

**Technical Appendix to**  
**“Harming Depositors and Helping Borrowers:**  
**The Disparate Impact of Bank Consolidation”**  
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Details of Proofs of Propositions 1 and 2

To derive Proposition 1’s exact and sufficient conditions for a greater number of LMBs,  $k$ , to reduce the retail loan rates of small banks in market  $M$ , we can directly differentiate equation (26) or, alternatively, differentiate equation (22) for the case of a small bank in market  $M$ :

$$\frac{\partial r_{L,i}^M}{\partial k} = -\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ r_E + c_L + t_L \frac{1}{m} - r_{L,1} \right] + \delta_{i,m/k} \frac{\partial r_{L,1}}{\partial k} \quad (\text{T.1})$$

To find  $\partial r_{L,1}/\partial k$ , we differentiate  $r_{L,1}$  in equation (25) to obtain

$$\frac{\partial r_{L,1}}{\partial k} = -\frac{\left[ \beta_{m/k} \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} - \beta_{n/k} \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right]}{\left( \beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M \right)^2} t_L L^N L^M \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{\Lambda(L^N + L^M) \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)}{\left( \beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M \right)^2} \quad (\text{T.2})$$

Substituting in for  $\partial r_{L,1}/\partial k$  and  $r_{L,1}$  from (T.2) and equation (25), (T.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r_{L,i}^M}{\partial k} = & -\frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Lambda(L^N + L^M) + \beta_{n/k} L^N t_L \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right]}{\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M} \\ & + \frac{\delta_{i,m/k} L^N \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Lambda(L^N + L^M) - \beta_{m/k} t_L L^M \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{\left( \beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M \right)^2} \\ & + \frac{\delta_{i,m/k} L^M \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Lambda(L^N + L^M) + \beta_{n/k} t_L L^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{\left( \beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M \right)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{T.3})$$

Re-arranging the right-hand side of (T.3), one finds that it is negative when

$$\begin{aligned} 0 > & -t_L \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) L^N \beta_{n/k} \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} \left( \beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M \right) + \delta_{i,m/k} L^M \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} - \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) \right\} \\ & - \Lambda(L^N + L^M) \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} \left( \beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M \right) - \delta_{i,m/k} \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{T.4})$$

or

$$\Lambda > -\frac{t_L \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}\right) L^N \beta_{n/k}}{L^N + L^M} \left[ \frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) + \delta_{i,m/k} L^M \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} - \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)}{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) - \delta_{i,m/k} \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)} \right] \quad (\text{T.5})$$

Recall that  $\beta_{n/k} = (2 - \delta_{2,n/k}) > 0$  and  $\partial \beta_{n/k} / \partial k = -\partial \delta_{2,n/k} / \partial k < 0$ . By substituting in for  $\delta_{2,n/k}$  from equation (24) in the paper, it is straightforward to show that  $(\beta_{m/k} \partial \beta_{n/k} / \partial k - \beta_{n/k} \partial \beta_{m/k} / \partial k) > 0$  for  $n > m$ . This, along with the fact that  $\partial \delta_{i,m/k} / \partial k > 0$  indicates that the numerator of the term in brackets is positive. In addition, one can see that the denominator is positive, so that the ratio in brackets is positive. Now by re-writing this ratio, (T.5) can be re-written as

$$\Lambda > -\frac{t_L \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}\right) L^N \beta_{n/k}}{L^N + L^M} \left[ \frac{\Psi_{i,m}^L + \delta_{i,m/k} L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} + \frac{L^N}{L^M} \right)}{\Psi_{i,m}^L} \right] \quad (\text{T.6})$$

where  $\Psi_{i,m}^L \equiv \frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) - \delta_{i,m/k} \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) > 0$ . In (T.6), since  $\partial \beta_{n/k} / \partial k$

$< 0$ , then  $\delta_{i,m/k} L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} + \frac{L^N}{L^M} \right) < 0$ , which permits us to show that

$1 \geq \left[ \Psi_{i,m}^L + \delta_{i,m/k} L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} + \frac{L^N}{L^M} \right) \right] / \Psi_{i,m}^L > 0$ . Thus, a sufficient condition for  $\partial r_{L,i}^M / \partial k < 0$

is  $\Lambda > 0$ .

