

The Origins of State Capacity

Property Rights, Taxation, and Politics

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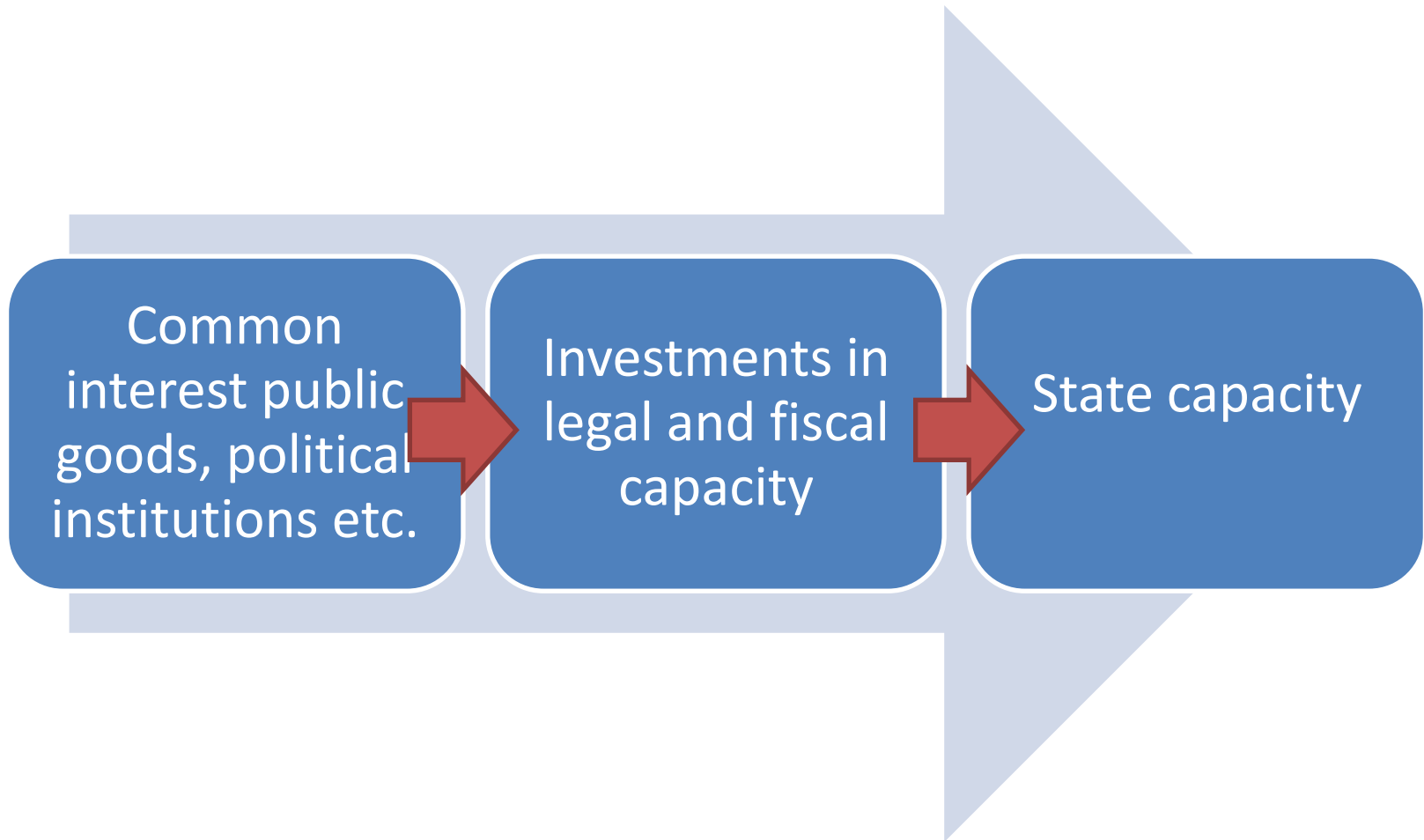
Motivation

- What are the determinants of state capacity?
 - State capacity includes **legal** and **fiscal** capacity
 - Legal capacity: the state's ability to enforce contracts and property rights. In other words, just to make the market work well.
 - Fiscal capacity: the state's ability to raise revenue from taxes.

