# Appendix to "Intrinsic Inflation Persistence"

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# A Proofs of propositions

#### A.1 Lemmas

**Lemma 1** Let  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \rho\}$  be the closed disc of radius  $\rho$  and let  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  denote the z-transform of the sequence of survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ .

- (i) The function  $\psi(z)$  is analytic on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  for some  $\rho > 1$ .
- (ii) A stationary age distribution  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  consistent with the hazard function  $\{\alpha_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  is stable if and only if  $\psi(z)$  has no roots in  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  for some  $\rho > 1$ .

PROOF (i) Let  $\alpha_{\infty} \equiv \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \alpha_{\ell}$  be the limiting value of the hazard function  $\{\alpha_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ . It is assumed that  $\alpha_{\infty} > 0$ . Let  $\varpi$  be a number lying strictly between  $(1 - \alpha_{\infty})$  and 1, which must satisfy  $0 < \varpi < 1$ . Given that  $\alpha_{\ell} \to \alpha_{\infty}$  as  $\ell \to \infty$ , there must exist a value of j such that  $(1 - \alpha_{\ell}) < \varpi$  for all  $\ell \geq j$ . Since  $\psi_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\psi_{\ell-1}$ , this implies that  $\psi_{\ell+1} \leq \varpi \psi_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell \geq j$  and hence  $\psi_{\ell} \leq \varpi^{\ell-j}\psi_{j}$ . Now let  $\rho$  be any number strictly between 1 and  $\varpi^{-1}$ , which implies  $0 < \varpi \rho < 1$  and hence that

Now let  $\rho$  be any number strictly between 1 and  $\varpi^{-1}$ , which implies  $0 < \varpi \rho < 1$  and hence that  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \varpi^{\ell} |z|^{\ell} \leq \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\varpi \rho)^{\ell} = (1 - \varpi \rho)^{-1} < \infty$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . By applying the triangle inequality to the power series  $\psi(z)$ , it follows that

$$\left|\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}z^{\ell}\right| \leq \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}|z|^{\ell} \leq \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-1}\psi_{\ell}|z|^{\ell} + \psi_{j}\sum_{\ell=j}^{\infty}\varpi^{\ell-j}|z|^{\ell} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-1}\psi_{\ell}|z|^{\ell} + \psi_{j}|z|^{j}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\varpi^{\ell}|z|^{\ell},$$

and hence  $|\psi(z)| < \infty$  if  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Therefore, the power series  $\psi(z)$  is analytic on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  for some  $\rho > 1$ .

(ii) Let  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  be a stationary age distribution satisfying  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} = 1$  and consistent with the hazard function  $\{\alpha_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  so that  $\omega_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\omega_{\ell-1}$ . Now let  $\Delta_{\ell,t} \equiv \omega_{\ell,t} - \omega_{\ell}$  denote the sequence of deviations  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  from this stationary distribution at time t. As  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell,t} = 1$ , it must be the case that  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \Delta_{\ell,t} = 0$  and hence  $\Delta_{0,t} = -\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \Delta_{\ell,t}$ . Thus considering the sequence of deviations  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  is sufficient to know the behaviour of the whole sequence  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ .

The laws of motion for the age distribution  $\{\omega_{\ell,t}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  require that  $\omega_{\ell,t} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\omega_{\ell-1,t-1}$  for all  $\ell \geq 1$ . These imply laws of motion for the deviations  $\Delta_{\ell,t}$ :

$$\Delta_{1,t} = -(1 - \alpha_1) \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \Delta_{\ell,t-1}, \quad \text{and} \ \Delta_{\ell,t} = (1 - \alpha_\ell) \Delta_{\ell-1,t-1} \ \text{for} \ \ell = 2, 3, \dots,$$
 [A.1.1]

using the earlier formula for  $\Delta_{0,t-1}$  in terms of the sequence  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t-1}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ .

The equations in [A.1.1] define a linear transformation of the sequence  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ . Suppose  $\zeta$  is an eigenvalue of this linear transformation, with the sequence  $\{v_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  being the corresponding eigenvector. The eigenvalue-eigenvector pair is characterized by

$$\zeta v_1 = -(1 - \alpha_1) \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} v_\ell$$
, and  $\zeta v_\ell = (1 - \alpha_\ell) v_{\ell-1}$  for  $\ell = 2, 3, \dots$  [A.1.2]

The stability of the stationary age distribution  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  is equivalent to all eigenvalues of the linear transformation having modulus less than one.

For a non-zero eigenvalue  $\zeta$ , note that the equations in [A.1.2] imply  $v_1 \neq 0$ , otherwise all elements of the sequence  $\{v_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  would be zero, which would mean that it could not be an eigenvector (which must be non-zero). Applying [A.1.2] recursively yields

$$(1 - \alpha_1) v_{\ell} = \zeta^{-(\ell-1)} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (1 - \alpha_j) \right\} v_1 \text{ for } \ell = 2, 3, \dots$$

and hence  $(1 - \alpha_1)v_{\ell} = \zeta^{-(\ell-1)}\psi_{\ell}v_1$  using the definition of the survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ . Substitution into the remaining equation from [A.1.2] implies

$$\left\{\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}\zeta^{-\ell}\right\}v_{1}=0,$$

which together with  $v_1 \neq 0$  requires that  $\psi(\zeta^{-1}) = 0$ . Thus, any eigenvalue  $\zeta$  of the linear transformation from  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  to  $\{\Delta_{\ell,t+1}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  is either zero, or its reciprocal  $\zeta^{-1}$  is a root of the equation  $\psi(z) = 0$ . Similarly, the reciprocal of any root of  $\psi(z) = 0$  will be an eigenvalue of the linear transformation.

If there is a  $\rho > 1$  such that  $\psi(z) = 0$  has no roots on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  then all eigenvalues  $\zeta$  must have modulus less than one. Conversely, note that  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  is a compact set for any fixed  $\rho$ . If this  $\rho$  is no more than the threshold found in part (i) then  $\psi(z)$  is an analytic function on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ , so it has a finite number of roots in this set. Hence if all eigenvalues  $\zeta$  have modulus less than one then there exists a minimum value of  $|\zeta^{-1}|$ , which is greater than one. It follows that there exists a  $\rho > 1$  such that  $\psi(z) = 0$  has no roots on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2** Suppose  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  is a power series with coefficients satisfying  $\psi_0 = 1$  and  $0 \leq \psi_{\ell+1} \leq (1 - \underline{\alpha})\psi_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell \geq 0$  and for some  $0 < \underline{\alpha} \leq 1$ . Then there exists a  $\rho > 1$  such that the equation  $\psi(z) = 0$  has no roots in the set  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \rho\}.$ 

PROOF Let  $\varpi$  be a number lying strictly between  $(1 - \underline{\alpha})$  and 1, which must satisfy  $0 < \varpi < 1$ . Since  $\psi_{\ell+1} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell+1})\psi_{\ell}$ , the definition of  $\varpi$  then implies that  $\psi_{\ell+1} \leq \varpi \psi_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell \geq 0$ . Now let  $\rho$  be any number strictly between 1 and the minimum of  $\varpi^{-1}$  and the radius of the disc on which  $\psi(z)$  is analytic (greater than one), as established by Lemma 1.

Construct a new function  $\mathfrak{F}(z) \equiv (1 - \varpi z)\psi(z)$ , which inherits the property that it is analytic on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  from  $\psi(z)$  using Lemma 1. Using the definition of  $\psi(z)$  and collecting terms in common powers of z:

$$\mathfrak{F}(z) = 1 - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (\mathfrak{a} \psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}) z^{\ell}.$$

The function can be written as  $\mathfrak{F}(z) = \mathfrak{F}_0(z) + \mathfrak{F}_1(z)$ , where  $\mathfrak{F}_0(z) \equiv 1$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_1(z) \equiv -\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (\varpi \psi_{\ell-1} - 1) = 0$ 

 $\psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  are defined. The modulus of  $\mathfrak{F}_1(z)$  satisfies

$$|\mathfrak{F}_1(z)| \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} |\mathfrak{a}\psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}| |z|^{\ell} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (\mathfrak{a}\psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}) |z|^{\ell},$$

using the triangle inequality and the positivity of the coefficient of  $|z|^{\ell}$ . Now take any  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Since  $|z|^{\ell} \leq \rho^{\ell}$ , it follows that

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (\varpi \psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}) |z|^{\ell} \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (\varpi \psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}) \rho^{\ell} = \varpi \rho - (1 - \varpi \rho) \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} \rho^{\ell} \leq \varpi \rho$$

by collecting common terms in  $\psi_{\ell}$  and using the non-negativity of  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  together with  $\psi_0 = 1$  and  $0 < \varpi \rho < 1$ . Combining the equations above yields  $|\mathfrak{F}_1(z)| \leq \varpi \rho$ , and hence  $|\mathfrak{F}_1(z)| < |\mathfrak{F}_0(z)|$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ , since  $|\mathfrak{F}_0(z)| = 1$ .

As a constant function,  $\mathfrak{F}_0(z)$  must be analytic, and consequently  $\mathfrak{F}_1(z)$  inherits this property from  $\mathfrak{F}(z)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}(z) = \mathfrak{F}_0(z) + \mathfrak{F}_1(z)$ , Rouché's Theorem<sup>1</sup> implies that  $\mathfrak{F}(z)$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_0(z)$  have the same number of zeros on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}_0(z)$  clearly has no zeros on this set, neither has  $\mathfrak{F}(z)$ . Because its definition ensures that  $\mathfrak{F}(z)$  inherits any roots of  $\psi(z) = 0$ , this precludes  $\psi(z)$  having a zero in  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  as well. This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3** The sequence of recursive parameters  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  generating the hazard function  $\{\alpha_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  using [3.1] can be written as

$$\varphi_i = (-1)^i \sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_{i+1}) \in \mathscr{C}_{i+1}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{i+1} \sigma_{j_\ell}, \qquad [A.1.3]$$

where the sequence  $\{\sigma_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  is defined by  $\sigma_1 \equiv -(1 - \alpha_1)$  and  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv \alpha_{\ell} - \alpha_{\ell-1}$ , and where  $\{\mathscr{C}_i\}_{i=2}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of sets  $\mathscr{C}_i$ , with each  $\mathscr{C}_i$  being a subset of the set of sequences

$$\mathscr{P}_{i} \equiv \left\{ \left( \mathfrak{g}_{1}, \dots, \mathfrak{g}_{i} \right) \in \mathbb{N}^{i} \mid 1 \leq \mathfrak{g}_{\ell} \leq \ell \right\}.$$
 [A.1.4]

PROOF Define a sequence  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  with  $\phi_1 \equiv 1 - \alpha$  and  $\phi_i \equiv -\phi_{i-1}$  for  $i \geq 2$ . With these definitions, the recursion [3.2] for the survival function  $\{\psi_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  reduces to:

$$\psi_{\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \phi_i \psi_{\ell-i},$$

with initial condition  $\psi_0 = 1$ . Using the initial condition, the order of the recursion can be reversed to yield

$$\phi_{i} = \psi_{i} - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \psi_{i-j} \phi_{j}.$$
 [A.1.5]

