

# **HOPF BIFURCATION IN THE IS - LM BUSINESS CYCLE MODEL WITH TIME DELAY**

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ABSTRACT . The distinction between investment decisions and implementation leads us to formulate a new I S - LM business cycle model . It is shown that the dynamics depends crucially on the t ime delay parameter - the gestation t ime period of investment . The Hopf bifurcation theorem is used to predict the occurrence of a limit cycle bifurcation for the t ime delay parameter . Our analysis shows that the limit cycle behavior is independent of the assumption of nonlinearity of the investment function . An example is given to verify the theoretical results .

## **1 . INTRODUCTION**

The Hopf bifurcation theorem [ 8 ] as a tool for establishing the existence of closed orbits in dynamical systems seems to have been originally introduced to economics by Torre [ 1 0 ] , who studied the st andard IS - LM model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Y} &= \alpha(I(Y, r) - S(Y, r)) \\ \dot{r} &= \beta(L(Y, r) - \bar{M})\end{aligned}$$

with  $Y$  as the gross product ,  $I$  as the investment ,  $S$  as the saving ,  $L$  as the demand for money , and  $\bar{M}_{as}$  the constant money supply . Here  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are respectively the adjustment coefficients in the markets of goods and money . Other applications of the Hopf bifurcation theorem can be found in , Benhabib and Nishimura [ 2 ] , Medio [ 9 ] , Krawiec and Szydlowski [ 7 ] , and Asada and Yoshida [ 1 ] . In the two - dimensional case the use of bifurcation theory actually provides no new insight into known models . The real domains of bifurcation theory are dynamical systems of dimension greater than or equal to three because the Poincare - Bendixson theorem cannot be applied anymore . Gabisch and Lorenz considered an augmented IS - LM business cycle model [ 4 , p . 1 68 ] ,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Y} &= \alpha(I(Y, K, r) - S(Y, r)) \\ \dot{r} &= \beta(L(Y, r) - \bar{M}) \\ \dot{K} &= I(Y, K, r) - \delta K\end{aligned}\quad (1.1)$$

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with  $K$  as the capital stock and  $\delta$  as the depreciation rate of the capital stock . The model seems to be one of the simplest complete business cycle models in the Keynesian tradition . A similar model has been studied by Boldrin [ 3 ] .

In the Kalecki business cycle model [ 5 ] , Kalecki assumed that the saved part of profit is invested and the capital growth is due to past investment decisions . There is a gestation period or a time delay , after which capital equipment is available for production . Similar time lag has been introduced and discussed in [ 1 ] and [ 7 ] .

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this paper , Kalecki ' s idea is introduced into the IS - LM model ( 1 . 1 ) to formulate a generalized IS - LM business cycle model as follow

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Y} &= \alpha(I(Y, K, r) - S(Y, r)) \\ \dot{r} &= \beta(L(Y, r) - \bar{M}) \\ \dot{K} &= I(Y(t - T), K, r) - \delta K\end{aligned}\tag{1.2}$$

with  $T$  as the time delay parameter .

Investment depends on income at the time investment decisions are made and on capital stock at the time investment is finished . The latter is a consequence of the fact that at time  $t - T$  there are some investments which will be finished between  $t - T$  and  $t$  . We assume that capital stock produced in this period is taken into consideration when new investments are planned . The Hopf bifurcation theorem is applied to predict the occurrence of a limit cycle bifurcation for the time delay parameter . The crucial role in the creation of the limit cycle is Kalecki ' s time delay parameter , rather than the assumption of the S - shaped investment function . An example is given to show that a Hopf bifurcation can occur in the present IS - LM model – a linear system with time delay .

