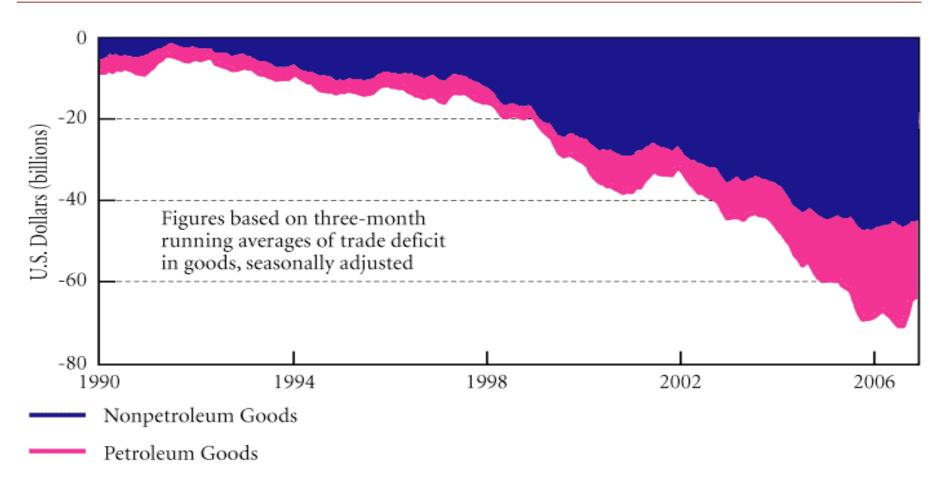
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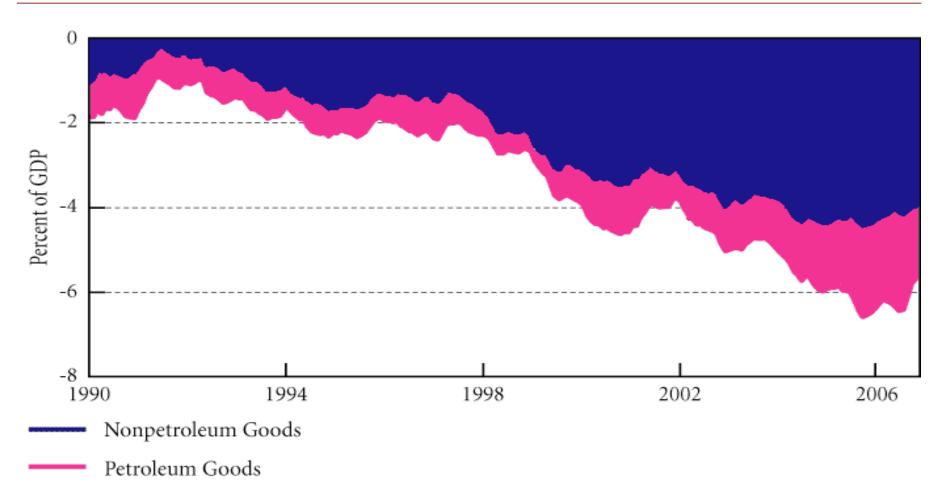
FIGURE 1 Monthly U.S. Trade Deficit in Goods



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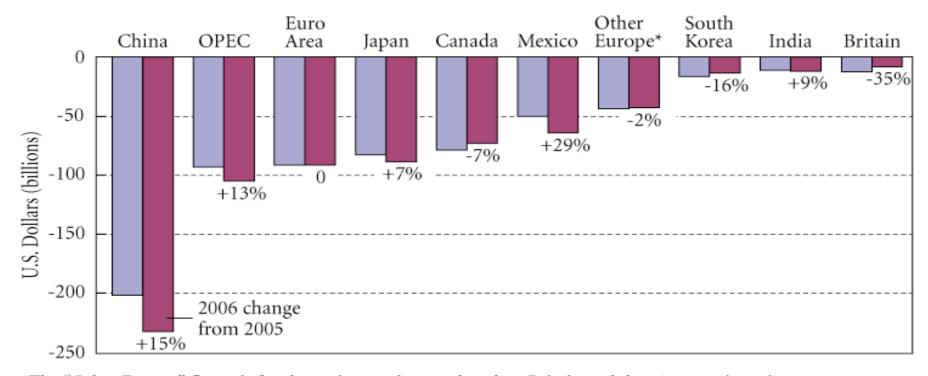