The definition of the survival probabilities means that  $\psi_i = \prod_{\ell=1}^i (1 - \alpha_\ell)$ , and the definition of the sequence  $\{\sigma_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  in the statement of the Lemma implies  $1 - \alpha_\ell = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} (-\sigma_j)$ . It follows that

$$\psi_i = \prod_{\ell=1}^{i} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} (-\sigma_j) = (-1)^i \sum_{j_1=1}^{1} \cdots \sum_{j_\ell=1}^{i} \prod_{\ell=1}^{i} \sigma_{j_\ell},$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See any text on complex analysis, such as Gamelin (2001), for further details about the theorem.

where the order of summation and multiplication is reversed in the final expression for  $\psi_i$ . Note that the definition of the set  $\mathscr{P}_i$  of sequences  $(j_1, \ldots, j_i)$  in [A.1.4] implies that  $\psi_i$  can be written as a sum of products  $\prod_{\ell=1}^i \sigma_{j_\ell}$  over all sequences in the set  $\mathscr{P}_i$ :

$$\psi_i = (-1)^i \sum_{(j_1,\dots,j_i) \in \mathscr{P}_i} \prod_{\ell=1}^i \sigma_{j_\ell}.$$
[A.1.6]

Now let  $\mathscr{C}_1 \equiv \mathscr{P}_1 \equiv \{(1)\}$ , where the expression for  $\mathscr{P}_1$  comes from [A.1.4], and define the sets  $\mathscr{C}_i$  in the sequence  $\{\mathscr{C}_i\}_{i=2}^{\infty}$  with the recursion

$$\mathscr{C}_{i} \equiv \mathscr{P}_{i} \setminus \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} \left( \mathscr{C}_{j} \times \mathscr{P}_{i-j} \right) \right), \qquad [A.1.7]$$

in terms of the sequence  $\{\mathscr{P}_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  specified in [A.1.4]. Observe that  $\mathscr{C}_i \subseteq \mathscr{P}_i$  is well defined if  $\mathscr{C}_j \subseteq \mathscr{P}_j$  for all  $j = 1, \ldots, i-1$  because  $(j_1, \ldots, j_{i-j}) \in \mathscr{P}_{i-j}$  implies  $j_{\ell} \leq \ell + j$ . Since  $\mathscr{C}_1 \subseteq \mathscr{P}_1$  by definition, the claim that  $\mathscr{C}_i \subseteq \mathscr{P}_i$  for all *i* follows by induction.

Now consider the following claim about the sequence of sets  $\{\mathscr{C}_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  defined by [A.1.7]:

$$(\mathscr{C}_j \times \mathscr{P}_{i-j}) \cap (\mathscr{C}_k \times \mathscr{P}_{i-k}) = \emptyset$$
, for all  $i, j, k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $j, k < i$ ,  $j \neq k$ . [A.1.8]

Suppose for contradiction that  $(\mathscr{C}_j \times \mathscr{P}_{i-j}) \cap (\mathscr{C}_k \times \mathscr{P}_{i-k}) \neq \emptyset$ , and without loss of generality take j > k. Hence there is a sequence  $(j_1, \ldots, j_i) \in \mathbb{N}^i$  such that  $(j_1, \ldots, j_j) \in \mathscr{C}_j, (j_1, \ldots, j_k) \in \mathscr{C}_k$ , and  $(j_{k+1}, \ldots, j_i) \in \mathscr{P}_{i-k}$ . This implies that  $(j_{k+1}, \ldots, j_j) \in \mathscr{P}_{j-k}$  because the first j - k terms of a sequence of length i - k > j - k in  $\mathscr{P}_{i-k}$  must necessarily belong to  $\mathscr{P}_{j-k}$  given the definition in [A.1.4]. Thus it follows that there exists a  $(j_1, \ldots, j_j) \in \mathscr{C}_j \cap (\mathscr{C}_k \times \mathscr{P}_{j-k})$  for some k < j. However, this directly contradicts the definition of  $\mathscr{C}_j$  in [A.1.7]. Therefore, [A.1.8] must be true.

Given the recursion for  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  in [A.1.5] and the expression for  $\psi_i$  in [A.1.6], the following provides a formula for  $\phi_i$ :

$$\Phi_{i} = \left\{ (-1)^{i} \sum_{(j_{1},\dots,j_{i})\in\mathscr{P}_{i}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{i} \sigma_{j_{\ell}} \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \Phi_{j} \left\{ (-1)^{i-j} \sum_{(j_{1},\dots,j_{i-j})\in\mathscr{P}_{i-j}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{i-j} \sigma_{j_{\ell}} \right\}.$$
[A.1.9]

It is claimed that the following equation holds for all i = 1, 2, ...:

$$\Phi_i = (-1)^i \sum_{(j_1,\dots,j_i) \in \mathscr{C}_i} \prod_{\ell=1}^i \sigma_{j_\ell}, \qquad [A.1.10]$$

Suppose this statement has already been proved for j = 1, ..., i - 1 and substitute it into [A.1.9] to obtain:

$$\Phi_{i} = \left( (-1)^{i} \sum_{(j_{1},\dots,j_{i})\in\mathscr{P}_{i}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{i} \sigma_{j_{\ell}} \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left( (-1)^{i} \sum_{(j_{1},\dots,j_{i})\in(\mathscr{C}_{j}\times\mathscr{P}_{i-j})} \prod_{\ell=1}^{i} \sigma_{j_{\ell}} \right),$$
 [A.1.11]

where the following has been used:

$$\left\{(-1)^{j}\sum_{(j_{1},\ldots,j_{j})\in\mathscr{C}_{j}}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j}\sigma_{j_{\ell}}\right\}\left\{(-1)^{i-j}\sum_{(j_{1},\ldots,j_{i-j})\in\mathscr{P}_{i-j}}\prod_{\ell=1}^{i-j}\sigma_{j_{\ell}}\right\}=(-1)^{i}\sum_{(j_{1},\ldots,j_{i})\in(\mathscr{C}_{j}\times\mathscr{P}_{i-j})}\prod_{\ell=1}^{i}\sigma_{j_{\ell}}.$$

It follows from [A.1.11] that [A.1.10] holds for i if the sets  $\mathscr{C}_j \times \mathscr{P}_{i-j}$  and  $\mathscr{C}_k \times \mathscr{P}_{i-k}$  are disjoint for all  $j \neq k$ , which is the claim [A.1.8] established earlier. Now note that the definitions of  $\mathscr{C}_1$ ,  $\sigma_1$  and  $\phi_1$  imply that [A.1.10] holds for i = 1. Therefore, the expression for  $\phi_i$  in [A.1.10] is verified for all iby induction. Since  $\varphi_i = (-1)\phi_{i+1}$  by definition, equation [A.1.3] is demonstrated for the particular sets  $\{\mathscr{C}_i\}_{i=2}^{\infty}$  characterized in [A.1.7]. This completes the proof.

#### A.2 Proof of Proposition 1

Let  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  denote the z-transform of the survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ . Lemma 1 demonstrates that  $\psi(z)$  is analytic on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \rho\}$  for some  $\rho > 1$ . Since  $1 \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ , it follows that  $\psi(1) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell}$  is finite (and positive given that  $\psi_{0} = 1$  and  $\psi_{\ell} \geq 0$ ). Define  $\omega_{0} = \psi(1)^{-1}$  and  $\omega_{\ell} = \omega_{0}\psi_{\ell}$  for  $\ell \geq 1$ . By construction, the sequence  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  satisfies  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} = 1$ , and  $\omega_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\omega_{\ell-1}$  since  $\psi_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\psi_{\ell-1}$ . Note also that

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^\infty \alpha_\ell \omega_{\ell-1} = \omega_0 \sum_{\ell=1}^\infty \alpha_\ell \psi_{\ell-1} = \omega_0 \sum_{\ell=1}^\infty \left( \psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_\ell \right) = \omega_0,$$

as  $\psi_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\psi_{\ell-1}$  and  $\psi_0 = 1$ . This confirms that  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  is a stationary age distribution. There can be only one such distribution because  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  must satisfy  $\omega_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\omega_{\ell-1}$  for all  $\ell \geq 1$ . This leaves only  $\omega_0$  to be determined, but this is pinned down by the requirement  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} = 1$ .

Now suppose that  $\alpha_{\ell} \geq \underline{\alpha}$  for all  $\ell$  for some  $\underline{\alpha}$  satisfying  $0 < \underline{\alpha} < 1$ . Since  $\psi_{\ell+1} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell+1})\psi_{\ell}$ , this implies  $0 \leq \psi_{\ell+1} \leq (1 - \underline{\alpha})\psi_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell$ . Hence Lemma 2 implies that there exists a  $\rho > 1$  such that  $\psi(z) = 0$  has no roots on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Lemma 1 shows that this condition implies that the stationary age distribution is stable, completing the proof.

#### A.3 Proof of Proposition 2

The first step is to derive the standard representation of the Phillips curve [2.6] from equations [2.3], [2.4] and [2.5]. Let  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  and  $\omega(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  be the z-transforms of the sequences of survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  and the age distribution  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ . Written in terms of the lag and forward operators  $\mathbb{L}$  and  $\mathbb{F}$ , equations [2.4] and [2.5] become:

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \psi(\beta)^{-1} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \mathbf{p}_t^* \right], \text{ and } \mathbf{p}_t = \omega(\mathbb{L}) \mathbf{r}_t.$$
 [A.3.1]

Note that  $\omega_{\ell} = \psi_{\ell}\omega_0$ , so  $\omega_0 = \psi(1)^{-1}$  since  $\omega(1) = 1$ . This justifies the relationship  $\omega(z) = \psi(1)^{-1}\psi(z)$  between  $\omega(z)$  and  $\psi(z)$ . By using this result, eliminating the reset price  $r_t$  from [A.3.1], and substituting the expression for  $p_t^*$  from [2.3]:

$$\left\{\mathbb{I} - \psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{p}_t = \mathsf{v}\left\{\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{x}_t, \qquad [A.3.2]$$

where  $\mathbbm{I}$  denotes the identity operator.