## 2 . LINEAR IS - LM MODEL

Assume that the investment function  $I$ , the saving function  $S$ , and the demand for money  $L$  depend linearly on their arguments , that is

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \eta Y - \delta_1 K - \beta_1 r \\ S &= l_1 Y + \beta_2 r \\ L &= l_2 Y - \beta_3 r\end{aligned}$$

with  $\eta, \delta_1, l_1, l_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  positive constants . Now system ( 1 . 2 ) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Y} &= \alpha((\eta - l_1)Y - (\beta_1 + \beta_2)r - \delta_1 K) \\ \dot{r} &= \beta(l_2 Y - \beta_3 r - \bar{M}) \\ \dot{K} &= \eta Y(t - T) - \beta_1 r - (\delta + \delta_1)K\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

The characteristic equation of equation ( 2 . 1 ) has the form

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(\eta - l_1) - \lambda & -\alpha(\beta_1 + \beta_2) & -\alpha\delta_1 \\ \beta l_2 & -\beta\beta_3 - \lambda & 0 \\ \eta e^{-\lambda T} & -\beta_1 & -(\delta + \delta_1) - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

that is

$$\lambda^3 + A\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C + D\lambda e^{-\lambda T} + Ee^{-\lambda T} = 0\tag{2.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \delta + \delta_1 + \beta\beta_3 - \alpha(\eta - l_1), \\ B &= (\delta + \delta_1)(\beta\beta_3 - \alpha(\eta - l_1)) + \alpha\beta l_2(\beta_1 + \beta_2) - \alpha\beta\beta_3(\eta - l_1), \\ C &= -\alpha\beta\beta_1 l_2 \delta_1 - (\delta + \delta_1)\alpha\beta(\beta_3(\eta - l_1) - l_2(\beta_1 + \beta_2)), \\ D &= \alpha\eta\delta_1, \quad E = \alpha\beta\beta_3\eta\delta_1 \end{aligned}$$

Generally speaking, transcendental equation (2.2) cannot be solved analytically and has indefinite number of roots. In essence, we have two main tools besides direct numerical integration; firstly, the linear stability analysis, especially in the case of small time delay, and secondly, the Hopf bifurcation theorem. In the following sections, we discuss both approaches.

### 3. LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

For small time delay  $T$ , the method of linear stability analysis is much convenient to find the bifurcation point. To this end, let  $e^{-\lambda T} \approx 1 - \lambda T$ , then the eigenvalue equation (2.2) becomes

$$\lambda^3 + (A - DT)\lambda^2 + (B + D - ET)\lambda + C + E = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

By the Hopf bifurcation theorem and the Routh - Hurwitz criteria, a Hopf bifurcation occurs at a value  $T = T_0$  where [4, pp 166],

$$A - DT_0 > 0, \quad B + D - ET_0 > 0, \quad C + E > 0 \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$(A - DT_0)(B + D - ET_0) = C + E \quad (3.3)$$

Let

$$g(\lambda, T) = \lambda^3 + (A - DT)\lambda^2 + (B + D - ET)\lambda + C + E$$

Evaluating  $g$  at  $T = T_0$  yields

$$g(\lambda, T_0) = \lambda^3 + s\lambda^2 + k^2\lambda + k^2s$$

where  $s = A - DT_0$ ,  $k^2 = B + D - ET_0$ . The eigenvalues of (3.1) at  $T_0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_0(T_0) &= -s = -(A - DT_0) \\ \lambda_{1,2}(T_0) &= \pm ik = \pm i(B + D - ET_0)\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $i$  is the imaginary unit. Differentiating implicitly  $g(\lambda(T), T)$  yields

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dT} = -\frac{\partial g / \partial T}{\partial g / \partial \lambda} = -\frac{-D\lambda^2 - E\lambda}{3\lambda^2 + 2(A - DT)\lambda + B + D - ET}$$

Evaluating the required derivatives of  $g$  at  $T_0$ , we have

$$\frac{d\lambda_1(T_0)}{dT} = -\frac{(Dk^2 - Eki)(-3k^2 + B + D - ET_0 - 2k(A - DT_0)i)}{P^2 + R^2} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $P = -3k^2 + B + D - ET_0$ ,  $R = 2(A - DT_0)k$ . The real part of (3.4) is

