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What is China's reserve requirements policy? Studies China's reserve requirements (RR) policy in two-sector DSGE model. SOEs financed by on-balance sheet bank loans, subject to RR regulations. Private firms rely on off-balance sheet loans, facing credit spread. Raising RR reallocates capital to productive private firms and improves TFP.



What are reserve requirements? Reserve requirements have traditionally been used, though not necessarily with a sole financial stability objective. Both requirements concern the composition of banks' balance sheets and are defined as ratios between asset and liability categories. An increase in either of the two ratios is associated with a balance sheet tightening.



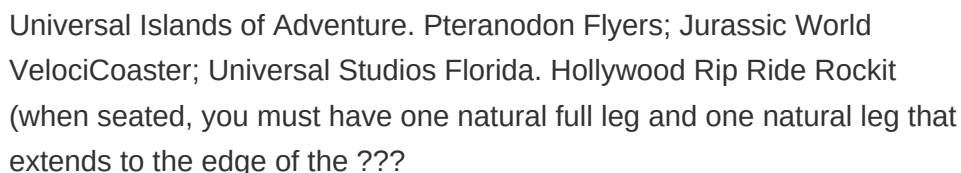
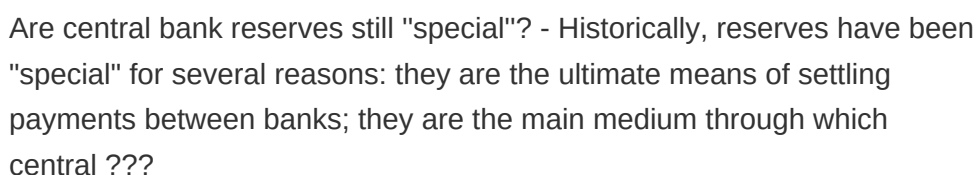
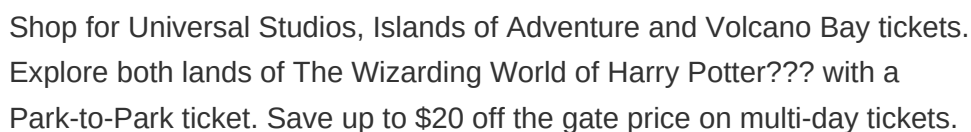
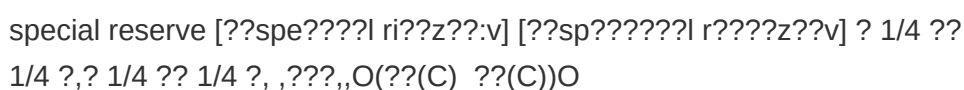
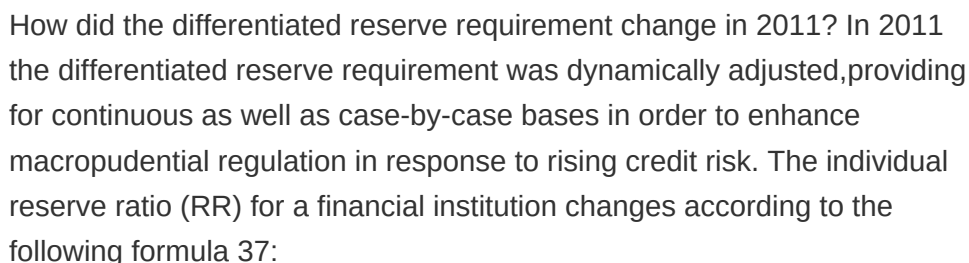
Will China cut the reserve requirement ratio? China's central bank will cut the reserve requirement ratio for financial institutions by 0.5 percentage points from Feb. 5, said Pan Gongsheng, governor of the People's Bank of China, on Wednesday. The move is expected to provide the market with long-term liquidity of some 1 trillion yuan (140.85 billion U.S. dollars), Pan said.



What is the difference between a required reserve and a policy objective? In contrast, required reserves can be used to pursue a policy objective, i.e. preventing an overheating, in order to counterbalance unintended consequences of surplus liquidity that has emerged due to another policy objective, e.g., withstand excessive exchange rate appreciation and its sudden correction.



Does the PBOC use reserve requirements for macroeconomic stabilization? Introduction China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC), frequently uses reserve requirements (RR) as a policy instrument for macroeconomic stabilization. Since 2006, the PBOC has adjusted the required reserve ratio at least 40 times. 1 These changes have also been substantial.



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