Rich countries have higher state capacity

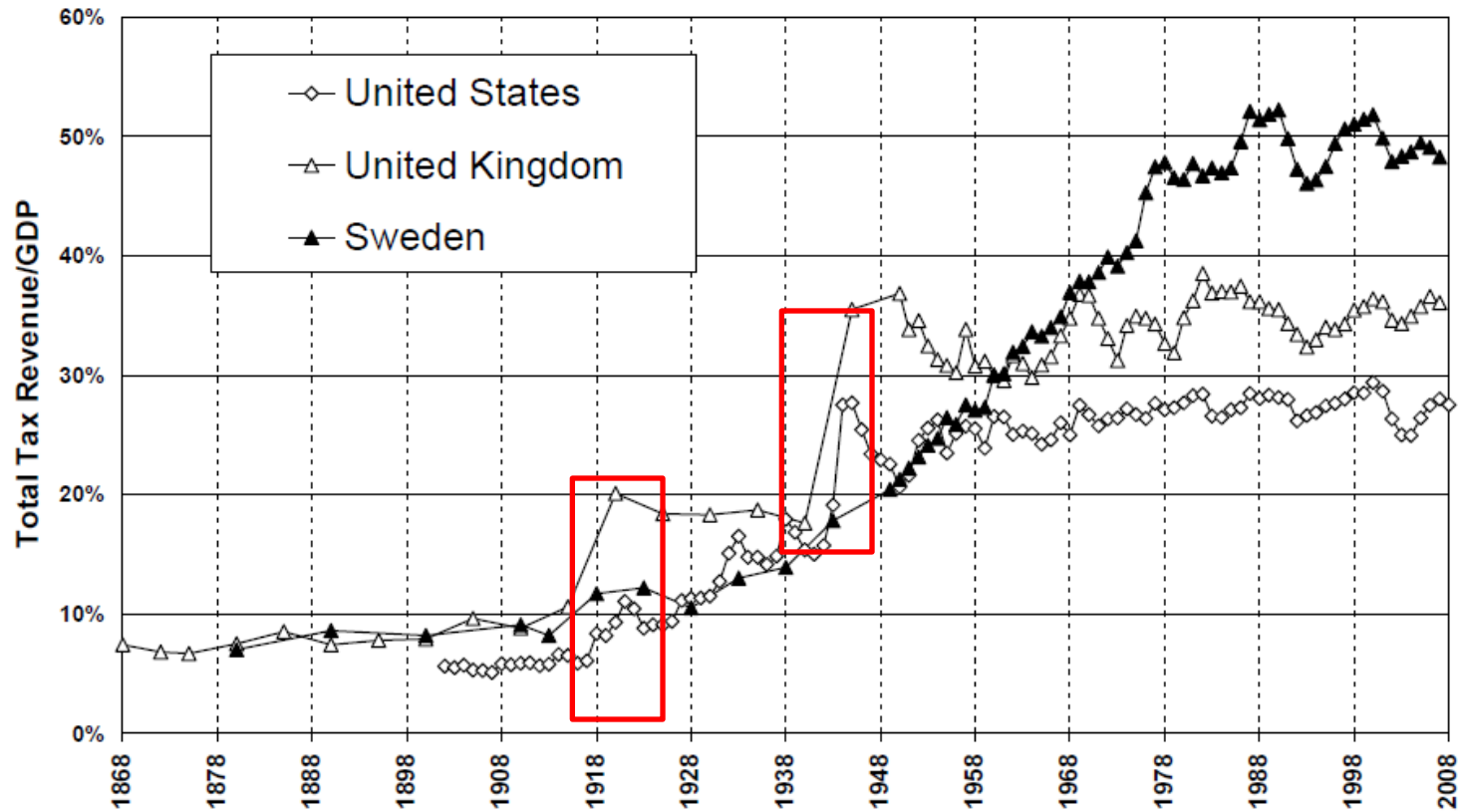


Main Results



state capacity evolved in response to war

A. Tax revenue to GDP ratio in the US, UK, and Sweden



Source: Kleven-Kreiner-Saez (2009)

Why can modern Governments Tax so much?

Model

Optimal Investment decision



Optimal policy choices



Intertemporal model

Model – Policy Choices

Objective function:

$$(8) \quad \alpha_S G_S + \bar{\rho} (1 - t_S^J) \beta^J Y(p_S^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{\rho} (1 - t_S^K) \beta^K Y(p_S^K, \sigma^K, w^K),$$

Budget constraints:

$$(6) \quad \sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = G_1 + [L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(\tau_2 - \tau_1)]$$

$$(7) \quad \sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(p_2^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = G_2$$

Institutional constraints:

$$p_S^J \leq \pi_S, p_S^K \leq \pi_S, t_S^J \leq \tau_S \text{ and } t_S^K \leq \tau_S .$$

Model – Policy Choices

- Solutions

$$p_s^J = p_s^K = \tau_s$$

$$\alpha_s \geq \bar{\rho} \quad \rightarrow \quad t_s^J = t_s^K = \tau_s \quad G_1 = \tau_1 Y_1 - L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) - F(\tau_2 - \tau_1) \quad G_2 = \tau_2 Y_2$$

$$\alpha_2 < \bar{\rho} \quad \bar{\rho} = \underline{\rho} = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad G_s = 0 \quad t_2^J = t_2^K = 0 \quad t_1^J = t_1^K = \hat{t}_1$$

$$\bar{\rho} > 1 > \underline{\rho} \quad \rightarrow \quad G_s = 0 \quad t_1^K = \tau_1 \quad t_2^K = \tau_2$$

$$t_1^J = \frac{[L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(\tau_2 - \tau_1)] - \tau_1 \beta^K Y(\pi_1, \sigma^K, \omega^K)}{\beta^J Y(\pi_1, \sigma^J, \omega^J)} \quad t_2^J = -\frac{\tau_2 \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, \omega^K)}{\beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, \omega^J)}$$