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{d\lambda_1(T_0)}{dT}\right) = -\frac{Dk^2(-3k^2 + B + D - ET_0) - 2Ek^2(A - DT_0)}{P^2 + R^2}$$

and  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{d\lambda_1(T_0)}{dT}\right) > 0$  is equivalent to

$$-D(B + D - ET_0) < Ek^2(A - DT_0) \tag{3.5}$$

4 J . P . CAI EJDE - 2 5 / 1 5 Noting that  $D$  and  $E$  are positive , inequality ( 3 . 5 ) holds if the following conditions are fulfilled

$$A - DT_0 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B + D - ET_0 > 0$$

So inequality ( 3 . 2 ) is sufficient to have positive slope of the real part of the eigen - value  $\lambda_1(T)$ . This fact guarantees the bifurcation to a limit cycle for  $T = T_0$  according to the Hopf bifurcation theorem .

#### 4 . HOPF BIFURCATION ANALYSIS

For larger time delay  $T$ , the linear stability analysis of above section is no longer effective and another approach is needed . Let  $\lambda = \sigma + i\omega$  and rewrite ( 2 . 2 ) in terms of its real and imaginary parts as  $\sigma^3 - 3\sigma\omega + A\sigma^2 - A\omega^2 + B\sigma + C + e^{-\sigma T}(D\sigma \cos \omega T + D\omega \sin \omega T + E \cos \omega T) = 0$   $3\sigma^2\omega - \omega^3 + 2A\sigma\omega + B\omega + e^{-\sigma T}(D\omega \cos \omega T - D\sigma \sin \omega T - E \sin \omega T) = 0$

To find the first bifurcation point , we set  $\sigma = 0$ . Then the above two equations reduce to

$$-A\omega^2 + C + D\omega \sin \omega T + E \cos \omega T = 0 \quad (4.1)$$

$$-\omega^3 + B\omega + D\omega \cos \omega T - E \sin \omega T = 0 \quad (4.2)$$

These two equations can be solved easily numerically . If the first bifurcation point is  $(\omega_{\text{bif}}, T_{\text{bif}})$ , then the other bifurcation points  $(\omega, T)$  satisfy

$$\omega T = \omega_{\text{bif}} T_{\text{bif}} + 2n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

By squaring ( 4 . 1 ) and ( 4 . 2 ) , and then adding them , it follows that

$$\omega^6 + (A^2 - 2B)\omega^4 + (B^2 - 2AC - D^2)\omega^2 + C^2 - E^2 = 0 \quad (4.3)$$

This is a cubic equation in  $\omega^2$  and the left side is positive for large values of  $\omega^2$  and negative for  $\omega = 0$  if  $C^2 < E^2$ . Hence , if the above condition is met , then ( 4 . 3 ) has at least one positive real root . Moreover , we have the following lemma [ 6 ] .

**Lemma 4 . 1 .** *Define*

$$\Delta = \frac{4}{27}2_a^3 - \frac{1}{27}2_{a_1}2_a^2 + \frac{4}{27}3_{a_1}a_3 - \frac{2}{3}a_1a_2a_3 + 3_a^3$$

*and suppose that  $a_3 > 0$ . Then necessary and sufficient conditions for the cubic equation*

$$z^3 + a_1z^2 + a_2z + a_3 = 0$$

*to have at least one single positive root for  $z$  are ( 1 ) either (a)  $a_1 < 0, a_2 \geq 0$ , and  $2_{a_1} > 3a_2$ , or (b)  $a_2 < 0$ ; and*

$$(2)\Delta < 0.$$

Denote

$$G(\lambda, T) = \lambda^3 + A\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C + D\lambda e^{-\lambda T} + Ee^{-\lambda T}$$

then

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dT} = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial T} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{(D\lambda^2 + E\lambda)e^{-\lambda T}}{3\lambda^2 + 2A\lambda + B + (D - DT\lambda - ET)e^{-\lambda T}} \quad (4.4)$$

