

NEOCLASSICAL GROWTH MODEL WITH UNCERTAINTY

Adding uncertainty to the neoclassical growth model:

- Technology shocks

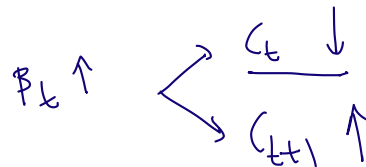
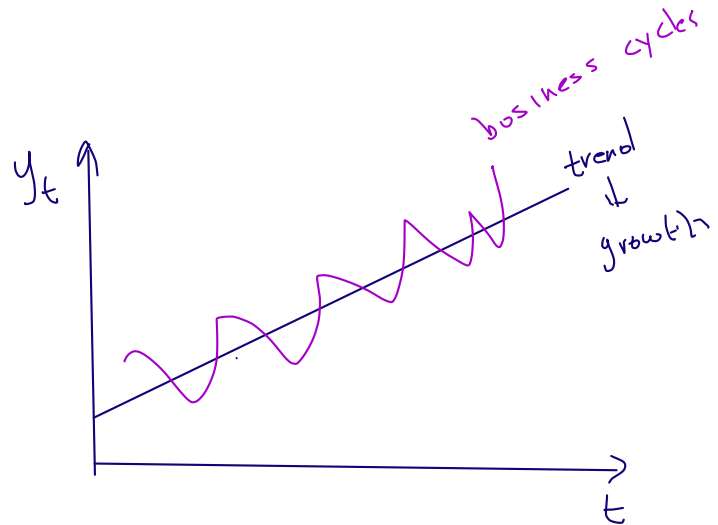
$$Y_t = \theta_t F(K_t, L_t)$$

where θ_t is a random variable

- Shocks to preferences (ex: β_t stochastic discount factor)

- Policy shocks (ex: g_t or M_t random)

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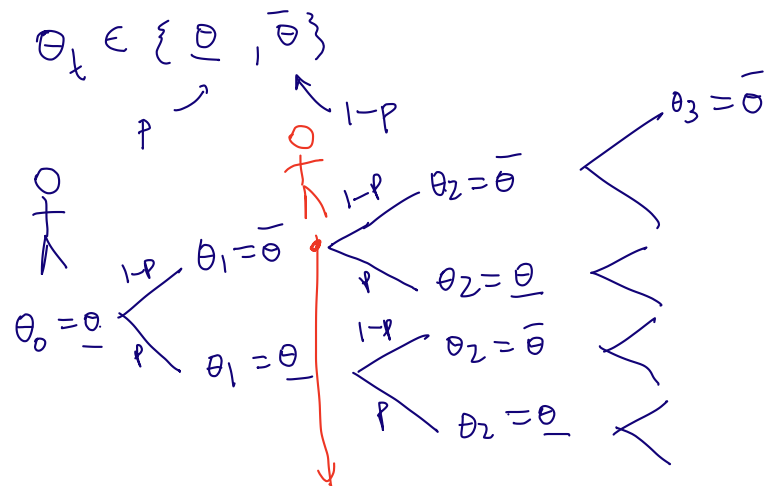
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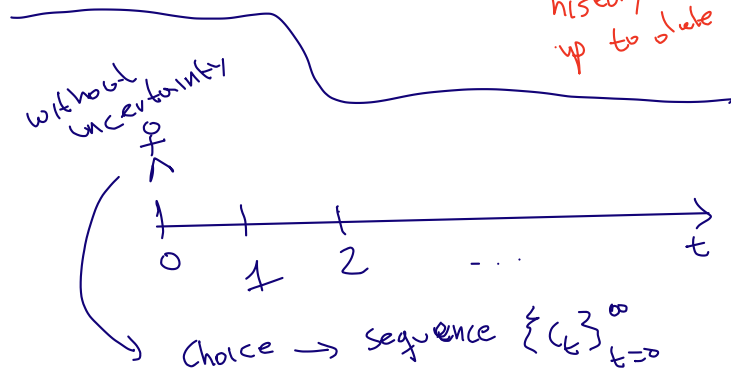
Uncertainty affects the behavior of consumers:

- Agents know current and past realizations (history) of the shocks - but not future realizations
- However, they know the stochastic process
- Agents choose contingent plans (that depend on the history of the shocks) for each variable
- Objective: maximize expected utility

$$E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(c_t)$$



date t
 Agent knows $\{\theta_0 = \underline{\theta}, \theta_1 = \underline{\theta}\}$
 history up to date t



example above:

$$Z \rightarrow \theta \quad (\text{one-dimensional})$$

$$Z \rightarrow \{\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta}\} \quad \theta_t \in \underbrace{\{\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta}\}}_{\textcircled{H}}$$

$$\theta^4 = (\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4)$$

$$\textcircled{H} = \{\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta}\} \quad \leftarrow \theta_1 = \bar{\theta}, \theta_2 = \bar{\theta}$$

$$\textcircled{H}^2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\theta_0, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\theta}), \\ (\theta_0, \bar{\theta}, \underline{\theta}), \\ (\theta_0, \underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta}), \\ (\theta_0, \underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta}) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\theta^2 = (\theta_0, \bar{\theta}, \underline{\theta}) \in \textcircled{H}^2$$

$$\textcircled{H}^1 = \{(\theta_0, \bar{\theta}), (\theta_0, \underline{\theta})\}$$

Notation

- vector
- z : random variable (shock)
 - Z : set of possible realizations of z
 - $z_t \in Z$: realization of shock in period t

- $z^t = (z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_t)$: history of realizations of the shock up to t

$$z^3 = (z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3)$$

- Z^t : set of all possible stories up to the period t

$$z^t \in Z^t$$

- $\textcircled{Z^t | z^{t-s}}$: set of all possible stories up to the period t that begin with z^{t-s}

$$Z^t | z^{t-s} \subseteq Z^t$$

$$\textcircled{H}^2 | (\theta_0, \bar{\theta}) = \{(\theta_0, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\theta}), (\theta_0, \bar{\theta}, \underline{\theta})\}$$

If $Z = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n)$ is finite, z is a discrete random variable. Then, given $z_0 \in Z$, we define

→ our example
($n=2$)

- $\pi(z^t)$: probability of observing story z^t in period t , with

$$\pi: Z^t \rightarrow [0,1]$$

$$0 \leq \pi(z^t) \leq 1 \quad \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \pi(z^t) = 1$$

- Expectation: $E_0 x_t(z^t) = \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \pi(z^t) x_t(z^t)$

contingent plan: $x_t: Z^t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- Conditional expectation: $E_{t-s} x_t(z^t) = \sum_{z^t \in Z^t | z^{t-s}} \frac{\pi(z^t)}{\pi(z^{t-s})} x_t(z^t)$

If $Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is infinite, z is a continuous random variable. Then we will work with a density function $\phi(z^t)$

$$AR(1): \theta_t = \rho \theta_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\pi(z^t) \rightarrow \phi(z^t)$$

$$\sum \rightarrow \int$$

$$\sum_{z^t \in Z^t | z^{t-s}} \frac{\pi(z^t)}{\pi(z^{t-s})} = 1$$

Model with Discrete Technology Shocks

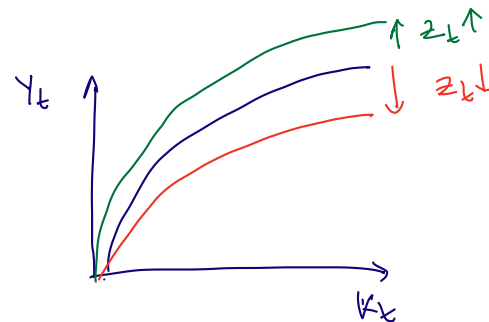
- Stochastic production function:

$$Y_t = e^{z_t} F(K_t, L_t)$$

where F satisfies common assumptions. With $L_t = 1$, we rewrite

$$Y_t = e^{z_t} F(K_t, 1) = e^{z_t} f(K_t)$$

neoclassical growth model



- Expected utility:

$$E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u \left[c_t(z^t) \right] = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \beta^t \pi(z^t) u \left[c_t(z^t) \right]$$

contingent plan for consumption

Stochastic Competitive General Equilibrium

A stochastic competitive equilibrium for this economy is a set of contingent plans for the quantities $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$, $k_{t+1}(z^t)$, $Y_t(z^t)$, $K_t(z^t)$ and prices $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ such that:

i) Given $k_0 > 0$, z_0 , $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ and the process for z , the contingent plans $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$, and $k_{t+1}(z^t)$ solve the problem of the household:

$$\max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)]$$

$$s.t. \quad c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t) = w_t(z^t) + r_t(z^t) k_t(z^{t-1}) \quad \forall z^t, \forall t$$

$$k_{t+1}(z^t) = (1 - \delta) k_t(z^{t-1}) + i_t(z^t) \quad \forall z^t, \forall t$$