Model – Investment in State Capacity

Expected payoff to group J who hold the power

$$W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2) = \gamma^J E\{w_J^J(\alpha_2, \tau_2, \pi_2)\} + (1 - \gamma^J) E\{w_K^J(\alpha_2, \tau_2, \pi_2)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2) &= (1 - \tau_2)[\bar{\rho}\beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{\rho}\beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K)] \\ &\quad + \tau_2\{([1 - H(\bar{\rho})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{\rho}) \\ &\quad + H(\bar{\rho})[\gamma^J \bar{\rho} + (1 - \gamma^J)\underline{\rho}])[\beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K)]\}. \end{aligned}$$

- Maximizing:

$$W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2) - \lambda(\alpha_1) \left[L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(\tau_2 - \tau_1) \right]$$

FOCs

$$(12) \quad (\rho^J + \tau_2 \lambda_2^J)(r_H - r_L)\Omega \leq \lambda(\alpha_1) L_\pi (\pi_2 - \pi_1)$$

$$c.s. \pi_2 - \pi_1 \geq 0$$

$$(13) \quad \lambda_2^J \left[(1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L)\Omega + r_L(\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right] + \frac{r_L \cdot (\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho}) \cdot \beta^J w^J \beta^K w^K (\sigma^J - \sigma^K)}{\Omega} \leq \lambda(\alpha_1) F_\tau (\tau_2 - \tau_1)$$

$$c.s. \tau_2 - \tau_1 \geq 0.$$

$$(10) \quad \lambda_2^J = [1 - H(\bar{\rho})] \left[E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{\rho}) - \bar{\rho} - \omega^J \cdot (\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho}) \right] + H(\bar{\rho}) \left[(\gamma^J - \omega^J)(\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho}) \right]$$

$$(11) \quad \rho^J = \underline{\rho} + \omega^J (\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho}).$$

Any factor that raises the value of the left hand side of both (12) and (13) will raise investments in both forms of state capacity.

Propositions

- Proposition 4 : Higher wealth higher investment
- Proposition 5: Higher expected demand for public goods higher investment
- Proposition 6: Higher political stability higher investment $\frac{\partial \lambda_2^J}{\partial \gamma^J} = H(\bar{\rho}) (\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho}) \geq 0$
- Proposition 7: More representative more investment
- Proposition 8: Greater economic power of the ruling group higher investment in legal capacity and lower investment in fiscal capacity

Implications for Economic Growth

$$\frac{Y_2 - Y_1}{Y_1} = \frac{(\pi_2 - \pi_1)(r_H - r_L)\Omega}{(1 + \pi_1)(r_H - r_L)\Omega + r_L \sum_J \beta^J w^J} .$$

- The growth rate is directly proportional to the investments in legal capacity.

A look at the Data

Table 1: Economic and Political Determinants of Legal Capacity

	(1) Private Credit to GDP	(2) Ease of Access to Credit (country rank)	(3) Investor Protection (country rank)	(4) Index of Government Anti-diversion Policies
Incidence of External Conflict up to 1975	0.510*** (0.143)	0.647** (0.191)	0.029 (0.209)	0.576*** (0.170)
Incidence of Democracy up to 1975	0.953 (0.059)	0.110 (0.267)	- 0.044 (0.078)	0.126** (0.050)
Incidence of Parliamentary Democracy up to 1975	0.001 (0.063)	0.145 (0.114)	0.339** (0.137)	0.112* (0.061)
English Legal Origin	- 0.009 (0.033)	0.068 (0.057)	0.125** (0.063)	- 0.007 (0.040)
Socialist Legal Origin	-	0.098 (0.111)	0.097 (0.115)	0.010*** (0.035)
German Legal Origin	0.406*** (0.120)	0.295*** (0.064)	- 0.008 (0.149)	0.248*** (0.053)
Scandinavian Legal Origin	0.112*** (0.041)	0.204*** (0.067)	0.087 (0.098)	0.254*** (0.055)
Observations	93	122	120	115
R-squared	0.524	0.334	0.256	0.596

Notes to Table: Robust standard errors in parentheses: * significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%.

Socialist legal origin is dropped in column 1 due to Private Credit to GDP being missing for all countries in this category.

A look at the Data

Table 2: Economic and Political Determinants of Fiscal Capacity

	(1) One Minus Share of Trade Taxes in Total Taxes	(2) One Minus Share of Trade and Indirect Taxes in Total Taxes	(3) Share of Income Taxes in GDP	(4) Share of Taxes in GDP
Incidence of External Conflict up to 1975	0.762*** (0.250)	0.598*** (0.241)	0.579*** (0.220)	0.555*** (0.162)
Incidence of Democracy up to 1975	0.143 (0.077)	- 0.078 (0.100)	0.091 (0.059)	0.088 (0.059)
Incidence of Parliamentary Democracy up to 1975	0.031 (0.083)	0.122 (0.103)	0.212*** (0.078)	0.160** (0.068)
English Legal Origin	- 0.038 (0.058)	- 0.012 (0.061)	- 0.034 (0.043)	- 0.015 (0.042)
Socialist Legal Origin	0.136** (0.058)	- 0.222*** (0.037)	- 0.109*** (0.065)	- 0.119 (0.031)
German Legal Origin	0.175*** (0.052)	0.196*** (0.090)	0.171* (0.010)	0.010*** (0.083)
Scandinavian Legal Origin	0.189** (0.077)	0.068** (0.084)	0.258** (0.134)	0.292*** (0.087)
Observations	103	103	103	103
R-squared	0.356	0.305	0.600	0.576

Notes to Table: Robust standard errors in parentheses: * significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%

Thank you!