The left-hand side of [A.3.2] is

$$\left\{\mathbb{I} - \psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{I})\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{p}_t = \mathsf{p}_t - \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\psi_j\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\beta^{\ell}\psi_\ell\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\mathsf{p}_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\psi_j\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\beta^{\ell}\psi_\ell}.$$
 [A.3.3]

The definition of inflation  $\pi_t = p_t - p_{t-1}$  implies  $p_{t-j+\ell} = p_{t-j} + \pi_{t-j+1} + \cdots + \pi_{t-j+\ell}$ , so

$$\left\{\mathbb{I}-\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_{t}\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{p}_{t}=\frac{\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}(\mathsf{p}_{t}-\mathsf{p}_{t-\ell})}{\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}}-\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}\left(\sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty}\beta^{i}\psi_{i}\right)\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\beta^{\ell}\psi_{j}\psi_{\ell}}-\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}\left(\sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty}\beta^{i}\psi_{i}\right)\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}}-\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}\left(\sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty}\beta^{i}\psi_{i}\right)\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}}-\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}\left(\sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty}\beta^{i}\psi_{i}\right)\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}}-\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}\left(\sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty}\beta^{i}\psi_{i}\right)\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{\ell}}-\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}\left(\sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty}\beta^{i}\psi_{i}\right)\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\psi_{j}}$$

The definition of inflation also implies  $\mathbf{p}_t - \mathbf{p}_{t-\ell} = \pi_{t-\ell+1} + \cdots + \pi_t$ , thus

$$\left\{ \mathbb{I} - \psi(1)^{-1} \psi(\beta)^{-1} \psi(\mathbb{I}) \mathbb{E}_t \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \right\} \mathsf{p}_t = \frac{\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \psi_\ell}{\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_\ell} \pi_t + \frac{\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\infty} \psi_i \right) \pi_{t-\ell}}{\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_\ell} - \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \left( \sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty} \beta^i \psi_i \right) \mathbb{E}_{t-j} \pi_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \beta^\ell \psi_j \psi_\ell}.$$
 [A.3.4]

The right-hand side of [A.3.2] is

$$\nu\left\{\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_{t}\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{x}_{t} = \nu\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\beta^{\ell}\psi_{j}\psi_{\ell}\mathbb{E}_{t-j}\mathsf{x}_{t-j+\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}\beta^{\ell}\psi_{j}\psi_{\ell}}.$$
[A.3.5]

Using the expressions in [A.3.4] and [A.3.5], it is seen that [A.3.2] is equivalent to the standard Phillips curve equation [2.6] with the coefficients:

$$\mathbf{a}_{\ell} = -\frac{\sum_{i=\ell+1} \psi_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \psi_i}, \quad \mathbf{b}_{j\ell} = \frac{\psi_j \sum_{i=\ell}^{\infty} \psi_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \beta^h \psi_i \psi_h}, \quad \text{and} \ \mathbf{c}_{j\ell} = \frac{\beta^\ell \psi_j \psi_\ell}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \beta^h \psi_i \psi_h}$$

Now suppose the hazard function implies that the stationary age distribution of prices is stable. As Lemma 1 shows, this is equivalent to there being a  $\rho > 1$  such that  $\psi(z)$  has no roots in the set  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \rho\}$ . Under this condition, the function  $\phi(z) \equiv \psi(z)^{-1}$  is analytic on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ , which is equivalent to  $\phi(z)$  being equal to its Taylor expansion around z = 0 for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Thus,  $\phi(z) \equiv 1 - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \varphi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  for some sequence of numbers  $\{\varphi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ , with  $\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} |\varphi_{\ell}| < \infty$  since  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  encloses the unit circle. The first term in the Taylor series of  $\phi(z)$  is 1 because  $\psi(0) = \psi_0 = 1$ .

Since  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$  for all  $|z| \leq 1$ , it follows that  $\mathbb{I} = \psi(\mathbb{I})\phi(\mathbb{I})$ , which allows the left-hand side of [A.3.2] to be expressed equivalently as follows:

$$\left\{\mathbb{I}-\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{p}_t=\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\left\{\psi(1)\psi(\beta)\phi(\mathbb{L})-\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\mathsf{p}_t.$$
 [A.3.6]

It also follows from  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$  that  $\mathbb{I} = \psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})$ , and thus  $\phi(\mathbb{L}) = \mathbb{I}\phi(\mathbb{L}) = \psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\mathbb{L})$ . Furthermore, note that the power series  $\phi(\mathbb{L}) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \phi_{\ell}\mathbb{L}^{\ell}$  contains only non-negative powers of the lag operator  $\mathbb{L}$ , so  $\phi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t = \mathbb{E}_t\phi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t$ . Putting these two results together implies  $\phi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t = \mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\phi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t$ . Then observe that because the power series  $\psi(\beta\mathbb{F}) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \beta^{\ell}\psi_{\ell}\mathbb{F}^{\ell}$  contains only non-negative powers of  $\mathbb{F}$ , the law of iterated expectations (from which it follows that the conditional expectation operator  $\mathbb{E}_t$  commutes with all non-negative powers of the forward operator  $\mathbb{F}$ ) implies

$$\phi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \left\{ \mathbb{E}_t \phi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \phi(\mathbb{L}) \right\} \mathbf{p}_t \right].$$

This result, together with [A.3.6], and noting  $\phi(\beta \mathbb{F})\phi(\mathbb{L}) = \phi(\mathbb{L})\phi(\beta \mathbb{F}), \ \psi(1) = \phi(1)^{-1}$  and  $\psi(\beta) = \phi(\beta)^{-1}$ , yields

$$\left\{ \mathbb{I} - \psi(1)^{-1} \psi(\beta)^{-1} \psi(\mathbb{L}) \mathbb{E}_t \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \right\} \mathsf{p}_t = \left\{ \psi(1)^{-1} \psi(\beta)^{-1} \psi(\mathbb{L}) \mathbb{E}_t \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \right\} \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \phi(1)^{-1} \phi(\beta)^{-1} \phi(\mathbb{L}) \phi(\beta \mathbb{F}) - \mathbb{I} \right\} \mathsf{p}_t.$$
 [A.3.7]

Equating this expression to the right-hand side of [A.3.2] leads to the following equation that is exactly equivalent to the Phillips curve [2.6]:

$$\left\{\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\right\}\left(\mathbb{E}_t\left[\left\{\phi(1)^{-1}\phi(\beta)^{-1}\phi(\mathbb{L})\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})-\mathbb{I}\right\}\mathsf{p}_t\right]-\mathsf{v}\mathsf{x}_t\right)=0.$$
 [A.3.8]

Now define the function  $\chi(z) \equiv \phi(1)^{-1}\phi(\beta)^{-1}\phi(z)\phi(\beta z^{-1}) - 1$ , which is analytic on  $\mathscr{A}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \beta \rho^{-1} \leq |z| \leq \rho\}$  given that  $\phi(z)$  is analytic and has no roots on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Notice that  $\chi(1) = 0$ ,

so it follows that there is another function  $\theta(z)$  analytic on  $\mathscr{A}_{\rho}$  such that  $\chi(z) = (1-z)\theta(z)$ . The function  $\theta(z)$  is equal to its Laurent series expansion  $\theta(z) = \sum_{\ell \to -\infty}^{\infty} \theta_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{A}_{\rho}$ . Since  $\mathscr{A}_{\rho}$  includes the unit circle, it follows that  $\sum_{\ell \to -\infty}^{\infty} |\theta_{\ell}| < \infty$ . Make the following definitions of sequences  $\{\lambda_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\xi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ , and coefficient  $\kappa$  appearing in the new Phillips curve [2.7]:

$$\lambda_\ell \equiv -\frac{\theta_\ell}{\theta_0}, \quad \xi_\ell \equiv -\frac{\theta_{-\ell}}{\theta_0}, \quad {\rm and} \ \kappa \equiv \frac{1}{\theta_0}$$

With these definitions, the sequences clearly satisfy  $\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_{\ell}| < \infty$  and  $\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} |\xi_{\ell}| < \infty$  (it can be shown that  $\theta_0 \neq 0$  using the argument presented in the proof of Proposition 6).

Now define

$$\mathsf{d}_t \equiv \pi_t - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \lambda_\ell \pi_{t-\ell} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \xi_\ell \mathbb{E}_t \pi_{t+\ell} - \nu \kappa \mathsf{x}_t, \qquad [A.3.9]$$

and note that the definitions above imply  $d_t = \kappa \{\mathbb{E}_t [\theta(\mathbb{L})\pi_t] - \nu x_t\}$ . Since  $\pi_t = (\mathbb{I} - \mathbb{L})p_t$  and  $\chi(\mathbb{L}) = (\mathbb{I} - \mathbb{L})\theta(\mathbb{L})$ , it follows that  $\theta(\mathbb{L})\pi_t = \chi(\mathbb{L})p_t$  and hence  $d_t = \kappa \{\mathbb{E}_t [\chi(\mathbb{L})p_t] - \nu x_t\}$ . Therefore, comparing this expression for  $d_t$  to equation [A.3.8], the Phillips curve [2.6] is equivalent to  $\{\psi(1)^{-1}\psi(\beta)^{-1}\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_t\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\} d_t = 0$ , and thus to

$$\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbb{E}_t\left[\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\mathsf{d}_t\right] = 0,\tag{A.3.10}$$

holding in all time periods t. Let  $\mathbf{e}_t \equiv \mathbb{E}_t [\psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \mathbf{d}_t]$ , with equation [A.3.10] being equivalent to  $\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{e}_t = 0$  for all t.

Note that by comparing [A.3.9] to [2.7], the new Phillips curve equation is equivalent to  $d_t = 0$  for all t. Suppose the new Phillips curve equation [2.7] holds. Thus  $d_t = 0$  for all t and hence  $e_t = 0$  for all t as well. It follows that  $\psi(\mathbb{L})e_t = 0$ , so the original Phillips curve [2.6] must hold.

Conversely, suppose the original Phillips curve [2.6] holds, which implies  $\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{e}_t = 0$  using [A.3.10]. Given the stability of the stationary age distribution, it has been shown that  $\psi(z) = 0$  has no roots on or inside the unit circle. Thus if  $\mathbf{e}_{t_0} \neq 0$  for some  $t_0$ , it follows from  $\psi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{e}_t = 0$  that  $\mathbf{e}_t$  is unbounded for time periods before  $t_0$ . Now given the location of the roots of  $\psi(z) = 0$ , it follows from  $0 < \beta < 1$  that  $\psi(\beta z) = 0$  has no roots on or inside the unit circle. Hence if  $\mathbf{e}_t = 0$  for all t, the only bounded solution of  $\mathbf{e}_t \equiv \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \mathbf{d}_t \right]$  is  $\mathbf{d}_t = 0$  for all t. On the other hand, if  $\mathbf{e}_t$  is unbounded over all time periods t, then  $\mathbf{d}_t$  must also be unbounded. If  $\mathbf{d}_t$  is unbounded then equation [A.3.9] shows that either inflation  $\pi_t$  or real marginal cost  $\mathbf{x}_t$  must be unbounded. Consequently, if attention is restricted to bounded rational expectations solutions (as is conventional), the original Phillips curve [2.6] implies  $\mathbf{e}_t = 0$  for all t, and hence  $\mathbf{d}_t = 0$  for all t. This then demonstrates that the new Phillips curve [2.7] must hold, completing the proof.

## A.4 Proof of Proposition 3

Let  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  denote the z-transform of the sequence of survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  generated by some hazard function  $\{\alpha_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  from parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  using the recursion [3.1]. Define the polynomial

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \left(1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i\right) z + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \varphi_j z^{j+1}$$
[A.4.1]

using these parameters. Since the recursion in [3.1] is equivalent to [3.2], by multiplying the power series  $\phi(z)$  and  $\psi(z)$  and noting that  $\psi_0 = 1$ , it follows that  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$  for all z for which  $\psi(z)$  is analytic.

