



## 9. A Baseline HANK Model

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# Derivation of demand curve

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# Market clearing

1. Labor:  $N_t = \int n_t^*(z_t, a_{t-1}) d\mathbf{D}_t$  (in effective units)
2. Assets:  $B_{ss} = \int a_t^*(z_t, a_{t-1}) d\mathbf{D}_t$
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## As an equation system

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The rest of the model is given by

$$\mathbf{X} = M(\pi, w, Y, i^*, Z)$$

# As a DAG (from Auclert et al., 2021)

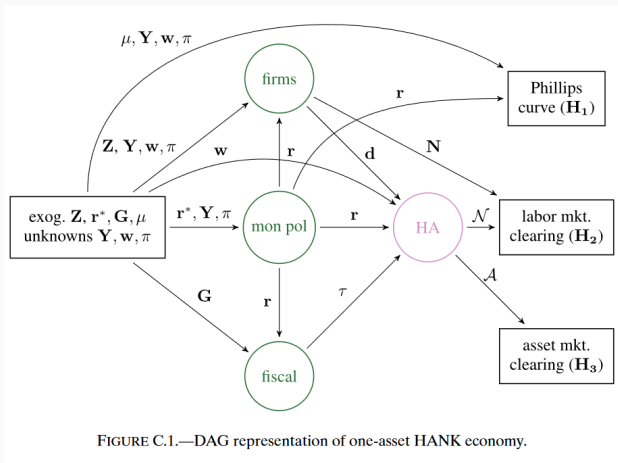


FIGURE C.1.—DAG representation of one-asset HANK economy.

**Notation:**  $i^* = r^*$ ,  $\mu$  is a shock,  $\mathbf{A}^{hh} = \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{N}^{hh} = \mathcal{N}$

# Steady state

- **Chosen:**  $B_{ss}$ ,  $G_{ss}$ ,  $r_{ss}$
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  1. **Normalization:**  $Z_{ss} = N_{ss} = 1$
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# Transmission mechanism to monetary policy shock

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## Exercise

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# Exercise = Assignment II

*You can start working on Assignment II: The HANK model*



# Summary

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# Summary and next week

- **Today:**

1. A baseline HANK model
2. Linearized IRFs and simulation

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