FIGURE 2 Trade Deficit in Goods as a % of GDP



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FIGURE 3 Annual U.S. Trade Deficit in Goods



*The "Other Europe" figure is for the entire continent other than Britain and the 13 countries using the euro as their currency.

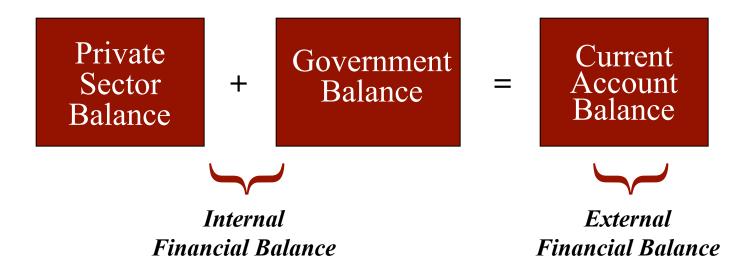
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Accounting Identity of Financial Balances

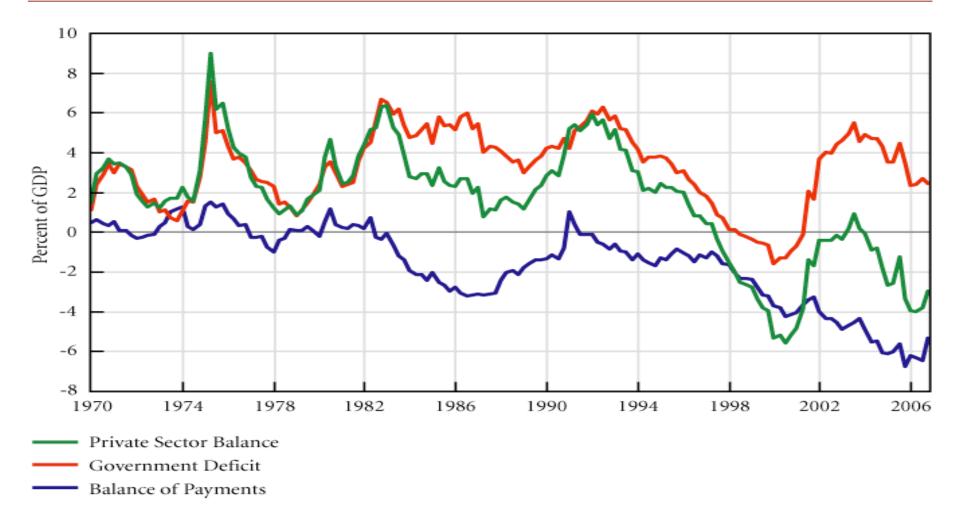


In 2006 the identity was roughly like this:

