

**ECO 120: Global Macroeconomics**  
**Week 3 Homework: Market for Currencies**

**Directions:** Notice that all problems ask you for a descriptive answer in addition to performing a calculation or manipulating a graphical model. For full credit, make sure that you do both. You may print these sheets and put your answers in the space provided or you may use your own paper to write your answers.

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For problems 1, 2, and 3, read the scenario and do the following (in order):

- For each problem, draw both currency markets. Example: if you are asked a question on the exchange rate between U.S. Dollars and Euros, you should draw the market for U.S. Dollars and market for Euros. It is true that these two graphs are redundant, so every change in one market has a corresponding change in the other market.
- Make sure you correctly label each market, both axes in each market, and both the supply and demand curves in each market.
- Determine if the scenario cause a shift in the demand and/or supply curve for each currency. If so, answer which curve(s), and which direction.
- Draw the supply and demand curves in both markets with appropriate shifts.
- Label the original and new equilibrium exchange rate and quantities.
- What is the impact of the relative value of each currency? What is the impact on quantity of currency traded?



3. In March 2022, Russia increased interest rates by 10 percentage points, while interest rates in the Euro area did not change. Describe and illustrate the impact on the exchange rate between the Russian Ruble (RUB) and the Euro (EUR).

4. Suppose financial investors expect the U.S. Dollar to appreciate against the Euro over the next three months. Describe and illustrate the impact on the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar (USD) and the Euro (EUR).

5. On February 3, 2023, the Euro (EUR) / United Kingdom Pound Sterling (GBP) exchange rate was  $1 \text{ GBP} = 1.12 \text{ EUR}$ .
- (a) Suppose a French person is buying a car in the United Kingdom for 42,000 GBP. What will be the price in Euros?
- (b) Suppose a British person is traveling in Spain, and hotel room costs 280 EUR. What is the cost in U.K. Pounds?
- (c) One year ago, on February 3, 2022, the exchange rate was  $1 \text{ GBP} = 1.20 \text{ EUR}$ . From February 2022 to February 2023, did the U.K. Pound Sterling appreciate or depreciate against the Euro? Did the Euro appreciate or depreciate against the U.K. Pound Sterling?