The hazard function implies a unique stationary age distribution  $\{\omega_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ , with its z-transform denoted by  $\omega(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_\ell z^\ell$ . Since  $\omega_\ell = (1 - \alpha_\ell) \omega_{\ell-1}$  and  $\psi_\ell = (1 - \alpha_\ell) \psi_{\ell-1}$ , it follows that  $\omega(z)$ 

is a multiple of  $\psi(z)$ . In particular, as  $\psi_0 = 1$ , it must be the case that  $\omega(z) = \omega_0 \psi(z)$ . As  $\{\omega_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  is a probability distribution, it follows that  $\omega(1) = 1$ , and thus  $\omega_0 = \psi(1)^{-1}$  and  $\omega(z) = \psi(1)^{-1}\psi(z)$ . Together with  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$ , it is established that  $\phi(z)\omega(z) = \psi(1)^{-1}$ . Since  $\psi(1)^{-1} = \phi(1)$ :

$$\omega(z) = \phi(1)\phi(z)^{-1}.$$
 [A.4.2]

(i) Let  $\bar{\alpha}$  denote the average probability of price adjustment, calculated with respect to the stationary age distribution of prices at the beginning of any period. This distribution is given by  $\{\omega_{\ell-1}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ , so  $\bar{\alpha} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell-1} \alpha_{\ell}$ . Using the fact that  $\omega_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\omega_{\ell-1}$ , it follows that  $\omega_{\ell-1}\alpha_{\ell} = \omega_{\ell-1} - \omega_{\ell}$  and thus

$$\bar{\alpha} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (\omega_{\ell-1} - \omega_{\ell}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} = \omega_0.$$
 [A.4.3]

The fraction of newly set prices is  $\omega_0$ . Since  $\omega_0 = \omega(0)$  and  $\phi(0) = 1$ , it follows from [A.4.1] and [A.4.2] that

$$\bar{\alpha} = \omega_0 = \phi(1) = \alpha, \qquad [A.4.4]$$

for all values of  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ .

(ii) Now consider the expected duration of a newly set price. If  $\varsigma_{\ell} \equiv 1 - \alpha_{\ell}$  denotes the probability of price stickiness in the current period if  $\ell$  periods have elapsed since the last change then  $\alpha_{\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell-1} \varsigma_j$  is the probability that a price will survive for exactly  $\ell$  periods after first being set before being changed. The expected duration is denoted by  $\hbar$ :

$$\hbar \equiv \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \alpha_{\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell-1} \varsigma_{j}.$$

The definition of the survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  implies  $\psi_{\ell-1} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell-1} \varsigma_j$ . Together with  $\alpha_{\ell} \psi_{\ell-1} = \psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}$ , the expected duration is given by

$$\hbar = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \alpha_{\ell} \psi_{\ell-1} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell (\psi_{\ell-1} - \psi_{\ell}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\ell+1) \psi_{\ell} - \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \ell \psi_{\ell} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} = \psi(1).$$
 [A.4.5]

As  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$ , it follows that  $\psi(1) = \phi(1)^{-1}$ . The result in [A.4.4] then implies that  $\hbar = \alpha^{-1}$ .

(iii) Let  $\hbar_{\alpha}$  denote the average age of the prices that are changed. Using Bayes' law, the probability that a price has age  $\ell$  conditional on being changed is the product of  $\alpha_{\ell}$  and  $\omega_{\ell-1}$  divided by  $\alpha = \omega_0$ . Since  $\omega_{\ell-1}/\omega_0 = \psi_{\ell-1}$ , it follows that  $\hbar_{\alpha}$  is given by

$$\hbar_{\alpha} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \alpha_{\ell} \psi_{\ell-1}.$$
 [A.4.6]

The result in [A.4.5] then implies  $\hbar_{\alpha} = \hbar = \alpha^{-1}$ .

Let  $\hbar_{\varsigma}$  denote the average age of the prices that are not changed. Again, using Bayes' law, the probability that a price has age  $\ell$  conditional on not being changed is the product of  $\varsigma_{\ell} = 1 - \alpha_{\ell}$  and  $\omega_{\ell-1}$  divided by  $1 - \alpha$ . Thus  $\hbar_{\varsigma}$  is given by

$$\hbar_{\varsigma} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \frac{\varsigma_{\ell} \omega_{\ell-1}}{1-\alpha}.$$

Using  $\varsigma_{\ell} = 1 - \alpha_{\ell}$  and  $\omega_{\ell-1} = \alpha \psi_{\ell-1}$  since  $\omega_0 = \alpha$ :

$$\hbar_{\varsigma} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \omega_{\ell-1} - \alpha \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \alpha_{\ell} \psi_{\ell-1} \right) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \ell \omega_{\ell} - \alpha \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell \alpha_{\ell} \psi_{\ell-1} \right).$$

Note that  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} = 1$ . From the definition of  $\omega(z)$  it follows that  $\omega'(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \ell \omega_{\ell} z^{\ell-1}$  and thus  $\omega'(1) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \ell \omega_{\ell}$ . Substituting these results and using the expression for  $\hbar_{\alpha}$  from [A.4.6] together with  $\hbar_{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$  to deduce:

$$\hbar_{\varsigma} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \left( 1 + \omega'(1) - \alpha \alpha^{-1} \right) = \frac{\omega'(1)}{1 - \alpha}.$$
 [A.4.7]

Differentiation of both sides of [A.4.2] yields:

$$\omega'(z) = -\frac{\phi(1)\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)^2},$$

and hence  $\omega'(1) = -\phi'(1)\phi(1)^{-1}$ . Differentiation of the polynomial  $\phi(z)$  in [A.4.1] implies  $\phi'(z) = -(1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} (j+1)\varphi_j z^j$ , from which it follows that  $\phi'(1) = -(1 - \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{n} i\varphi_i)$ . And since  $\phi(1) = \alpha$ :

$$\omega'(1) = \left(1 - \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{n} i\varphi_i\right) \alpha^{-1}.$$
 [A.4.8]

Therefore, using [A.4.7], the difference between the average ages of prices conditional on adjustment and non-adjustment is

$$\hbar_{\alpha} - \hbar_{\varsigma} = \alpha^{-1} - \left(1 - \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{n} i\varphi_i\right) \alpha^{-1} (1 - \alpha)^{-1} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} i\varphi_i\right) \alpha^{-1} (1 - \alpha)^{-1}.$$

(iv) Let  $\hbar \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \ell \omega_{\ell}$  denote the average age of prices actually in use according to the stationary distribution  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ . Using the definition of  $\omega(z)$  it follows that  $\hbar = \omega'(1)$ . Hence, [A.4.8] implies

$$\hbar = \left(1 - \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{n} i\varphi_i\right)\alpha^{-1} = \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} i\varphi_i\right)\alpha^{-1} - 1.$$
 [A.4.9]

(v) The hazard function recursion [3.1] implies that the probability of adjusting the most recently set price is

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i.$$

So  $\alpha_1$  is clearly strictly decreasing in each  $\varphi_i$ .

Let  $\alpha_{\infty} \equiv \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \alpha_{\ell}$  be the limiting value of the hazard function for price spells of arbitrarily long duration. The recursion for the hazard function is equivalent to the linear recursion for the survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  in [3.2]. The recursion [3.2] is a linear difference equation with  $\phi(z^{-1}) = 0$  in [A.4.1] being the characteristic polynomial (since  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$ ).

Now consider parameter values  $\alpha$  and  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  such that  $\phi(z) = 0$  has no repeated roots. This will be without loss of generality because there is always a set of parameters implying no repeated roots arbitrarily close to parameters for which there are repeated roots. With no repeated roots, the

solution for the sequence of survival probabilities  $\{\psi_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^\infty$  takes the following general form

$$\psi_{\ell} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \varkappa_j \zeta_j^{\ell}, \qquad [A.4.10]$$

for some sequence of coefficients  $\{\varkappa_j\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$ , and a sequence  $\{\zeta_j\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$  where each  $\zeta_j$  is a reciprocal of one of the n+1 distinct roots of  $\phi(z) = 0$ , that is,  $\phi(\zeta_j^{-1}) = 0$ .

Without loss of generality, order the sequence  $\{\zeta_j\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$  so that  $|\zeta_1| \ge |\zeta_2| \ge \cdots \ge |\zeta_{n+1}|$ . As  $\psi_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\psi_{\ell-1}$ , it follows that  $\alpha_{\ell} = 1 - (\psi_{\ell}/\psi_{\ell-1})$  and hence:

$$\alpha_{\ell} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \varkappa_j \zeta_j^{\ell}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \varkappa_j \zeta_j^{\ell-1}} = 1 - \frac{\zeta_1 + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} \zeta_j \frac{\varkappa_j}{\varkappa_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_j}{\zeta_1}\right)^{\ell-1}}{1 + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} \frac{\varkappa_j}{\varkappa_1} \left(\frac{\zeta_j}{\zeta_1}\right)^{\ell-1}}.$$

With no repeated roots,  $\zeta_1 \neq \zeta_2$ , so a necessary condition for the limit  $\lim_{\ell \to \infty} \alpha_{\ell}$  to exist is that  $|\zeta_1| > |\zeta_2|$  (using the ordering of the roots), which also requires  $\zeta_1$  to be a real number. Under this condition,  $\alpha_{\infty} \equiv \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \alpha_{\ell} = 1 - \zeta_1$ . For this limit to be economically meaningful and ensure  $\alpha_{\infty} > 0$ , it is necessary that  $0 \leq \zeta_1 < 1$ .

It is known that  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$ , so  $\phi(1) = \psi(1)^{-1}$ , which is necessarily positive since  $\psi_0 = 1$  and  $\psi_{\ell} \ge 0$  for all  $\ell$ . As  $\zeta_1$  is the largest of the reciprocals of the roots of  $\phi(z) = 0$ , there must be no value of  $\zeta$  between  $\zeta_1$  and 1 such that  $\phi(\zeta^{-1}) = 0$ . Since  $\phi(z)$  in [A.4.1] is a polynomial, it is a continuous function. Together with  $\phi(1) > 0$  and the absence of any value of  $\zeta$  between  $\zeta_1$  and 1 such that  $\phi(\zeta^{-1}) = 0$ .

The value of  $\zeta_1$  is characterized by  $\phi(\zeta_1^{-1}) = 0$ , so the change in  $\zeta_1$  resulting from a change in a parameter  $\varphi_i$  is implicitly determined by the condition  $\phi(\zeta_1^{-1}) = 0$ . Differentiating this condition yields

$$\frac{\partial \zeta_1^{-1}}{\partial \varphi_i} \bigg|_{\phi(\zeta_1^{-1})=0} = -\frac{1}{\zeta_1^{i+1} \phi'(\zeta_1^{-1})}.$$
 [A.4.11]

As  $\alpha_{\infty} = 1 - (\zeta_1^{-1})^{-1}$ , it follows that  $\partial \alpha_{\infty} / \partial \zeta_1^{-1} = \zeta_1^2$ , and thus using the chain rule with [A.4.11]:

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_{\infty}}{\partial \varphi_i} = -\frac{1}{\zeta_1^{i-1} \phi'(\zeta_1^{-1})} > 0$$

since  $\phi'(\zeta_1^{-1}) < 0$  as demonstrated above.