Appendix

From (9) to (12).

$$\frac{\partial W^j}{\partial \tau_2} = (1 - \tau_2) \bar{p} \beta^j \sigma^j w^j (r_H - r_K) + (1 - \tau_2) \underline{p} \beta^k \sigma^k w^k (r_H - r_K) + \tau_2 \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] \} \cdot \{ [\beta^j \sigma^j w^j (r_H - r_K) + \beta^k \sigma^k w^k (r_H - r_K)] \}$$

$$= \Omega (r_H - r_K) \cdot \left\{ (1 - \tau_2) \bar{p} + \tau_2 \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] \} \right\} \cdot W^j + \left\{ (1 - \tau_2) \bar{p} + \tau_2 \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] \} \right\} \cdot W^k$$

$$= \Omega (r_H - r_K) \left\{ \underline{p} + W^j (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) + \tau_2 (\underline{p} W^j - \underline{p} - \bar{p} W^j) + \tau_2 \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] \} \right\}$$

$$= \Omega (r_H - r_K) \left\{ \rho^j + \tau_2 \lambda_2^j \right\}$$

where $\lambda_2^j = \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] [E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + \underline{p} W^j (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) - \underline{p}] + H(\bar{p}) (r^j - W^j) (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \}$

$$\rho^j = \underline{p} + W^j (\bar{p} - \underline{p})$$

$$W^j = \frac{\sigma^j w^j \beta^j}{\Omega} \quad W^k = \frac{\sigma^k w^k \beta^k}{\Omega}$$

$$\Omega = \sigma^j w^j \beta^j + \sigma^k w^k \beta^k$$

From (9) to (13)

$$\frac{\partial W^j}{\partial \tau_2} = -\bar{p} \beta^j [\sigma^j (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] W^j - \underline{p} \beta^k [\sigma^k (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] W^k$$

$$+ \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] \}$$

$$\cdot \{ \beta^j [\sigma^j (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] W^j + \beta^k [\sigma^k (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] W^k \}$$

$$= \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] - \bar{p} \} \cdot [W^j (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L \beta^j W^j]$$

$$+ \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] - \underline{p} \} \cdot [W^k (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L \beta^k W^k] \} \Omega$$

$$= \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] - (\bar{p} W^j + \underline{p} (1 - W^j)) \} (H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L)$$

$$+ \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] - \bar{p} \} W^j \frac{r_L}{\sigma^j}$$

$$+ \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) [r^j \bar{p} + (1 - r^j) \underline{p}] - \underline{p} \} W^k \frac{r_L}{\sigma^k} \} \Omega$$

if $\sigma^k = \sigma^j$

$$= \lambda_2^j [(H\pi_2)(r_H - r_L) \Omega + r_L (\beta^j W^j + \beta^k W^k)]$$

$$\text{where } \lambda_2^j = \{ [1 - H(\bar{p})] [E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + W^j (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) - \underline{p}] + H(\bar{p}) (r^j - W^j) (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \}$$

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Derivations of Formulas

Deriving (4), p. 6, Besley and Persson

From (2) and (3)

Income of a high-return individual in group J

$$\left[r_H + p_s^J (r_H - r_L) \right] w^J$$

Income of a low-return individual in group J

$$r_L w^J$$

σ^J : share of group J agents with high returns

⇒ Average income of an individual in group J:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma^J \left[r_H + p_s^J (r_H - r_L) \right] w^J + (1 - \sigma^J) r_L w^J \\ &= \sigma^J \left[r_H + p_s^J (r_H - r_L) - r_L \right] w^J + r_L w^J \\ &= \left[\sigma^J (1 + p_s^J) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] \cdot w^J \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Propositions (1) and (2) (p. 8 and p. 9)

The Incumbent Government has the following objective function

$$f(t_s^J, t_s^K, p_s^J, p_s^K, G_s) \\ = \alpha_s G_s + \bar{p} (1 - t_s^J) \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{p} (1 - t_s^K) \beta^K Y(p_s^K, \sigma^K, w^K)$$

subject to the following constraints

$$p_s^J, p_s^K \leq \pi_s, \quad t_s^J, t_s^K \leq t_s$$

$$\sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = G_1 + L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$\sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = G_2$$

