

HW-2

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1 Two Country RBC with Incomplete Markets

We have two countries: Home and Foreign. There is a representative agent in both countries producing the same good that are traded across the border. There is a one-period bond that is traded at price P_t^B and pays one unit of final goods in the next period. The size of the Home economy is π and that of the foreign economy is $1 - \pi$.

1.1 Home Economy Problem

The representative household in the Home economy solves:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{C_t, K_{t+1}, B_{t+1}, H_t\}} E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t & \left\{ \frac{C_t^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} - \kappa \frac{H_t^{1+\frac{1}{\psi}}}{1+\frac{1}{\psi}} \right\} \\ \text{s.t.: } C_t + K_{t+1} + P_t^B B_{t+1} &= Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta)K_t + B_t \\ & - \frac{\phi_k}{2}(K_{t+1} - K_t)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2}P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B})^2 \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t & \left\{ \frac{C_t^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} - \kappa \frac{H_t^{1+\frac{1}{\psi}}}{1+\frac{1}{\psi}} + \lambda_t \left(Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta)K_t \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + B_t - C_t - K_{t+1} - P_t^B B_{t+1} - \frac{\phi_k}{2}(K_{t+1} - K_t)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2}P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B})^2 \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We have the following first-order conditions

1. With respect to C_t :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial C_t : \quad & \beta^t C_t^{-\gamma} - \beta^t \lambda_t = 0 \\ & C_t^{-\gamma} - \lambda_t = 0\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

2. With respect to H_t :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial H_t : \quad & \beta^t \kappa H_t^{\frac{1}{\psi}} - \beta^t \lambda_t (1 - \alpha) Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{-\alpha} = 0 \\ \implies & \kappa H_t^{\frac{1}{\psi}} = \lambda_t (1 - \alpha) Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{-\alpha}\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

3. With respect to K_{t+1} :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial K_{t+1} : \quad & \beta^t \lambda_t [-1 - \phi_k(K_{t+1} - K_t)] \\ & + E_t \beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} \left[(1 - \delta) + \alpha Z_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} H_{t+1}^{1-\alpha} \right. \\ & \left. + \phi_k(K_{t+2} - K_{t+1}) \right] = 0 \\ \implies & \lambda_t [1 + \phi_k(K_{t+1} - K_t)] = \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1} \left[(1 - \delta) + \alpha Z_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} H_{t+1}^{1-\alpha} + \phi_k(K_{t+2} - K_{t+1}) \right]\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

4. With respect to B_{t+1} :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial B_{t+1} : \quad & \beta^t \lambda_t \left[P_t^B + \phi_b P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B}) \right] - \beta^{t+1} E_t \lambda_{t+1} = 0 \\ & \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1} = \lambda_t \left[P_t^B + \phi_b P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B}) \right]\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

5. With respect to λ_t :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial \lambda_t : \quad & Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{1-\alpha} + (1 - \delta) K_t + B_t - C_t - K_{t+1} \\ & - P_t^B B_{t+1} - \frac{\phi_k}{2} (K_{t+1} - K_t)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2} P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B})^2 = 0\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

1.2 Foreign Country

The foreign country solves the exact problem . The variables have a * superscript

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\{C_t^*, K_{t+1}^*, B_{t+1}^*, H_t^*\}} E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left\{ \frac{C_t^{*1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} - \kappa^* \frac{H_t^{*1+\frac{1}{\psi}}}{1+\frac{1}{\psi}} \right\} \\ \text{s.t.: } & C_t^* + K_{t+1}^* + P_t^B B_{t+1}^* = Z_t^* K_t^{*\alpha} H_t^{*1-\alpha} + (1-\delta)K_t^* + B_t^* \\ & - \frac{\phi_k}{2} (K_{t+1}^* - K_t^*)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2} P_t^B (B_{t+1}^* - \bar{B}^*)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The same set of first order conditions:

1. With respect to C_t^* :

$$\partial C_t^* : C_t^{*- \gamma} - \lambda_t^* = 0 \quad (6)$$

2. With respect to H_t^* :

$$\partial H_t^* : \kappa^* H_t^{*\frac{1}{\psi}} = \lambda_t^* (1-\alpha) Z_t^* K_t^{*\alpha} H_t^{*- \alpha} \quad (7)$$