Similarly, to find the exact and sufficient conditions for a greater number of LMBs,  $k$ , to reduce the retail loan rates of small banks in market  $N$ , we can differentiate equation (22) for the case of a small bank in market  $N$ :

$$\frac{\partial r_{L,i}^N}{\partial k} = -\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ r_E + c_L + t_L \frac{1}{n} - r_{L,1} \right] + \delta_{i,n/k} \frac{\partial r_{L,1}}{\partial k} \quad (\text{T.7})$$

Substituting in for  $\partial r_{L,1} / \partial k$  and  $r_{L,1}$  from (T.2) and equation (25), (T.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial r_{L,i}^N}{\partial k} = & -\frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Lambda (L^N + L^M) - \beta_{m/k} L^M t_L \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right]}{\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M} \\
& + \frac{\delta_{i,n/k} L^N \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Lambda (L^N + L^M) - \beta_{m/k} t_L L^M \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{(\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M)^2} \\
& + \frac{\delta_{i,n/k} L^M \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Lambda (L^N + L^M) + \beta_{n/k} t_L L^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{(\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M)^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{T.8}$$

This derivative is negative when

$$\begin{aligned}
0 > & L^M t_L \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) \beta_{m/k} + \delta_{i,n/k} L^N \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \beta_{n/k} - \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \beta_{m/k} \right) \right\} \\
& - \Lambda (L^N + L^M) \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{T.9}$$

or

$$\Lambda > \frac{L^M t_L \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \beta_{m/k}}{L^N + L^M} \left[ \frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) + \delta_{i,n/k} L^N \left( \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} - \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \right)}{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)} \right] \tag{T.10}$$

which can also be written as

$$\Lambda > \frac{L^M t_L \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \beta_{m/k}}{L^N + L^M} \left[ \frac{\Psi_{i,n}^L + \delta_{i,n/k} L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} + \frac{L^M}{L^N} \right)}{\Psi_{i,n}^L} \right] \tag{T.11}$$

where  $\Psi_{i,n}^L \equiv \frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} L^N + \beta_{m/k} L^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} \left( L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + L^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) > 0$ . Since  $\partial \beta_{m/k} / \partial k < 0$ ,

then  $\delta_{i,n/k} L^N \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} + \frac{L^M}{L^N} \right) < 0$ . This implies that the term in brackets in (T.11) is less than

one. Hence, a sufficient condition for  $\partial r_{L,i}^N / \partial k < 0$  is  $\Lambda > \frac{L^M}{L^N + L^M} \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) t_L \beta_{m/k}$ .

To derive Proposition 2's exact and sufficient conditions for a greater number of LMBs,  $k$ , to reduce the retail deposit rates of small banks in market  $M$ , we can directly differentiate equation (29) or, alternatively, differentiate equation (23) for the case of a small bank in market  $M$ :

$$\frac{\partial r_{D,i}^M}{\partial k} = -\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ r_E - c_D - t_D \frac{1}{m} - r_{D,1} \right] + \delta_{i,m/k} \frac{\partial r_{D,1}}{\partial k} \quad (\text{T.12})$$

To find  $\partial r_{D,1}/\partial k$ , we differentiate  $r_{D,1}$  in equation (28) to obtain

$$\frac{\partial r_{D,1}}{\partial k} = \frac{\left[ \beta_{m/k} \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} - \beta_{n/k} \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right]}{(\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M)^2} t_D D^N D^M \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{\Delta (D^N + D^M) \left( D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)}{(\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M)^2} \quad (\text{T.13})$$

Substituting in for  $\partial r_{D,1}/\partial k$  and  $r_{D,1}$  from (T.13) and equation (28), (T.12) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r_{D,i}^M}{\partial k} = & -\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Delta (D^N + D^M) - \beta_{n/k} D^N t_D \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right]}{\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M} \\ & + \frac{\delta_{i,m/k} D^M \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Delta (D^N + D^M) - \beta_{n/k} t_D D^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{(\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M)^2} \\ & + \frac{\delta_{i,m/k} D^N \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Delta (D^N + D^M) + \beta_{m/k} t_D D^M \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{(\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{T.14})$$

This derivative is negative when

$$\begin{aligned} 0 > t_D D^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) \beta_{n/k} + \delta_{i,m/k} D^M \left( -\frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \beta_{n/k} + \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \beta_{m/k} \right) \right\} \\ - \Delta (D^N + D^M) \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,m/k} \left( D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} + D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{T.15})$$

or

$$\Delta > \frac{t_D D^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \beta_{n/k}}{D^N + D^M} \left[ \frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) + \delta_{i,m/k} D^M \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} - \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)}{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,m/k} \left( D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} + D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \right)} \right] \quad (\text{T.16})$$

which can be written as

$$\Delta > \frac{t_D D^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \beta_{n/k}}{D^N + D^M} \left[ \frac{\Psi_{i,m}^D + \delta_{i,m/k} D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} + \frac{D^N}{D^M} \right)}{\Psi_{i,m}^D} \right] \quad (\text{T.17})$$

where  $\Psi_{i,m}^D \equiv \frac{\partial \delta_{i,m/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,m/k} \left( D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) > 0$ . Since  $\partial \beta_{n/k} / \partial k < 0$ ,

then  $\delta_{i,m/k} D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{m/k}}{\beta_{n/k}} + \frac{D^N}{D^M} \right) < 0$ . This implies the term in brackets in (T.17) is less than one.