Substitute $G_1 = \sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) - L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) - F(t_2 - t_1)$ and G_2

into the objective function, we obtain:

$$f(t_s^J, t_s^K, p_s^J, p_s^K) \\ = \alpha_s \cdot \left[t_s^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + t_s^K \beta^K Y(p_s^K, \sigma^K, w^K) - \overbrace{L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1)}^{\text{if } s=1} \right] \\ + \bar{p} (1 - t_s^J) \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{p} (1 - t_s^K) \beta^K Y(p_s^K, \sigma^K, w^K) \\ = (\alpha_s - \bar{p}) t_s^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + (\alpha_s - \underline{p}) t_s^K \beta^K Y(p_s^K, \sigma^K, w^K) \\ + \bar{p} \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{p} \beta^K Y(p_s^K, \sigma^K, w^K) - \underbrace{\alpha_s [L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1)]}_{\text{if } s=1}$$

with $Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = \left[\sigma^J (1 + p_s^J) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^J$ if $s=1$

We maximize this (the last) expression of $f(t_s^J, t_s^K, p_s^J, p_s^K)$

subject to the following constraints $p_s^J \leq \pi_s, p_s^K \leq \pi_s, t_s^K \leq t_s, t_s^J \leq t_s$

Derived from the budget constraints $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -\sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) \leq L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) - F(t_2 - t_1) \\ -\sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(p_s^J, \sigma^J, w^J) \leq 0 \end{cases}$

Period 1

$$L_1 = f(t_1^J, t_1^K, p_1^J, p_1^K) - \lambda_1 (p_1^J - \pi_1) - \lambda_2 (p_1^K - \pi_1) - \lambda_3 (t_1^J - t_1) - \lambda_4 (t_1^K - t_1) - \lambda_5 \left[-\sum t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1) \right]$$

FOCs

$$\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial p_1^J} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_1^J} - \lambda_1 + \lambda_5 \cdot t_1^J \beta^J \frac{\partial Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J)}{\partial p_1^J}$$

$$= \left[(\alpha_1 - \bar{p}) t_1^J + \bar{p} \right] \cdot \beta^J \cdot \frac{\partial Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J)}{\partial p_1^J} - \lambda_1 + \lambda_5 t_1^J \beta^J \frac{\partial Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J)}{\partial p_1^J}$$

$$= \left[(\alpha_1 - \bar{p} + \lambda_5) t_1^J + \bar{p} \right] \cdot \beta^J \cdot \sigma^J w^J (r_H - r_L) - \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$= \left[(\alpha_1 + \lambda_5) t_1^J + (1 - t_1^J) \bar{p} \right] \beta^J \sigma^J w^J (r_H - r_L) - \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial p_1^K} = \left[(\alpha_1 - \underline{p} + \lambda_5) t_1^K + \underline{p} \right] \cdot \beta^K \sigma^K w^K (r_H - r_L) - \lambda_2$$

$$= \left[(\alpha_1 + \lambda_5) t_1^K + (1 - t_1^K) \underline{p} \right] \cdot \beta^K \sigma^K w^K (r_H - r_L) - \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^J} = (\alpha_1 - \bar{p}) \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) - \lambda_3 + \lambda_5 \cdot \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J)$$

$$(\alpha_1 - \bar{p} + \lambda_5) \cdot \beta^J \left[\sigma^J (1 + p_1^J) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^J - \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^K} = (\alpha_1 - \underline{p} + \lambda_5) \beta^K \left[\sigma^K (1 + p_1^K) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^K - \lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5 \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_1 (p_1^J - \pi_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 (p_1^K - \pi_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_3 (t_1^J - \tau_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_4 (t_1^K - \tau_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_5 \left[- \sum t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) + L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(\tau_2 - \tau_1) \right] = 0$$

Since the first term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial p_1^J} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 > 0 \Rightarrow p_1^J - \pi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{p_1^J = \pi_1}$

the first term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial p_1^K} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 > 0 \Rightarrow p_1^K - \pi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{p_1^K = \pi_1}$

* If $\bar{p} = \underline{p} = 1$

• If $\alpha_1 > 1$

\Rightarrow the first term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^J} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_1^J = \tau_1}$

the first term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^K} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_4 > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_1^K = \tau_1}$

• If $\alpha_1 < 1$

\Rightarrow From the expression $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^J}$, and $\lambda_3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 - \bar{p} + \lambda_5 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_5 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(\tau_2 - \tau_1) \Rightarrow \boxed{G_1 = 0}$$

\Rightarrow Model predicts incumbent governments' indifference to any (t_1^J, t_2^J) satisfying the above equation.
 Authors "assumed, without loss of generality", $t_1^J = t_2^J = \hat{t}_1$ (p.9)

• If $\alpha_1 = 1$

\Rightarrow May have $\lambda_5 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1^J \leq \tau_1, t_1^K \leq \tau_1,$

$$\sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) \geq L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(\tau_2 - \tau_1)$$

* If $\bar{p} > \underline{p}$:

• If $\alpha_1 > \bar{p}$

\Rightarrow the 1st term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^J} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_1^J = \tau_1}$

the 1st term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^K} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_4 > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_1^K = \tau_1}$

$$\Rightarrow G_1 = \tau_1 \sum_J \beta^J Y(\pi_1, \sigma^J, w^J) - L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) - F(t_2 - t_1)$$

• If $\alpha_1 < \bar{p}$: From the expression of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^J}$, and from $\lambda_3 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 - \bar{p} + \lambda_5 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_5 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(\pi_1, \sigma^J, w^J) = L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{G_1 = 0}$$