(vi) In what follows, suppose that  $n = \infty$  in the hazard function recursion [3.1]. This is without loss of generality because any superfluous  $\varphi_i$  parameters can be set to zero. Equation [3.1] implies

$$\alpha_{\ell+1} - \alpha_{\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \varphi_i \left( \prod_{j=\ell+1-i}^{\ell} (1-\alpha_j) \right)^{-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \varphi_i \left( \prod_{j=\ell-i}^{\ell-1} (1-\alpha_j) \right)^{-1},$$

and by combining overlapping terms and extracting common factors:

$$\alpha_{\ell+1} - \alpha_{\ell} = \varphi_{\ell} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (1 - \alpha_j) \right)^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \varphi_i \left( \prod_{j=\ell-i}^{\ell} (1 - \alpha_j) \right)^{-1} \{ (1 - \alpha_{\ell-i}) - (1 - \alpha_{\ell}) \}$$

Therefore, the change in the hazard function is given by:

$$\alpha_{\ell+1} - \alpha_{\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \varphi_i(\alpha_{\ell} - \alpha_{\ell-i}) \left(\prod_{j=\ell-i}^{\ell} (1 - \alpha_j)\right)^{-1} + \varphi_{\ell} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (1 - \alpha_j)\right)^{-1}.$$
 [A.4.12]

It follows that  $\varphi_i = 0$  for all *i* implies  $\alpha_{\ell} = \alpha$  for all  $\ell$ . Similarly, suppose  $\alpha_{\ell} = \alpha_1$  for all  $\ell$ . It follows from [A.4.12] that  $\varphi_i = 0$  for all *i*.

(vii) Suppose that  $\varphi_i \geq 0$  for all *i*. It follows immediately from [A.4.12] that  $\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_1$ . Now suppose that  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{i-1} \leq \alpha_{\ell}$  has already been established for some  $\ell$ . Given this supposition, it follows that  $\alpha_{\ell} - \alpha_{\ell-i} \geq 0$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, \ell - 1$ . Equation [A.4.12] then implies that  $\alpha_{\ell+1} \geq \alpha_{\ell}$ . This proves  $\alpha_{\ell+1} \geq \alpha_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell$  by induction.

(viii) Define the sequence  $\{\sigma_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  using  $\sigma_1 = -(1 - \alpha_1)$  and  $\sigma_{\ell} = \alpha_{\ell} - \alpha_{\ell-1}$  for  $\ell \geq 2$ . If  $\alpha_{\ell+1} \leq \alpha_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell$  then  $\sigma_{\ell} \leq 0$  for all  $\ell$ . It follows from the expression for  $\varphi_i$  in equation [A.1.3] justified by Lemma 3 that  $\varphi_i$  is the product of  $(-1)^i$  and i+1 non-positive terms. Hence,  $\varphi_i \leq 0$  for all i is established. This completes the proof.

### A.5 Proof of Proposition 4

Let  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  denote the z-transform of the sequence of survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  generated by a hazard function  $\{\alpha_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ . If the hazard function implies the stationary age distribution is stable then Lemma 1 shows there exists a  $\rho > 1$  such that  $\psi(z)$  has no roots in  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \rho\}$ . Define the function  $\phi(z) \equiv \psi(z)^{-1}$  on  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ , which is analytic because  $\psi(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ .

Since  $\phi(z)$  is an analytic function, it is equal to its Taylor series expansion around z = 0 (contained in  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ ). Thus  $\phi(z) \equiv 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i z^{\ell}$  for some sequence  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  (the leading term of the Taylor series is 1 because  $\psi(0) = \psi_0 = 1$ ). As z = 1 belongs to  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ , it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\phi_i| < \infty$ .

The definition of  $\phi(z)$  requires  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Multiplying the power series for  $\phi(z)$  and  $\psi(z)$  yields

$$\phi(z)\psi(z) = \psi_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left(\psi_\ell - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \phi_i \psi_{\ell-i}\right) z^{\ell}.$$

Since  $\psi_0 = 1$  always,  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$  holds for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$  if and only if  $\psi_{\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \phi_i \psi_{\ell-i}$  is true for all  $\ell$ . Define  $\alpha$  and  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  according to  $\alpha \equiv 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i$  and  $\varphi_i \equiv -\phi_{i+1}$ . With these definitions, the recursion for  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  in [3.2] holds with  $n = \infty$ , which is equivalent to the original recursion for the hazard function in [3.1]. Given the definitions, it has also been shown that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\varphi_i| < \infty$ . This completes the proof.

#### A.6 Proof of Proposition 5

(i) Define the sequence of probabilities of price stickiness  $\{\varsigma_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  as  $\varsigma_\ell \equiv 1 - \alpha_\ell$  using the hazard function  $\{\alpha_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ . If the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  generate a well-defined hazard function then it follows that  $0 \leq \varsigma_\ell \leq 1$  for all  $\ell$ .

Using the hazard function recursion [3.1], the sequence  $\{\varsigma_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  satisfies

$$\varsigma_{\ell} = \left(1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{\ell-1, n\}} \frac{\varphi_i}{\prod_{j=\ell-i}^{\ell-1} \varsigma_j},$$
[A.6.1]

for all  $\ell$ .

Consider the claim

$$\sum_{j=i}^{n} \varphi_j \le \alpha.$$
 [A.6.2]

Since [A.6.1] implies  $\varsigma_1 = 1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$ , the requirement  $\varsigma_1 \leq 1$  implies that [A.6.2] is true for i = 1.

Now suppose that the claim [A.6.2] has been proved for all i = 1, ..., k for some k. If  $\varphi_k \ge 0$  then the result  $\sum_{j=k+1}^{n} \varphi_j \le \alpha$  follows automatically from  $\sum_{j=k}^{n} \varphi_j \le \alpha$ , proving the statement [A.6.2] for the case i = k + 1 as well.

Consider the case  $\varphi_k < 0$ . Using [A.6.1], the requirement  $\varsigma_{k+1} \leq 1$  is equivalent to

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{\varphi_i}{\prod_{j=k+1-i}^k \varsigma_j} - \frac{\varphi_k}{\prod_{j=1}^k \varsigma_j} \le \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i.$$
 [A.6.3]

Since  $0 \le \varsigma_1 \le 1$  and  $\varphi_k < 0$  in the case under consideration, it follows from [A.6.3] that

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{k-2} \frac{\varphi_i}{\prod_{j=k+1-i}^k \varsigma_j} - \frac{(\varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k)}{\prod_{j=2}^k \varsigma_j} \le \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i.$$
 [A.6.4]

Now if  $\varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k \ge 0$  then  $\sum_{j=k+1}^n \varphi_j \le \alpha$  would follow from  $\sum_{j=k-1}^n \varphi_j \le \alpha$ , proving the statement [A.6.2] for i = k + 1. If not, then since  $0 \le \varsigma_2 \le 1$ , inequality [A.6.4] together with  $\varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k < 0$  implies that

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{k-3} \frac{\varphi_i}{\prod_{j=k+1-i}^k \varsigma_j} - \frac{(\varphi_{k-2} + \varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k)}{\prod_{j=3}^k \varsigma_j} \le \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i.$$
 [A.6.5]

By again considering the two cases for the sign of  $\varphi_{k-2} + \varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k$  the claim [A.6.2] for i = k + 1 either follows, or a new inequality is deduced alone the pattern of [A.6.3]–[A.6.5] above. This process terminates either with [A.6.2] proved for i = k + 1 or the inequality

$$-rac{\sum_{i=1}^k arphi_i}{arsigma_k} \leq lpha - \sum_{i=1}^n arphi_i.$$

Since  $0 \le \varsigma_k \le 1$  and the claim [A.6.2] is known to be true for i = 1, it follows that

$$-\sum_{i=1}^k \varphi_i \le \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i,$$

which proves that [A.6.2] holds for i = k + 1. Thus, [A.6.2] is true for i = k + 1 in all cases, so it follows for all i = 1, ..., n by induction.

Next, consider the claim

$$-(1-\alpha) \le \sum_{j=i}^{n} \varphi_i.$$
 [A.6.6]

Noting that [A.6.1] implies  $\varsigma_1 = 1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$ , the requirement  $\varsigma_1 \ge 0$  means that [A.6.6] must hold for i = 1.

Now suppose that the statement [A.6.6] has been proved for i = 1, ..., k for some k. Given

equation [A.6.1], the inequality  $\varsigma_{k+1} \ge 0$  holds if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{\varphi_i}{\prod_{j=k+1-i}^{k} \varsigma_j} \le \left(1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i\right).$$
[A.6.7]

Multiplying both sides by the non-negative term  $\prod_{j=1}^{k} \varsigma_j$  leads to an equivalent inequality:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{k-i} \varsigma_j \right) \varphi_i + \varphi_k \le \left( 1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \right) \prod_{j=1}^k \varsigma_j.$$
 [A.6.8]

If  $\varphi_k < 0$  then the inequality  $-(1-\alpha) \leq \sum_{j=k+1}^n \varphi_j$  follows automatically from  $-(1-\alpha) \leq \sum_{j=k}^n \varphi_j$ , proving the statement [A.6.6] for i = k + 1. On the other hand, if  $\varphi_k \leq 0$  then inequality [A.6.8] together with the requirement  $0 \leq \varsigma_1 \leq 1$  implies

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-2} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{k-i} \varsigma_j \right) \varphi_i + \varsigma_1(\varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k) \le \left( 1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \right) \prod_{j=1}^k \varsigma_j.$$
 [A.6.9]

If  $\varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k < 0$  then  $-(1 - \alpha) \leq \sum_{j=k+1}^n \varphi_j$  follows from knowing  $-(1 - \alpha) \leq \sum_{j=k-1}^n \varphi_j$ , proving [A.6.6] for i = k + 1. But if  $\varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k \geq 0$  then [A.6.9] and  $0 \leq \varsigma_2 \leq 1$  imply:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-3} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{k-i} \varsigma_j \right) \varphi_i + \varsigma_1 \varsigma_2 (\varphi_{k-2} + \varphi_{k-1} + \varphi_k) \le \left( 1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \right) \prod_{j=1}^k \varsigma_j.$$
[A.6.10]

Proceeding this way, the claim [A.6.6] either follows, or the following inequality is eventually deduced:

$$\left(\prod_{j=1}^{k-1}\varsigma_j\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^k\varphi_i\right)\leq \left(1-\alpha+\sum_{i=1}^n\varphi_i\right)\prod_{j=1}^k\varsigma_j$$

Since [A.6.6] is known to be true for i = 1 and as  $0 \le \varsigma_k \le 1$ , it follows that:

$$\left(\prod_{j=1}^{k-1}\varsigma_j\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^k\varphi_i\right)\leq \left(1-\alpha+\sum_{i=1}^n\varphi_i\right)\left(\prod_{j=1}^{k-1}\varsigma_j\right),$$

from which the statement [A.6.6] is proved for i = k + 1. Thus [A.6.6] is demonstrated for all i = 1, ..., n by induction. Therefore  $-(1 - \alpha) \leq \sum_{j=i}^{n} \varphi_j \leq \alpha$  for all i = 1, ..., n.