Hence, a sufficient condition for  $\partial r_{D,i}^M / \partial k < 0$  is  $\Delta > \frac{D^N}{D^N + D^M} \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) t_D \beta_{n/k}$ .

Similarly, to find the exact and sufficient conditions for a greater number of LMBs,  $k$ , to reduce the retail deposit rates of small banks in market  $N$ , we can differentiate equation (23) for the case of a small bank in market  $N$ :

$$\frac{\partial r_{D,i}^N}{\partial k} = -\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ r_E - c_D - t_D \frac{1}{n} - r_{D,1} \right] + \delta_{i,n/k} \frac{\partial r_{D,1}}{\partial k} \quad (\text{T.18})$$

Substituting in for  $\partial r_{D,1} / \partial k$  and  $r_{D,1}$  from (T.13) and equation (28), (T.18) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r_{D,i}^N}{\partial k} = & -\frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Delta (D^N + D^M) + \beta_{m/k} D^M t_D \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right]}{\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M} \\ & + \frac{\delta_{i,n/k} D^N \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Delta (D^N + D^M) + \beta_{m/k} t_D D^M \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{(\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M)^2} \\ & + \frac{\delta_{i,n/k} D^M \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left[ \Delta (D^N + D^M) - \beta_{n/k} t_D D^N \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \right\}}{(\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{T.19})$$

This derivative is negative when

$$\begin{aligned} 0 > & -t_D \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) D^M \beta_{m/k} \left[ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - D^N \delta_{i,n/k} \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} - \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} \right) \right] \\ & - \Delta (D^N + D^M) \left[ \frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} \left( D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{T.20})$$

or

$$\Delta > -\frac{t_D \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) D^M \beta_{m/k}}{D^N + D^M} \left[ \frac{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} D^N \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} - \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} \right)}{\frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} \left( D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right)} \right] \quad (\text{T.21})$$

which can also be written as

$$\Delta > -\frac{t_D \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}\right) D^M \beta_{m/k}}{D^N + D^M} \left[ \frac{\Psi_{i,n}^D + \delta_{i,n/k} D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} + \frac{D^M}{D^N} \right)}{\Psi_{i,n}^D} \right] \quad (\text{T.22})$$

where  $\Psi_{i,n}^D \equiv \frac{\partial \delta_{i,n/k}}{\partial k} (\beta_{n/k} D^N + \beta_{m/k} D^M) - \delta_{i,n/k} \left( D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} + D^M \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \right) > 0$ . Since  $\partial \beta_{m/k} / \partial k < 0$ ,

then  $\delta_{i,n/k} D^N \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \left( \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} + \frac{D^M}{D^N} \right) < 0$ . This implies the term in brackets in (T.22) or (T.21) is less

than one. Indeed, for some values of  $D^N$  and  $D^M$ , this term in brackets could even become

negative in which case we would need  $\Delta > 0$  for  $\partial r_{D,i}^N / \partial k < 0$ . This is because, as mentioned

earlier,  $(\beta_{m/k} \partial \beta_{n/k} / \partial k - \beta_{n/k} \partial \beta_{m/k} / \partial k) > 0$  for  $n > m$  so that the term

$\delta_{i,n/k} D^N \left( \frac{\partial \beta_{n/k}}{\partial k} - \frac{\partial \beta_{m/k}}{\partial k} \frac{\beta_{n/k}}{\beta_{m/k}} \right) > 0$  and the numerator of the term in brackets in (T.21) can

become negative for large  $D^N$ . However, from inspection of  $\partial r_{D,i}^N / \partial k$  in (T.19) one can see that

the first two terms are negative when  $\Delta > \frac{D^M}{D^N + D^M} \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) t_D \beta_{m/k}$  and the third term is negative

when  $\Delta > \frac{D^N}{D^N + D^M} \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) t_D \beta_{n/k}$ . Hence, a sufficient condition for  $\partial r_{D,i}^N / \partial k < 0$  is  $\Delta > \frac{D^N}{D^N + D^M} \left( \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right) t_D \beta_{n/k}$ .