Also, since $\alpha_1 - \bar{p} + \lambda_5 \geq 0$

and $\alpha_1 - \underline{p} + \lambda_5 > \alpha_1 - \bar{p} + \lambda_5$ (because $\bar{p} > \underline{p}$)

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 - \underline{p} + \lambda_5 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the first term of } \frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^k} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_4 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t_1^k = \tau_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1^J = \frac{L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1) - \tau_1 \beta^k Y(\pi_1, \sigma^k, w^k)}{\beta^J Y(\pi_1, \sigma^J, w^J)}$$

• If $\alpha_1 = \bar{p}$ \Rightarrow the first term of $\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial t_1^k} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_4 > 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_1^k = \tau_1}$

May have $\lambda_3 = \lambda_5 = 0$,

$$G_1 \geq 0$$

$$\sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(\pi_1, \sigma^J, w^J) \geq L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) + F(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$\text{and } t_1^J \leq \tau_1$$

Period 2

Since the optimization problem of period 1 differs from that of period 2 only in the budget constraint

$$\text{in period 1: } -\sum_J t_1^J \beta^J Y(p_1^J, \sigma^J, w^J) \leq -L(\pi_2 - \pi_1) - F(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$\text{in period 2: } -\sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(p_2^J, \sigma^J, w^J) \leq 0$$

(p. 3 of this document)

Solutions of the period 2 optimization problem are (for comparison with period 1 solution, one could refer to p. 4-5 of this document)

$$(*) \quad p_2^J = p_2^K = \pi_2$$

$$(*) \quad \text{If } \bar{p} = \underline{p} = 1$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \alpha_2 > 1 \Rightarrow t_2^J = \tau_2; t_2^K = \tau_2; G_2 = \tau_2 \sum_J \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J)$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \alpha_2 < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(p_2^J, \sigma^J, w^J) = 0, G_2 = 0$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \alpha_2 = 1, \text{ again, may have } \lambda_5 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = 0 \\ \sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) \geq 0, t_2^J \leq \tau_2, t_2^K \leq \tau_2$$

$$(*) \quad \text{If } \bar{p} > \underline{p}$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \alpha_2 > \bar{p}, t_2^J = \tau_2; t_2^K = \tau_2; G_2 = \tau_2 \cdot \sum_J \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J)$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \alpha_2 < \bar{p}, G_2 = 0; t_2^K = \tau_2; t_2^J = -\frac{\tau_2 \cdot \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K)}{\beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J)}$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \alpha_2 = \bar{p}, t_2^K = \tau_2, \text{ may have } \lambda_3 = \lambda_5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_J t_2^J \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) \geq 0$$

$$t_2^J \leq \tau_2$$

Derivation of (9) from (15) and (16) [(15), (16) appear in Appendix, p. 21, 22]

Note that (15), (16) are derived from (8), and

that in (16), the authors made a small typo error,

the last term is written as $\tau_2(\underline{\rho} - \bar{\rho}) \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^k, w^k)$

it should be $\tau_2(\underline{\rho} - \bar{\rho}) \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J)$

Deriving (9):

- Note that the 1st term in (15) = the 1st term in (16). Let them = M
 the 2nd term in (15) = the 2nd term in (16). Let them = N
 Let the 3rd term in (15) = P
 and the 3rd term in (16) = Q

- Then:

$$\begin{aligned} W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2) &= \gamma^J E \{ W^J(\alpha_2, \tau_2, \pi_2) \} + (1 - \gamma^J) E \{ W^K(\alpha_2, \tau_2, \pi_2) \} \\ &= \gamma^J [M + (1 - H(\bar{\rho})) \cdot E(N) + H(\bar{\rho}) \cdot P] \\ &\quad + (1 - \gamma^J) \cdot [M + (1 - H(\bar{\rho})) \cdot E(N) + H(\bar{\rho}) \cdot Q] \\ &= M + [1 - H(\bar{\rho})] \cdot E(N) + H(\bar{\rho}) \cdot [\gamma^J \cdot P + (1 - \gamma^J) \cdot Q] \\ &= \bar{\rho} \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underbrace{\rho \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K)}_{e(N)} \\ &\quad + (1 - H(\bar{\rho})) \cdot \tau_2 \cdot E \left[(\alpha_2 - \bar{\rho}) \cdot \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + (\alpha_2 - \underline{\rho}) \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right]_{(\alpha_2 > \bar{\rho})} \\ &\quad + H(\bar{\rho}) \cdot \left[\underbrace{\gamma^J \cdot \tau_2 (\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho}) \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K)}_{(P)} + (1 - \gamma^J) \cdot \tau_2 \cdot \underbrace{(\underline{\rho} - \bar{\rho}) \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J)}_{(Q)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Let $J = \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J)$ and $K = \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K)$, then

$$W_{(\tau_2, \pi_2)}^J = \bar{p}J + \underline{p}K + (1-H(\bar{p})) \cdot \tau_2 \cdot E \left[(\alpha_2 - \bar{p})J + (\alpha_2 - \underline{p})K \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p} \right] \\ + H(\bar{p}) \cdot \tau_2 \cdot \left[\gamma^J (\bar{p} - \underline{p})K + (1 - \gamma^J) (\underline{p} - \bar{p})J \right]$$