(ii) Suppose n = 1 and  $\varphi \equiv \varphi_1$ . In the case  $\varphi = 0$ , the restriction  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$  is clearly all that is required for the hazard function to be well defined. Thus assume  $\varphi \ne 0$  in what follows.

The hazard function recursion [3.1] in the case n = 1 reduces to

$$\alpha_{\ell} = (\alpha - \varphi) + \frac{\varphi}{1 - \alpha_{\ell-1}}, \qquad [A.6.11]$$

and the linear recursion for the survival probabilities [3.2] becomes:

$$\psi_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha + \varphi)\psi_{\ell-1} - \varphi\psi_{\ell-2}.$$
 [A.6.12]

Define the quadratic equation  $\phi(z) = 1 - (1 - \alpha + \varphi)z - \varphi z^2$ . Note that  $\phi(z^{-1}) = 0$  is the characteristic

equation for the sequence of survival probabilities  $\{\psi_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ . Let  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  denote the reciprocals of the two roots of  $\phi(z) = 0$ . The quadratic can thus be written as  $\phi(z) = (1 - \zeta_1 z)(1 - \zeta_2 z)$ . By equating coefficients of powers of z, it follows that  $1 - \alpha + \varphi = \zeta_1 + \zeta_2$  and  $\varphi = \zeta_1 \zeta_2$ . Note that  $\alpha_1 = \alpha - \varphi$ , which must be a well-defined probability, so  $\varphi \leq \alpha$  is always required.

The roots  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  are real numbers when the following condition is satisfied:

$$(1 - \alpha + \varphi)^2 - 4\varphi = \varphi^2 - 2(1 + \alpha)\varphi + (1 - \alpha)^2 \ge 0.$$
 [A.6.13]

Interpreted as a quadratic in  $\varphi$ , it is straightforward to see that it has two positive real roots. The condition above is satisfied when  $\varphi$  is below the smaller of the two roots:

$$\varphi \le (1+\alpha) - \sqrt{(1+\alpha)^2 - (1-\alpha)^2} = (1-\sqrt{\alpha})^2.$$
 [A.6.14]

The sum of the roots of the quadratic in [A.6.13] is  $2(1 + \alpha)$ , so the larger root is greater than  $\alpha$ , which is in the range where  $\varphi \leq \alpha$  is violated.

Consider first the case where  $\varphi > 0$ . Suppose it is claimed that there is an upper bound  $\bar{\alpha}$  for the hazard function  $\{\alpha_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$ . If  $\alpha_{\ell-1} \leq \bar{\alpha}$  then [A.6.11] implies

$$\alpha_{\ell} \leq (\alpha - \phi) + rac{\phi}{1 - ar{lpha}}.$$

Hence  $\bar{\alpha}$  is valid upper bound for  $\{\alpha_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  (satisfying  $0 < \bar{\alpha} < 1$ ) if the following inequality holds:

$$(\alpha-\phi)+\frac{\phi}{1-\bar{\alpha}}\leq\bar{\alpha},$$

which is equivalent to:

$$1 - (1 - \alpha + \varphi)(1 - \bar{\alpha})^{-1} + \varphi(1 - \bar{\alpha})^{-2} \le 0.$$

Since in the case  $\varphi > 0$ , [A.6.11] implies the hazard function is strictly increasing as long as it remains well defined. Thus the hazard function is well defined if and only if  $\varphi \leq \alpha$  and there is some bound  $\bar{\alpha}$  satisfying  $0 < \bar{\alpha} < 1$  such that  $\phi((1 - \bar{\alpha})^{-1}) \leq 0$ . This requires  $\phi(z) = 0$  to have real roots, which in turn requires the inequality in [A.6.14] to be satisfied. Furthermore, one of the real roots must be strictly greater than one to ensure  $0 < \bar{\alpha} < 1$ . Note that  $\phi(0) = 1$  and  $\phi(1) = \alpha > 0$ , and that the product of the roots of  $\phi(z) = 0$  is  $\varphi^{-1}$ . Under the condition [A.6.14],  $\varphi < 1$ , so the product of the roots is greater than one. The sum of the roots is positive, so both must be positive. Thus,  $\varphi \leq \alpha$ and [A.6.14] are necessary and sufficient for the hazard function to be well defined in the case  $\varphi > 0$ .

Now consider the case where  $\varphi < 0$ . Since  $\alpha_1 = \alpha - \varphi$ , it is necessary to assume  $\varphi \ge -(1 - \alpha)$  to ensure  $\alpha_1$  is a well-defined probability. Note that any negative value of  $\varphi$  satisfies [A.6.13], so both  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  are real numbers. As  $\zeta_1 \zeta_2 = \varphi$ , one of these numbers must be positive and the other negative. Without loss of generality, assume  $\zeta_1 > 0$  and  $\zeta_2 < 0$ . Since  $\zeta_1 + \zeta_2 = 1 - \alpha + \varphi$  and as  $\alpha_1 = \alpha - \varphi$  is well defined, it follows that  $\zeta_1 > -\zeta_2$ . Noting that  $\phi(0) = 1$  and  $\phi(1) = \alpha$ , so as  $\phi(\zeta_1^{-1}) = 0$  and  $\phi(\zeta_2^{-1}) = 0$  it must be the case that  $\zeta_1 < 1$  (otherwise  $\phi(z)$  would have to change sign twice between 0 and 1, implying that both  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  would be positive).

Since  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  are distinct numbers in the case  $\varphi < 0$ , the survival probabilities  $\{\psi_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  can be expressed as  $\psi_\ell = \varkappa_1 \zeta_1^\ell + \varkappa_2 \zeta_2^\ell$ , where  $\varkappa_1$  and  $\varkappa_2$  are real numbers. Consequently:

$$\psi_{\ell} = \varkappa_1 \zeta_1^{\ell} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\varkappa_2}{\varkappa_1} \left( \frac{\zeta_2}{\zeta_1} \right)^{\ell} \right\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_{\ell} - \psi_{\ell+1} = \varkappa_1 (1 - \zeta_1) \zeta_1^{\ell} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\varkappa_2 (1 - \zeta_2)}{\varkappa_1 (1 - \zeta_1)} \left( \frac{\zeta_2}{\zeta_1} \right)^{\ell} \right\}.$$
 [A.6.15]

The hazard function recursion [A.6.11] implies  $\alpha_1 = \alpha - \phi$  and  $\alpha_2 = (\alpha - \phi) + \phi/(1 - \alpha + \phi)$ . Given the restriction  $\phi \ge -(1 - \alpha)$  that ensures  $\alpha_1$  is well defined in the case  $\phi < 0$ , the probability  $\alpha_2$  is

well defined if and only if  $\varphi \ge -(\alpha - \varphi)(1 - \alpha + \varphi)$ . Rearranging this inequality shows that it is equivalent to

$$\varphi^2 - 2\alpha\varphi - \alpha(1-\alpha) \le 0.$$

Interpreted as a quadratic in  $\varphi$ , the above inequality has one positive and one negative root. Given that  $\varphi < 0$  in the case under consideration, the relevant restriction is that

$$\varphi \ge \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \alpha(1 - \alpha)} = -\sqrt{\alpha}(1 - \sqrt{\alpha}).$$
 [A.6.16]

Notice that  $\sqrt{\alpha}(1-\sqrt{\alpha}) \leq 1-\alpha$ , so the requirement  $\varphi \geq -(1-\alpha)$  is automatically satisfied when [A.6.16] holds.

The condition [A.6.16] is thus seen to be equivalent to  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  being well defined in the case  $\varphi < 0$ . This is itself equivalent to  $0 \leq \psi_2 \leq \psi_1 \leq \psi_0 = 1$  because  $\psi_\ell = (1 - \alpha_\ell)\psi_{\ell-1}$ . By using [A.6.15],  $\psi_0 - \psi_1 = \varkappa_1(1 - \zeta_1) + \varkappa_2(1 - \zeta_2) \geq 0$  and  $\psi_1 - \psi_2 = \varkappa_1(1 - \zeta_1)\zeta_1 + \varkappa_2(1 - \zeta_2)\zeta_2 \geq 0$ . Since  $0 < \zeta_1 < 1$  and  $\zeta_2 < 0$ , it follows from the first inequality that at least one of  $\varkappa_1$  and  $\varkappa_2$  must be non-negative, and thus from the second inequality that  $\varkappa_1 \geq 0$ .

Since  $\zeta_1 > -\zeta_2$ , the terms  $(\varkappa_2/\varkappa_1)(\zeta_2/\zeta_1)^i$  and  $(\varkappa_2(1-\zeta_2)/\varkappa_1(1-\zeta_1))(\zeta_2/\zeta_1)^i$  in [A.6.15] must alternate in sign and decline in absolute value as  $\ell$  increases. Because  $\varkappa_1$ ,  $\zeta_1$  and  $(1-\zeta_1)$  are nonnegative, the inequalities  $0 \leq \psi_2 \leq \psi_1 \leq \psi_0$  imply  $0 \leq \psi_\ell \leq \psi_{\ell-1}$  for all  $\ell$ , which ensure the hazard function is well defined everywhere. Since this condition is equivalent to [A.6.16], the proof is complete.

# A.7 Proof of Proposition 6

(i) Let  $\psi(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  and  $\omega(z) \equiv \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  denote the z-transforms of the survival probabilities  $\{\psi_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  and the stationary age distribution  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ . Equations [2.4] and [2.5] for the reset price  $\mathbf{r}_t$  and price level  $\mathbf{p}_t$  can be written in terms of the lag and forward operators  $\mathbb{L}$  and  $\mathbb{F}$  and the power series  $\psi(z)$  and  $\omega(z)$ :

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \psi(\beta)^{-1} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \mathbf{p}_t^* \right], \quad \text{and} \ \mathbf{p}_t = \omega(\mathbb{L}) \mathbf{r}_t.$$
[A.7.1]

Suppose that the hazard function  $\{\alpha_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  is generated by the recursion [3.1] using parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ . Define the polynomial  $\phi(z) \equiv 1 - (1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i) z + \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_j z^{j+1}$ . Lemma 1 shows that  $\psi(z)$  is analytic on the set  $\mathscr{D}_{\rho} \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \rho\}$  for some  $\rho > 1$ . Note that the equivalent recursion [3.2] for the survival probabilities and  $\psi_0 = 1$  imply  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ .

Now multiply both sides of the equation in [A.7.1] for the reset price  $r_t$  by  $\phi(\beta \mathbb{F})$  and take conditional expectations at time t:

$$\mathbb{E}_{t}\left[\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\mathsf{r}_{t}\right] = \mathbb{E}_{t}\left[\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\left\{\psi(\beta)^{-1}\mathbb{E}_{t}\left[\psi(\beta\mathbb{F})\mathsf{p}_{t}^{*}\right]\right\}\right] = \mathbb{E}_{t}\left[\psi(\beta)^{-1}\mathbb{E}_{t}\left[\phi(\beta\mathbb{F})\psi(\beta\mathbb{L})\mathsf{p}_{t}^{*}\right]\right] = \psi(\beta)^{-1}\mathsf{p}_{t}^{*}.$$
[A.7.2]

This result follows first because  $\phi(\beta \mathbb{F})$  contains only non-negative powers of  $\mathbb{F}$ , so it commutes with the conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}_t[\cdot]$  operator inside another conditional expectation. Second,  $\phi(z)\psi(z) = 1$ , hence  $\phi(\beta \mathbb{F})\psi(\beta \mathbb{F}) = \mathbb{I}$ , where  $\mathbb{I}$  is the identity operator. Next, note that because  $\omega_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\omega_{\ell-1}$  and  $\psi_{\ell} = (1 - \alpha_{\ell})\psi_{\ell-1}$ , the functions  $\omega(z)$  and  $\psi(z)$  are proportional. Thus  $\omega(z) = (\omega(1)/\psi(1))\psi(z)$ , and  $\omega(z) = \phi(1)\psi(z)$ , since  $\psi(1)^{-1} = \phi(1)$ , and  $\omega(1) = 1$  because  $\{\omega_{\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$  is a probability distribution. It follows that  $\phi(z)\omega(z) = \phi(1)$  for all  $z \in \mathscr{D}_{\rho}$ . Multiplying both sides of the equation for  $\mathbf{p}_t$  in [A.7.1] by  $\phi(\mathbb{L})$  yields

$$\phi(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t = \phi(\mathbb{L})\omega(\mathbb{L})\mathbf{r}_t = \phi(1)\mathbb{I}\mathbf{r}_t = \phi(1)\mathbf{r}_t.$$
[A.7.3]

Now multiply both sides of equation [A.7.2] by  $\phi(1)$  and note that  $\psi(\beta)^{-1} = \phi(\beta)$ , and then substitute

the expression for  $p_t^*$  from [2.3]:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \phi(\beta \mathbb{F}) \phi(1) \mathbf{r}_t \right] = \phi(1) \phi(\beta) (\mathbf{p}_t + \mathbf{v} \mathbf{x}_t).$$

Substitute the formula for  $\phi(1)\mathbf{r}_t$  from [A.7.3] into the above and divide both sides by  $\phi(1)\phi(\beta)$ :

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left\{ \frac{\phi(\mathbb{L})}{\phi(1)} \frac{\phi(\beta \mathbb{F})}{\phi(\beta)} - 1 \right\} \mathsf{p}_t \right] = \mathsf{v} \mathsf{x}_t.$$
 [A.7.4]

Define the Laurent polynomial  $\chi(z)$  as follows:

$$\chi(z) \equiv \frac{\phi(z)}{\phi(1)} \frac{\phi(\beta z^{-1})}{\phi(\beta)} - 1, \qquad [A.7.5]$$

so that equation [A.7.4] is equivalent to  $\mathbb{E}_t [\chi(\mathbb{L})\mathsf{p}_t] = \mathsf{v}\mathsf{x}_t$ , noting that  $\mathbb{F} \equiv \mathbb{L}^{-1}$ . For algebraic convenience, define the sequence of coefficients  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$  by  $\phi_1 \equiv (1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i)$  and  $\phi_j \equiv -\varphi_{j-1}$  for  $j = 2, \ldots, n+1$  in terms of the parameters of the recursion [3.1]. With these definitions the polynomial  $\phi(z)$  can be written as  $\phi(z) \equiv 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \phi_j z^j$ . The Laurent polynomial  $\chi(z)$  can be written explicitly using this expression:

$$\chi(z) = \vartheta \left\{ \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \phi_j z^j \right) \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \beta^j \phi_j z^{-j} \right) - \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \phi_j \right) \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \beta^j \phi_j \right) \right\},$$

where  $\vartheta \equiv \phi(1)^{-1}\phi(\beta)^{-1}$  is defined. Expanding the brackets to obtain an expression of the form  $\chi(z) = \sum_{\ell=-(n+1)}^{n+1} \chi_{\ell} z^{\ell}$  and equating powers of z implies that  $\chi(z)$  can be written as

$$\chi(z) = \chi_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{n+1} \chi_\ell \left\{ z^\ell + \beta^\ell z^{-\ell} \right\}, \quad \text{where } \chi_\ell = -\vartheta \left\{ \varphi_\ell - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1-\ell} \beta^j \varphi_j \varphi_{j+\ell} \right\} \quad \text{for } \ell \ge 1, \quad [A.7.6]$$

since  $\chi_{-\ell} = \beta^{\ell} \chi_{\ell}$  for all  $\ell$ . As the definition in [A.7.5] implies  $\chi(1) = 0$ , it follows that  $\chi_0 = -\sum_{\ell=1}^{n+1} (1+\beta^{\ell}) \chi_{\ell}$ . Furthermore,  $\chi(1) = 0$  implies that there exists a Laurent polynomial  $\theta(z)$  such that  $\chi(z) = (1-z)\theta(z)$ . Given the degree of  $\chi(z)$ , this Laurent polynomial must have the form  $\theta(z) = \sum_{\ell=-(n+1)}^{n} \theta_{\ell} z^{\ell}$ . Multiplying  $\theta(z)$  by 1-z and equating powers of z yields an expression for  $\chi(z)$ :

$$\chi(z) = \theta_{-(n+1)} z^{-(n+1)} + \sum_{\ell=-n}^{n} (\theta_{\ell} - \theta_{\ell-1}) z^{\ell} - \theta_{n} z^{n+1}.$$

Equating coefficients of powers of z with those in [A.7.6] implies  $\chi_{n+1} = -\theta_n$ ,  $\beta^{n+1}\chi_{n+1} = \theta_{-(n+1)}$ , and  $\chi_{\ell} = \theta_{\ell} - \theta_{\ell-1}$  for all  $\ell = -n, ..., n$ . Iterating these relationships then implies

$$\theta_{\ell} = -\sum_{j=\ell+1}^{n+1} \chi_{j}, \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_{-\ell} = \sum_{j=\ell}^{n+1} \beta^{j} \chi_{j}, \qquad [A.7.7]$$

for all  $\ell = 1, ..., n + 1$ . Combining these expressions with those for  $\chi_i$  in [A.7.6] yields

$$\theta_{\ell} = \vartheta \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n+1} \left\{ \phi_i - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1-i} \beta^j \phi_j \phi_{i+j} \right\} = \vartheta \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n+1} \phi_i \left\{ 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{i-\ell-1} \beta^j \phi_j \right\}, \quad [A.7.8a]$$

where a change in the order of summation has been made in the final term. Similarly,

$$\theta_{-\ell} = -\vartheta \sum_{i=\ell}^{n+1} \beta^i \left\{ \phi_i - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1-i} \beta^j \phi_j \phi_{i+j} \right\} = -\vartheta \sum_{i=\ell}^{n+1} \beta^i \phi_i \left\{ 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{i-\ell} \phi_j \right\}.$$
 [A.7.8b]

The original definitions of the terms of the sequence  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$  are  $\phi_1 = 1 - \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$  and  $\phi_j = -\varphi_{j-1}$  for j = 2, ..., n+1. Substituting the original parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1}^n$  back into [A.7.8a] and [A.7.8b] yields

$$\theta_{\ell} = -\vartheta \left\{ \varphi_{\ell} + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n} \varphi_{i} \left( 1 - \beta(1 - \alpha_{1}) + \sum_{j=1}^{i-\ell-1} \beta^{j+1} \varphi_{j} \right) \right\}, \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, \dots, n; \quad [A.7.9a]$$

$$\theta_{-(\ell+1)} = \vartheta \beta^{\ell+1} \left\{ \varphi_{\ell} + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n} \beta^{i-\ell} \varphi_i \left( \alpha_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-\ell-1} \varphi_j \right) \right\}, \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, \dots, n;$$
[A.7.9b]

$$\theta_0 = \vartheta \left\{ (1 - \alpha_1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \left( 1 - \beta(1 - \alpha_1) + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \beta^{j+1} \varphi_j \right) \right\}; \text{ and}$$
[A.7.9c]

$$\theta_{-1} = -\vartheta\beta\left\{(1-\alpha_1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^i \varphi_i \left(\alpha_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \varphi_j\right)\right\}.$$
[A.7.9d]

Since the definition of  $\theta(z)$  requires  $\chi(z) = (1-z)\theta(z)$ , and as inflation is defined by  $\pi_t = (\mathbb{I}-\mathbb{L})\mathbf{p}_t$ , it follows from equations [A.7.4] and [A.7.5] that  $\mathbb{E}_t [\theta(\mathbb{L})\pi_t] = \nu \mathbf{x}_t$ . Make the following definitions of the coefficient  $\kappa$  and the sequences  $\{\lambda_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$  and  $\{\xi_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{n+1}$  in terms of the elements of the sequence  $\{\theta_\ell\}_{\ell=-(n+1)}^n$  from [A.7.9]:

$$\lambda_{\ell} \equiv -\frac{\theta_{\ell}}{\theta_0}, \quad \xi_{\ell} \equiv -\frac{\theta_{-\ell}}{\theta_0}, \quad \text{and} \ \kappa \equiv \frac{1}{\theta_0},$$
 [A.7.10]

noting that  $\theta_0 > 0$  ensures these definitions are valid. With these definition, the Laurent polynomial  $\theta(z)$  is given by  $\theta(z) = \kappa^{-1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{\ell=1}^n \lambda_\ell z^\ell - \sum_{\ell=1}^{n+1} \xi_\ell z^{-\ell} \right\}$ , and so  $\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \theta(\mathbb{L}) \pi_t \right] = \nu \mathsf{x}_t$  is equivalent to the Phillips curve in [4.3].