3. With respect to K_{t+1}^* :

$$\partial K_{t+1}^* : \lambda_t^* [1 + \phi_k (K_{t+1}^* - K_t^*)] = \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1}^* \left[(1-\delta) + \alpha Z_{t+1}^* K_{t+1}^{*\alpha-1} H_{t+1}^{*1-\alpha} + \phi_k (K_{t+2}^* - K_{t+1}^*) \right] \quad (8)$$

4. With respect to B_{t+1}^* :

$$\partial B_{t+1}^* : \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1}^* = \lambda_t^* \left[P_t^B + \phi_b P_t^B (B_{t+1}^* - \bar{B}^*) \right] \quad (9)$$

5. With respect to λ_t^*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \lambda_t^* : & Z_t^* K_t^{*\alpha} H_t^{*1-\alpha} + (1-\delta)K_t^* + B_t^* - C_t^* - K_{t+1}^* \\ & - P_t^B B_{t+1}^* - \frac{\phi_k}{2} (K_{t+1}^* - K_t^*)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2} P_t^B (B_{t+1}^* - \bar{B}^*)^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

1.3 Bond Market Clearing

We have

$$\pi B_t + (1 - \pi) B_t^* = 0 \quad (11)$$

Together with the budget constraints the bond market clearing condition implies clearing of the aggregate goods market. So do not need another equation.

Thus the complete set of equations are :

- Eqs (1-5) for Home country
- Eqs (6-10) for Foreign country
- Bond Market clearing : Eq 11
- Process governing Z_t, Z_t^*

Home Economy

$$\partial C_t : C_t^{-\gamma} - \lambda_t = 0$$

$$\partial H_t : \kappa H_t^{\frac{1}{\psi}} = \lambda_t (1 - \alpha) Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{-\alpha}$$

$$\partial K_{t+1} : \lambda_t [1 + \phi_k(K_{t+1} - K_t)] = \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1} \left[(1 - \delta) + \alpha Z_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} H_{t+1}^{1-\alpha} + \phi_k(K_{t+2} - K_{t+1}) \right]$$

$$\partial B_{t+1} : \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1} = \lambda_t \left[P_t^B + \phi_b P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B}) \right]$$

$$\partial \lambda_t : Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{1-\alpha} + (1 - \delta) K_t + B_t - C_t - K_{t+1} - P_t^B B_{t+1} - \frac{\phi_k}{2} (K_{t+1} - K_t)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2} P_t^B (B_{t+1} - \bar{B})^2 = 0$$

Foreign Economy

$$\partial C_t^* : (C_t^*)^{-\gamma} - \lambda_t^* = 0$$

$$\partial H_t^* : \kappa^* (H_t^*)^{\frac{1}{\psi}} = \lambda_t^* (1 - \alpha) Z_t^* (K_t^*)^\alpha (H_t^*)^{-\alpha}$$

$$\partial K_{t+1}^* : \lambda_t^* [1 + \phi_k(K_{t+1}^* - K_t^*)] = \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1}^* \left[(1 - \delta) + \alpha Z_{t+1}^* (K_{t+1}^*)^{\alpha-1} (H_{t+1}^*)^{1-\alpha} + \phi_k(K_{t+2}^* - K_{t+1}^*) \right]$$

$$\partial B_{t+1}^* : \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1}^* = \lambda_t^* \left[P_t^B + \phi_b P_t^B (B_{t+1}^* - \bar{B}^*) \right]$$

$$\partial \lambda_t^* : Z_t^* K_t^{*\alpha} H_t^{*1-\alpha} + (1 - \delta) K_t^* + B_t^* - C_t^* - K_{t+1}^* - P_t^B B_{t+1}^* - \frac{\phi_k}{2} (K_{t+1}^* - K_t^*)^2 - \frac{\phi_b}{2} P_t^B (B_{t+1}^* - \bar{B}^*)^2 = 0$$

Bond Market Clearing

$$\pi B_t + (1 - \pi) B_t^* = 0$$

Process for Z_t, Z_t^*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ln Z_{t+1} \\ \ln Z_{t+1}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \tilde{\rho} \\ \tilde{\rho} & \rho^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ln Z_t \\ \ln Z_t^* \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon_{t+1}, \quad \varepsilon_{t+1} \sim N(0, V)$$