$$= \bar{p}J + \underline{p}K + \tau_2 \cdot (1-H(\bar{p})) \cdot E \left[\alpha_2 (J+K) - (\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K) \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p} \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot H(\bar{p}) \cdot \left[\gamma^J \bar{p}K - \gamma^J \underline{p}K + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}J - (1 - \gamma^J) \bar{p}J \right]$$

$$= \bar{p}J + \underline{p}K + \tau_2 (1-H(\bar{p})) \left[E(\alpha_2) \cdot (J+K) - (\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K) \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p} \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot H(\bar{p}) \cdot \left[-(\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K) + \gamma^J \bar{p}K + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}K + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}J + \gamma^J \bar{p}J \right]$$

$$= \bar{p}J + \underline{p}K + \tau_2 \cdot (1-H(\bar{p})) \cdot \left[E(\alpha_2) \cdot (J+K) - (\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K) \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p} \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot H(\bar{p}) \cdot \left[-(\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K) + (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \cdot (J+K) \right]$$

$$= [\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K] \cdot \left[1 - \tau_2 (1-H(\bar{p})) - \tau_2 \cdot H(\bar{p}) \right] + \tau_2 \cdot [1-H(\bar{p})] \cdot E(\alpha_2 \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) \cdot (J+K) \\ + \tau_2 \cdot H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \cdot (J+K)$$

$$= [\bar{p}J + \underline{p}K] \cdot \left[1 - \tau_2 \right] + \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1-H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \cdot [J+K]$$

$$= (1 - \tau_2) \cdot \left[\bar{p} \beta^J \gamma(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{p} \beta^K \gamma(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right]$$

$$+ \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1-H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 \mid \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \\ \cdot \left[\beta^J \gamma(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \beta^K \gamma(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right]$$

Deriving (12) (p. 11, Besley & Persson)

Note: $Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) = \left[\sigma^J (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] \cdot w^J$

$$W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2) = (1 - \tau_2) \cdot \left[\bar{p} \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{p} \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \\ \cdot \left[\beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2)}{\partial \pi_2} = (1 - \tau_2) \cdot \left[\bar{p} \beta^J \sigma^J (r_H - r_L) w^J + \underline{p} \beta^K \sigma^K (r_H - r_L) w^K \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \\ \cdot \left[\beta^J \sigma^J (r_H - r_L) w^J + \beta^K \sigma^K (r_H - r_L) w^K \right]$$

$$= (1 - \tau_2) \left[\bar{p} w^J \Omega (r_H - r_L) + \underline{p} w^K \Omega (r_H - r_L) \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \cdot (r_H - r_L) (w^J \Omega + w^K \Omega) \\ \left(w^J, w^K, \Omega \text{ defined under (10) p. 11} \right)$$

$$= (1 - \tau_2) (r_H - r_L) \Omega (\bar{p} w^J + \underline{p} w^K) \\ + \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] (r_H - r_L) \Omega \\ \text{(since } w^J + w^K = 1)$$

$$= (r_H - r_L) \Omega (\bar{p} w^J + \underline{p} w^K) \\ + (r_H - r_L) \Omega \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) - \bar{p} w^J - \underline{p} w^K \right]$$

Since $\bar{p} w^J + \underline{p} w^K = \bar{p} w^J + \underline{p} (1 - w^J) = \underline{p} + (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \underbrace{w^J}_{\text{defined in formula (11), p. 11, Besley \& Persson}}$

$$\frac{\partial W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2)}{\partial \pi_2} = (r_H - r_L) \Omega \rho^J$$

$$+ (r_H - r_L) \Omega \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \right]$$

In the 2nd term,

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \\ &= (1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot \left[E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \right] + H(\bar{p}) \left[\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p} - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \right] \\ &= [1 - H(\bar{p})] \cdot \left[E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \right] + H(\bar{p}) \cdot \left[\gamma^J (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) - \omega^J (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \right] \\ &= [1 - H(\bar{p})] \cdot \left[E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \right] + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J - \omega^J) (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,
$$\frac{\partial W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2)}{\partial \pi_2} = (r_H - r_L) \Omega (\rho^J + \tau_2 \lambda_2^J)$$

where
$$\lambda_2^J = [1 - H(\bar{p})] \left[E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \omega^J \right] + H(\bar{p}) (\gamma^J - \omega^J) (\bar{p} - \underline{p})$$

Deriving (13) (p. 11, Besley & Persson)

Note : $Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) = \left[\sigma^J (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] \cdot w^J$

$$W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2) = (1 - \tau_2) \cdot \left[\bar{p} \beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \underline{p} \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right] \\ + \tau_2 \cdot \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \\ \cdot \left[\beta^J Y(\pi_2, \sigma^J, w^J) + \beta^K Y(\pi_2, \sigma^K, w^K) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2)}{\partial \tau_2} = -\bar{p} \beta^J \left[\sigma^J (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^J - \underline{p} \beta^K \left[\sigma^K (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^K \\ + \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \\ \cdot \left[\beta^J \left[\sigma^J (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^J + \beta^K \left[\sigma^K (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L \right] w^K \right]$$

Note from page 10 of this document (2nd page of the derivation of formula (12)) that

$$\lambda_2^J = [1 - H(\bar{p})] \cdot \left[E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) - \underline{p} - (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) w^J \right] + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J - w^J) (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) \\ = [1 - H(\bar{p})] \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) - \left[\underline{p} + (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) w^J \right]$$

(This appears below "in the 2nd term" also on p. 10 of this document.)

