



## 12. Analytical HANK

Adv. Macro: Heterogenous Agent Models

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## Introduction

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  3. Study fiscal policy and the role of intertemporal MPCs

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- Next step: how does this compare with a textbook RANK model?

## **Zero Liquidity HANK Model**

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**Comparison with RANK Model**

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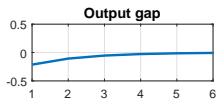
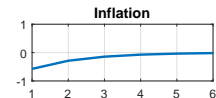
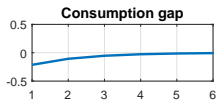
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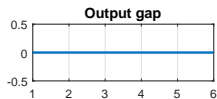
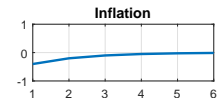
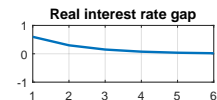
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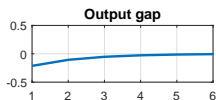


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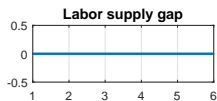
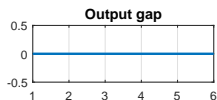


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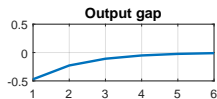
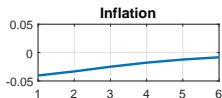
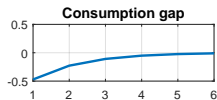
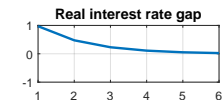
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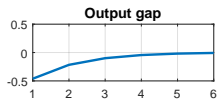
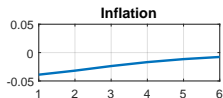
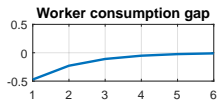
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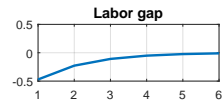
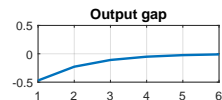


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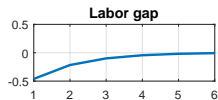
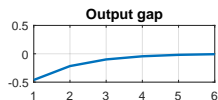


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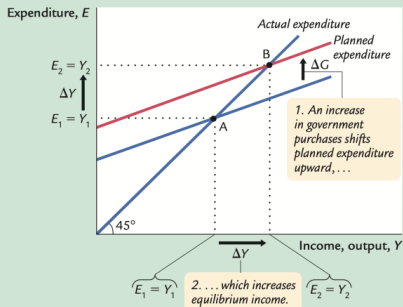


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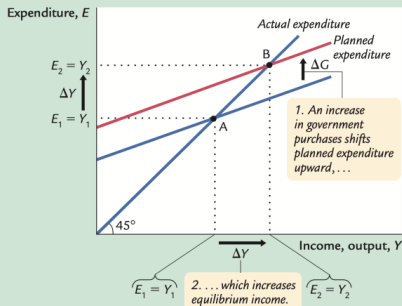


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