We have 13 unknowns and 13 equations. We also can add the investment and output equations to the above set :

$$Y_t = Z_t K_t^\alpha H_t^{1-\alpha} \quad (12)$$

$$Y_t^* = Z_t^* (K_t^*)^\alpha (H_t^*)^{1-\alpha} \quad (13)$$

$$I_t = K_{t+1} - (1 - \delta) K_t \quad (14)$$

$$I_t^* = K_{t+1}^* - (1 - \delta) K_t^* \quad (15)$$

We also need to add auxiliary variables to fit into the framework in SGU.

$$\begin{aligned} K_{fu,t} &= K_{t+1} \\ \implies K_{fu,t+1} &= K_{t+2} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{fu,t}^* &= K_{t+1}^* \\ \implies K_{fu,t+1}^* &= K_{t+2}^* \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

1.4 Steady State Calculations

In steady state:

- All variables are constant (no time subscripts)
 - $X_t = X_{ss}$ for $C, H, Y, I, K, \lambda, C^*, H^*, Y^*, I^*, K^*, \lambda^*$ and P, B, B^*
- $Z = Z^* = 1$
- Since countries are symmetric we have symmetric steady states
- We will solve in terms of H_{ss} , then set $H_{ss} = H_{ss}^* = 1/3$

1. From FOCs:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ss}^{-\gamma} &= \lambda_{ss} \\ \kappa H_{ss}^{1/\psi} &= \lambda_{ss} (1 - \alpha) K_{ss}^\alpha H_{ss}^{-\alpha} \\ 1 &= \beta [1 - \delta + \alpha K_{ss}^{\alpha-1} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha}] \\ 1 &= \beta / P_{ss}^B \\ K_{ss}^\alpha H_{ss}^{1-\alpha} &= C_{ss} + \delta K_{ss} \end{aligned}$$

2. Solve for K_{ss} from the capital Euler equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \beta[1 - \delta + \alpha K_{ss}^{\alpha-1} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha}] \\
\frac{1}{\beta} &= 1 - \delta + \alpha K_{ss}^{\alpha-1} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha} \\
\frac{1}{\beta} - (1 - \delta) &= \alpha K_{ss}^{\alpha-1} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha} \\
K_{ss}^{1-\alpha} &= \frac{\alpha H_{ss}^{1-\alpha}}{\frac{1}{\beta} - (1 - \delta)} \\
K_{ss} &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{\frac{1}{\beta} - (1 - \delta)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \cdot H_{ss}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Then output:

$$Y_{ss} = K_{ss}^{\alpha} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha}$$

4. Consumption from resource constraint:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{ss} &= Y_{ss} - \delta K_{ss} \\
&= K_{ss}^{\alpha} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha} - \delta K_{ss}
\end{aligned}$$

5. Lagrange multiplier:

$$\lambda_{ss} = C_{ss}^{-\gamma}$$

6. Bond market:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{ss}^B &= \beta \\
B_{ss} &= 0 \text{ (given)} \\
B_{ss}^* &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

7. Solve for κ from labor FOC:

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa H_{ss}^{1/\psi} &= \lambda_{ss} (1 - \alpha) K_{ss}^{\alpha} H_{ss}^{-\alpha} \\
\kappa &= \lambda_{ss} (1 - \alpha) K_{ss}^{\alpha} H_{ss}^{-\alpha-1/\psi}
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging in all expressions:

$$\kappa = \left[K_{ss}^{\alpha} H_{ss}^{1-\alpha} - \delta K_{ss} \right]^{-\gamma} \cdot (1 - \alpha) \cdot K_{ss}^{\alpha} \cdot H_{ss}^{-\alpha-1/\psi}$$

where K_{ss} is:

$$K_{ss} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\frac{1}{\beta} - (1 - \delta)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \cdot H_{ss}$$

Finally, setting $H_{ss} = H_{ss}^* = 1/3$ gives us the required values of κ and κ^* (which are identical due to symmetry). The value ensures that $H = 1/3$ is optimal in steady state.

Q1 What are the state variables? What are the control variables?

State Variables:

$$\{K, K^*, B, Z, Z^*\}$$

Control Variables:

$$\{C, C^*, H, H^*, Y, Y^*, IV, IV^*, \lambda, \lambda^*, B^*, PB, K_{fu}, K_{fu}^*\}$$

Q2 What does the bond market clearing condition imply about the goods market clearing condition?

As discussed earlier together with the budget constraints the bond market clearing condition implies clearing of the aggregate goods market.