Evaluating the real part of this equation at  $T = T_{\text{bif}}$  and setting  $\lambda = i\omega_{\text{bif}}$  yield

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}|_{T=T_{\text{bif}}} = \text{Re}\left(\frac{d\lambda}{dT}\right)|_{T=T_{\text{bif}}} = \frac{\text{bif}_\omega^2(3\text{bif}_\omega^4 + 2\text{bif}_\omega^2(A^2 - 2B) + B^2 - 2AC - D^2)}{P_1^2 + Q_1^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1^* &= 3\text{bif}_\omega^2 + B + T_{\text{bif}}(-A\text{bif}_\omega^2 + C) + D \cos \omega_{\text{bif}} T_{\text{bif}} \\ Q_1^* &= 2A\omega_{\text{bif}} + T_{\text{bif}}(-\text{bif}_\omega^3 + B\omega_{\text{bif}}) - D \sin \omega_{\text{bif}} T_{\text{bif}} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = \text{bif}_\omega^2$ , then (4.3) reduces to

$$f(x) = x^3 + (A^2 - 2B)x^2 + (B^2 - 2AC - D^2)x + C^2 - E^2$$

then

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2(A^2 - 2B)x + B^2 - 2AC - D^2$$

If  $\omega_{\text{bif}}$  is the least positive simple root of equation (4.3), unless this is a double root when we must take  $\omega_{\text{bif}}$  as the next root, then

$$f'(x)|_{T=T_{\text{bif}}} > 0$$

Hence,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}|_{T=T_{\text{bif}}} = \frac{\text{bif}_\omega^2 f'(\text{bif}_\omega^2)}{P_1^2 + Q_1^2} > 0$$

According to the Hopf bifurcation theorem, we come to the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 4.2.** Assume that the conditions of Lemma 4.1 are satisfied and  $\omega_{\text{bif}}$  is

the least positive root of equation (4.3) unless this is a double root when we must take  $\omega_{\text{bif}}$  as the next root which is simple, then a Hopf bifurcation occurs as  $T$  passes through  $T_{\text{bif}}$ .

A similar phenomenon appeared in the model of multiparty political system studied in [6].

**Example.** When  $\alpha = 3, \beta = 2, \delta = 0.1, \delta_1 = 0.5, \eta = 0.3, l_1 = 0.2, l_2 = 0.1,$

$\bar{M} = 0.5, \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0.2$ , system (2.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Y} &= 0.3Y - 0.4r - 0.5K \\ \dot{r} &= 0.2Y - 0.4r - 0.1 \\ \dot{K} &= 0.3Y(t - T) - 0.2r - 0.6K \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic equation (2.2) becomes

$$\lambda^3 + 0.7\lambda^2 + 0.18\lambda + 0.012 + 0.45\lambda e^{-\lambda T} + 0.18e^{-\lambda T} = 0$$

It is easy to verify that the conditions of Theorem 4.2 are fulfilled, so a limit cycle bifurcation occurs when the time delay parameter  $T$  passes through  $T_{\text{bif}} = 0.740471$  where the relative eigenvalues are  $\lambda_0 = -0.382583, \lambda_{1,2} = \pm 0.6993i$ . Moreover, we can determine the approximate period of the closed orbit by

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{2\pi}{|\lambda(T_{\text{bif}})|} = \frac{2\pi}{0.6993} = 8.98496$$

which implies the period of the economical system is about 9.

**Conclusion .** When we take into account the distinction between investment decision and expenditure , we come to the problem of gestation lags in investment . This leads us to formulate the generalized IS - LM business cycle model with time delay . The Hopf bifurcation theorem is used to predict the occurrence of a bifurcation to a limit cycle for some values of the time delay parameter . Our model admits the limit cycle behavior even for a linear investment function instead of a S - shaped one . It is also shown that Kalecki ' s time delay parameter plays the crucial role of existence of limit cycle behavior . The example in section 5 verifies the analytical results .

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