron ([2001](#)).

⁹ Recall that the estimation of the change point is based on the $M(X)^R$ statistic.

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