(ii) First consider the expression for  $\theta_0$  in [A.7.9c]. By expanding the bracket and changing the order of summation:

$$\theta_0 = \vartheta \left\{ (1 - \alpha_1) - (1 - \beta(1 - \alpha_1)) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i \left( \sum_{j=i+1}^n \varphi_j \right) \right\}.$$

Adding and subtracting terms in the final summation to obtain an equivalent expression:

$$\theta_0 = \vartheta \left\{ (1 - \alpha_1) - (1 - \beta(1 - \alpha_1)) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \right) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_j \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^i \varphi_j \right) \right\}.$$

The definition of the polynomial  $\phi(z)$  implies  $\phi(1) = \alpha_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$  and  $\phi(\beta) = 1 - \beta(1 - \alpha_1) + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1}\varphi_i$ . By defining the sums  $s_i \equiv \sum_{j=1}^i \varphi_j$  for  $i = 0, \ldots, n$  (with  $s_0 = 0$ ) and noting that

 $\phi(1) - \alpha_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$ :

$$\theta_0 = \vartheta \left\{ (1 - \alpha_1) - (\phi(1) - \alpha_1) \phi(\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1} (s_i - s_{i-1}) s_i \right\}.$$

Rearranging the first two terms leads to

$$\theta_0 = \vartheta \left\{ (1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \phi(\beta)) + (1 - \phi(1))\phi(\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1}(s_i - s_{i-1})s_i \right\}.$$
 [A.7.11]

Note that  $(s_i - s_{i-1})s_i = (1/2) \{ (s_i^2 - s_{i-1}^2) + (s_i - s_{i-1})^2 \}$ , and thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_{i-1}) \mathbf{s}_i = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i^2 + (1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_i^2 + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_n^2 - \beta^2 \mathbf{s}_0^2 \right\}$$

since  $s_i - s_{i-1} = \varphi_i$ . Using  $s_0 = 0$  and substituting this result into [A.7.11]:

$$\theta_0 = \vartheta \left\{ (1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \phi(\beta)) + (1 - \phi(1))\phi(\beta) + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i^2 + (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} s_i^2 + \beta^{n+1} s_n^2 \right\} \right\}.$$
[A.7.12]

Now observe that  $\phi(1) = \psi(1)^{-1}$ , and  $\psi(1) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell}$ , so  $0 < \phi(1) < 1$  because  $\psi_0 \equiv 1$ ,  $\psi_{\ell} \ge 0$ ,  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \psi_{\ell} < \infty$ , and  $\psi_1 > 0$  under the assumption  $\alpha_1 < 1$ . Similarly,  $\phi(\beta) = \psi(\beta)^{-1}$  and  $\psi(\beta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \beta^{\ell} \psi_{\ell}$ . Since  $0 < \beta < 1$ , it follows that  $0 < \phi(\beta) < 1$ . Together these results establish that  $\vartheta > 0$  since  $\vartheta \equiv \phi(1)^{-1}\phi(\beta)^{-1}$ . Given  $\alpha_1 < 1$ , the parameter  $\alpha_1$  must satisfy  $0 \le \alpha_1 < 1$ . Consequently, the first two terms in the brackets in [A.7.12] are strictly positive and all other terms are non-negative. Thus, it is shown that  $\theta_0 > 0$ . The proof of  $\theta_0 > 0$  then automatically shows  $\kappa > 0$ .

(iii) Now consider the value of  $\xi_1$ , which requires examining  $\theta_{-1}$ . Let  $s_i \equiv \alpha_1 + \sum_{j=1}^i \varphi_j$ , and so  $s_i - s_{i-1} = \varphi_i$  for all i = 1, ..., n, and  $s_0 = \alpha_1$ . The expression for  $\theta_{-1}$  in [A.7.9d] can be written as

$$-\theta_{-1} = \vartheta \left\{ \beta(1-\alpha_1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1} (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_{i-1}) \mathbf{s}_{i-1} \right\}.$$
 [A.7.13]

Note that  $(s_i - s_{i-1})s_{i-1} = (1/2) \{ (s_i^2 - s_{i-1}^2) - (s_i - s_{i-1})^2 \}$ , and hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_{i-1}) \mathbf{s}_{i-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_i^2 + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_n^2 - \beta^2 \mathbf{s}_0^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i^2 \right\}.$$

Also note that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_{i-1}) = (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_i + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_n - \beta^2 \mathbf{s}_0$ . By adding and subtracting a multiple of these equal terms to the equation above:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} (\mathbf{s}_{i} - \mathbf{s}_{i-1}) \mathbf{s}_{i-1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_{i} + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_{n} - \frac{1}{2} \beta^{2} \alpha_{1} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_{i}^{2} + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_{n}^{2} - \beta^{2} \alpha_{1}^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_{i}^{2} \right\},$$

recalling that  $s_0 = \alpha_1$ . Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i = \phi(\beta) - 1 + \beta(1 - \alpha_1)$ , the above equation can be

rearranged as follows:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} (\mathbf{s}_{i} - \mathbf{s}_{i-1}) \mathbf{s}_{i-1} &= -\frac{\beta}{2} \left\{ \alpha_{1}^{2} \beta - \alpha_{1} \beta + \alpha_{1} - 1 \right\} + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \phi(\beta)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_{i} (1 - \mathbf{s}_{i}) + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_{n} (1 - \mathbf{s}_{n}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i+1} \varphi_{i}^{2} \right\}. \end{split}$$

Substituting this result into equation [A.7.13] yields:

$$\begin{aligned} -\theta_{-1} &= \frac{\vartheta}{2} \left\{ \beta (1 - \alpha_1) (1 - \alpha_1 \beta) + (1 - \phi(\beta)) \right\} \\ &+ \frac{\vartheta}{2} \left\{ (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_i (1 - \mathbf{s}_i) + \beta^{n+1} \mathbf{s}_n (1 - \mathbf{s}_n) + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta^{i+1} \varphi_i^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 5 demonstrates that  $0 \leq s_i \leq 1$  for all i = 1, ..., n is necessary for the hazard function  $\{\alpha_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{\infty}$  to be well defined. Since  $0 < \alpha_1 < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , and  $0 < \phi(\beta) < 1$ ,  $\vartheta > 0$  and  $\theta_0 > 0$  as shown earlier, it follows that  $\xi_1 = -\theta_{-1}/\theta_0$  is strictly positive.

(iv) Next, note that

$$1 - \beta(1 - \alpha_1) + \sum_{j=1}^{i} \beta^{j+1} \varphi_j = (1 - \beta) \left\{ 1 + \sum_{h=0}^{i-1} \beta^{h+1} \mathbf{s}_h \right\} + \beta^{i+1} \mathbf{s}_i, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{s}_j \equiv \alpha_1 + \sum_{h=1}^{j} \varphi_j.$$

Using equations [A.7.9a] and [A.7.10], the coefficients of lagged inflation  $\{\lambda_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$  can be expressed as

$$\lambda_{\ell} = \left(\frac{\vartheta}{\theta_0}\right)\varphi_{\ell} + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^n \left\{ \left(\frac{\vartheta}{\theta_0}\right) \left( (1-\beta) \left(1 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-\ell-2} \beta^{j+1} \mathbf{s}_j\right) + \beta^{i-\ell} \mathbf{s}_{j-i-1} \right) \right\} \varphi_i.$$

Proposition 5 shows that  $0 \le s_i \le 1$  for all i = 0, 1, ..., n. Since  $\vartheta > 0$  and  $\theta_0 > 0$ , it follows that  $\lambda_{\ell}$  is a weighted sum of  $\varphi_{\ell}, ..., \varphi_n$ .

(v) Similarly, equations [A.7.9b] and [A.7.10] show that the coefficients on future inflation  $\{\xi_\ell\}_{\ell=2}^{n+1}$  are:

$$\xi_{\ell} = -\left\{ \left(\frac{\vartheta\beta^{\ell}}{\theta_{0}}\right) \varphi_{\ell-1} + \sum_{i=\ell}^{n} \left(\frac{\vartheta\beta^{i+1}s_{i-\ell}}{\theta_{0}}\right) \varphi_{i} \right\}, \quad \text{for } \ell = 2, \dots, n+1,$$

where  $s_i$  is as defined above. Thus  $\xi_{\ell}$  for  $\ell \geq 2$  is the negative of a weighted sum of the parameters  $\varphi_{\ell-1}, \ldots, \varphi_n$ .

(vi) Note that [A.7.5] implies  $\chi(\beta) = 0$ . Since  $\chi(z) = (1 - z)\theta(z)$ , it must be the case that  $\theta(\beta) = 0$  also. The definition of  $\theta(z)$  then implies that  $\sum_{\ell \to -(n+1)}^{n} \beta^{\ell} \theta_{\ell} = 0$ . The result follows by using [A.7.10].

(vii) Finally, to derive the restrictions across the sequences of coefficients  $\{\lambda_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$  and  $\{\xi_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{n+1}$ , use the definition in [A.7.10] and equation [A.7.7] to deduce:

$$(1-\beta)\sum_{i=\ell}^{n}\beta^{i}\lambda_{i} = -\frac{(1-\beta)}{\theta_{0}}\sum_{i=\ell}^{n}\beta^{i}\theta_{i} = \frac{(1-\beta)}{\theta_{0}}\sum_{i=\ell}^{n}\sum_{j=i+1}^{n+1}\beta^{i}\chi_{j} = \frac{(1-\beta)}{\theta_{0}}\sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n+1}\left\{\sum_{j=\ell}^{i-1}\beta^{j}\right\}\chi_{i},$$

using a change in the order of summation to derive the final equality. Using the formula for the geometric sum yields

$$(1-\beta)\sum_{i=\ell}^{n}\beta^{i}\lambda_{i} = \frac{1}{\theta_{0}}\sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n+1}(\beta^{\ell}-\beta^{i})\chi_{i}.$$
 [A.7.14]

Thus, adding  $\beta$  to the equation above in the case of  $\ell=1$  and substituting for  $\theta_0$  using [A.7.7]

$$\beta + (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^{i} \lambda_{i} = \frac{1}{\theta_{0}} \left\{ \sum_{i=2}^{n+1} (\beta - \beta^{i}) \chi_{i} - \beta \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \chi_{i} \right\} = -\frac{1}{\theta_{0}} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \beta^{i} \chi_{i} = -\frac{\theta_{-1}}{\theta_{0}},$$

with the expression for  $\theta_{-1}$  taken from [A.7.7]. Given the definition in [A.7.10], the equation for  $\xi_1$  is confirmed. Now substract the expression in [A.7.14] for  $\ell \geq 2$  from  $\beta^{\ell} \lambda_{\ell-1}$ :

$$\beta^{\ell} \lambda_{\ell-1} - (1-\beta) \sum_{i=\ell}^{n} \beta^{i} \lambda_{i} = -\frac{\beta^{\ell} \theta_{\ell-1}}{\theta_{0}} - \frac{1}{\theta_{0}} \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n+1} (\beta^{\ell} - \beta^{i}) \chi_{i} = \frac{1}{\theta_{0}} \left\{ \beta^{\ell} \sum_{i=\ell}^{n+1} (\chi_{i} - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{n+1} (\beta^{\ell} - \beta^{i}) \chi_{i} \right\},$$

making use of equations [A.7.7] and [A.7.10]. It follows that

$$\beta^{\ell} \lambda_{\ell-1} - (1-\beta) \sum_{i=\ell}^{n} \beta^{i} \lambda_{i} = \frac{1}{\theta_{0}} \sum_{i=\ell}^{n+1} \beta^{i} \chi_{i} = \frac{\theta_{-\ell}}{\theta_{0}},$$

using [A.7.7] again. Therefore the equation for  $\xi_{\ell}$  is verified for  $\ell \geq 2$ . This completes the proof.