Since $\underline{p} + (\bar{p} - \underline{p}) w^J = \bar{p} w^J + \underline{p} (1 - w^J) = \bar{p} w^J + \underline{p} w^K$

($w^J + w^K = 1$ as explained on p. 11 of Besley & Persson's paper)
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We have

$$\lambda_2^J = [1 - H(\bar{p})] \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) - [\bar{p} \omega^J + \underline{p} \omega^K]$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial W^J(\tau_2, \pi_2)}{\partial \tau_2} &= \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\beta^J [\sigma^J (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] w^J + \beta^K [\sigma^K (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] w^K \right] \\ &\quad - \bar{p} \beta^J [\sigma^J (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] w^J - \underline{p} \beta^K [\sigma^K (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L] w^K \\ &= \left[(1 - H(\bar{p})) \cdot E(\alpha_2 | \alpha_2 \geq \bar{p}) + H(\bar{p}) \cdot (\gamma^J \bar{p} + (1 - \gamma^J) \underline{p}) - (\bar{p} \omega^J + \underline{p} \omega^K) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\omega^J \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L \beta^J w^J + \omega^K \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L \beta^K w^K \right] \\ &\quad + [\bar{p} \omega^J + \underline{p} \omega^K] \cdot \left[\omega^J \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L \beta^J w^J + \omega^K \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L \beta^K w^K \right] \\ &\quad - \bar{p} \left[\omega^J \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + \beta^J w^J r_L \right] - \underline{p} \left[\omega^K \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + \beta^K w^K r_L \right] \\ &= \lambda_2^J \cdot \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right] \\ &\quad + [\bar{p} \omega^J + \underline{p} \omega^K] \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right] \\ &\quad - \bar{p} \left[\omega^J \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + \beta^J w^J r_L \right] - \underline{p} \left[\omega^K \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + \beta^K w^K r_L \right] \\ &\quad \text{(Since } \beta^J \sigma^J w^J = \omega^J \Omega \text{ and } \beta^K \sigma^K w^K = \omega^K \Omega, \text{ p. 11, Besley \& Persson)} \\ &= \lambda_2^J \cdot \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right] \\ &\quad + [\bar{p} \omega^J + \underline{p} \omega^K] \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right] \\ &\quad - \bar{p} \left[\omega^J \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + \beta^J w^J r_L \right] - \underline{p} \left[\omega^K \Omega (1 + \pi_2)(r_H - r_L) + \beta^K w^K r_L \right] \\ &\quad \text{(Since } \omega^J + \omega^K = 1, \text{ p. 11, Besley and Persson)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lambda_2^J \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right]$$

$$+ r_L \cdot \left\{ \left[\bar{\rho} w^J + \underline{\rho} w^K \right] \cdot \left[\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K \right] - \bar{\rho} \beta^J w^J - \underline{\rho} \beta^K w^K \right\}$$

(Since $\bar{\rho} w^J \Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L)$ is canceled out from the 2nd & 3rd term
 $\underline{\rho} w^K \Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L)$ is canceled out from the 2nd & 4th term
in the last expression on the previous page, p. 12)

$$= \lambda_2^J \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right]$$

$$+ r_L \left\{ \left[\bar{\rho} w^J + \underline{\rho} w^K \right] \cdot \left[\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K \right] - \bar{\rho} [w^J + w^K] \beta^J w^J - \underline{\rho} [w^J + w^K] \beta^K w^K \right\}$$

(Since $w^J + w^K = 1$, p. 11, Besley and Persson)

$$= \lambda_2^J \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right]$$

$$+ r_L \cdot \left\{ \bar{\rho} \left[w^J \beta^K w^K - w^K \beta^J w^J \right] + \underline{\rho} \left[w^K \beta^J w^J - w^J \beta^K w^K \right] \right\}$$

$$= \lambda_2^J \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right]$$

$$+ r_L \cdot \left[\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho} \right] \cdot \left[w^J \beta^K w^K - w^K \beta^J w^J \right]$$

$$= \lambda_2^J \left[\Omega (1 + \pi_2) (r_H - r_L) + r_L (\beta^J w^J + \beta^K w^K) \right]$$

$$+ r_L \left[\bar{\rho} - \underline{\rho} \right] \cdot \frac{\beta^J w^J \beta^K w^K (\sigma^J - \sigma^K)}{\Omega}$$

(Since $w^J = \frac{\beta^J w^J \sigma^J}{\Omega}$ and $w^K = \frac{\beta^K w^K \sigma^K}{\Omega}$)