-3% of GDP -2.4% of GDP = -5.4% of GDP



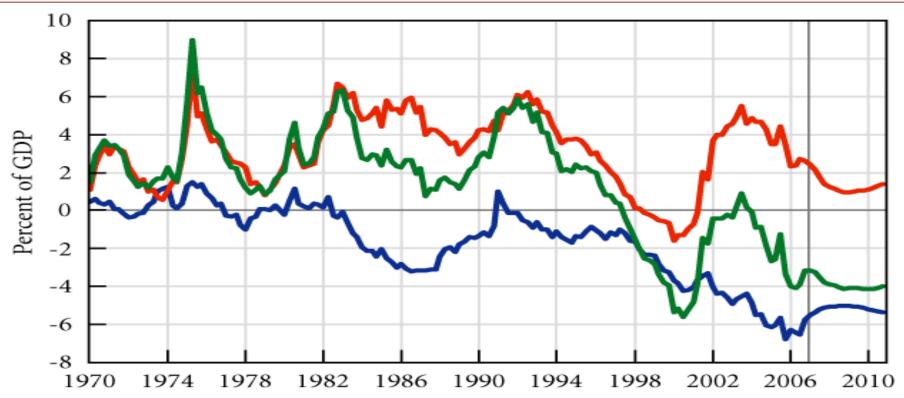
FIGURE 4 U.S. Main Sector Balances



Source: NIPA and authors' calculations



FIGURE 5 Main Sector Balances with CBO Assumptions

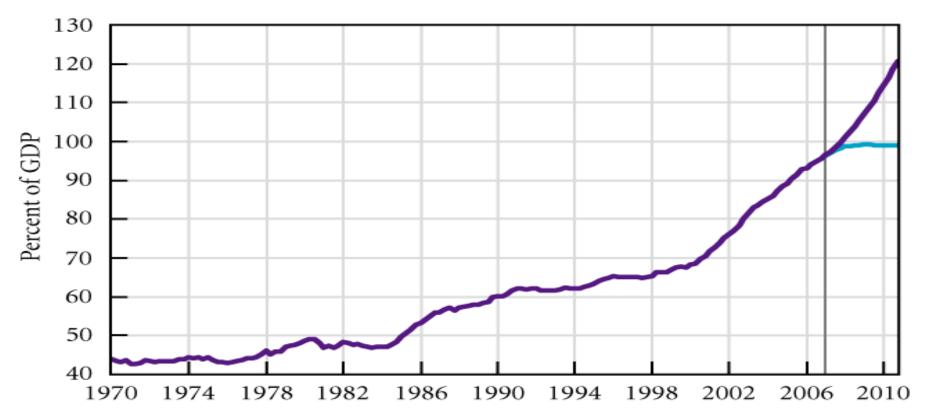


- Private Sector Balance
- Government Deficit
- Current Account Balance

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FIGURE 6 Household Debt Outstanding



- CBO Scenario
- Alternative Scenario

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FIGURE 7 Household Borrowing

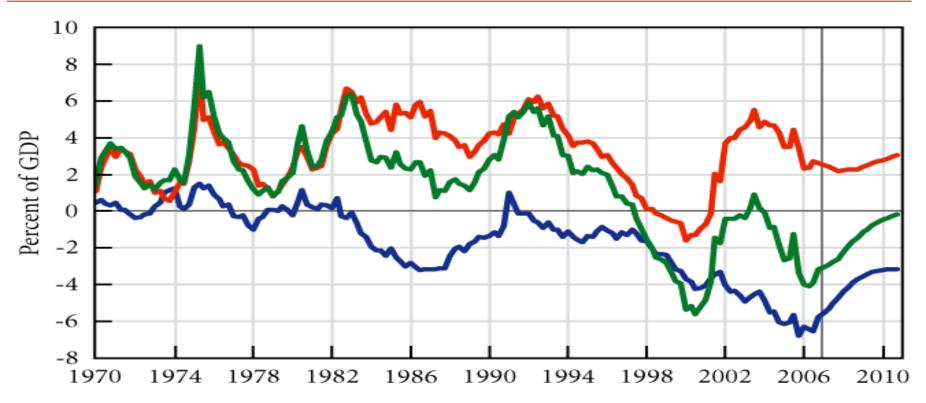


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FIGURE 8 U.S. Main Sector Balances under the Assumption of Stabilizing Household Debt



- Private Sector Balance
- Government Deficit
- Current Account Balance

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FIGURE 9 U.S. Main Sector Balances under the Assumptions of Further Dollar Devaluation and Expansionary Fiscal Policy



- Private Sector Balance
- Government Deficit
- Current Account Balance

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