ii) For each story z^t at each period t , given $w_t(z^t)$ and $r_t(z^t)$, the values $Y_t(z^t)$ and $K_t(z^t)$ solves the firm problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & Y_t(z^t) - w_t(z^t) - r_t(z^t) K_t(z^t) \\ s.t. \quad & Y_t(z^t) = e^{z_t} f[K_t(z^t)] \end{aligned}$$

iii) For each story z^t at each period t , markets clear:

$$Y_t(z^t) = c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t)$$

$$K_t(z^t) = k_t(z^{t-1})$$

Social Planner's Problem

Given $k_0 > 0$, z_0 and the stochastic process for z , the social planner chooses contingent plans for the quantities $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$ and $k_{t+1}(z^t)$ solving:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \underline{c_t(z^t) = e^{z_t} f[k_t(z^{t-1})] - i_t(z^t)} \quad \forall z^t, \forall t \\ & k_{t+1}(z^t) = (1 - \delta) k_t(z^{t-1}) + i_t(z^t) \quad \forall z^t, \forall t \end{aligned}$$

(Even with uncertainty, if there are no distortions or externalities, the Welfare Theorems hold

$$\begin{aligned} L = & \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)] \\ & - \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \lambda_{1t}(z^t) [c_t(z^t) - e^{z_t} f(k_t(z^{t-1})) + i_t(z^t)] \\ & - \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \lambda_{2t}(z^t) [k_{t+1}(z^t) - (1-\delta)k_t(z^{t-1}) + i_t(z^t)] \end{aligned}$$

with first order conditions:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t(z^t)} = \beta^t \pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)] - \lambda_{1t}(z^t) = 0$$

The Lagrangian for this problem is given by:

$$L = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \left\{ \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)] - \lambda_{1t}(z^t) [c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t) - e^{z_t} f[k_t(z^{t-1})]] - \lambda_{2t}(z^t) [\underline{k_{t+1}}(z^t) - (1-\delta)k_t(z^{t-1}) - i_t(z^t)] \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial i_t(z^t)} = -\lambda_{1t}(z^t) + \lambda_{2t}(z^t) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial k_{t+1}(z^t)} = \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1}) e^{z_{t+1}} f'[k_{t+1}(z^t)] - \lambda_{2t}(z^t) + \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \lambda_{2t+1}(z^{t+1}) (1-\delta) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t(z^t)} = \beta^t \pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)] - \lambda_{1t}(z^t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1t}(z^t) = \beta^t \pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial i_t(z^t)} = -\lambda_{1t}(z^t) + \lambda_{2t}(z^t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1t}(z^t) = \lambda_{2t}(z^t)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial k_{t+1}(z^t)} = -\lambda_{2t}(z^t)$$

$$+ \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1}) e^{z_{t+1}} f'[k_{t+1}(z^t)]$$

The solution is characterized by:

- Euler equation (stochastic):

$$u'[c_t(z^t)] = \beta E_t \{ u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})] (e^{z_{t+1}} f'[k_{t+1}(z^t)] + (1-\delta)) \}$$

with: $E_t x(z^{t+1}) = \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \frac{\pi(z^{t+1})}{\pi(z^t)} x(z^{t+1})$

- Feasibility condition:

$$c_t(z^t) = e^{z_t} f[k_t(z^{t-1})] - \underbrace{k_{t+1}(z^t) + (1-\delta)k_t(z^{t-1})}_{u(z^t)}$$

- Transversality condition:

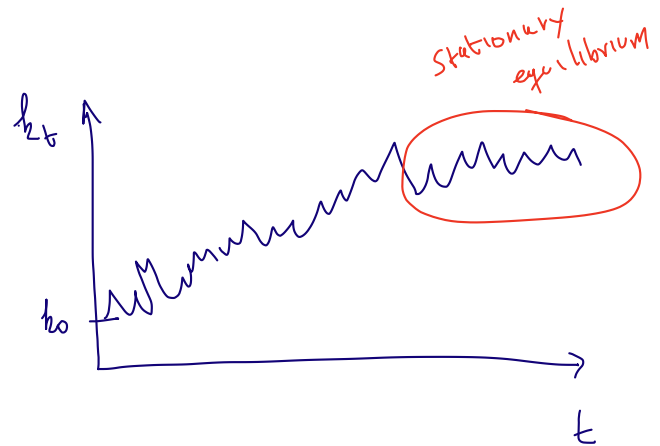
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E_0 \beta^t u'[c_t(z^t)] k_{t+1}(z^t) = 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda_{1t}(z^t)}{\lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1})} = \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \frac{\lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1})}{\lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1})} \left[\frac{e^{z_{t+1}} f'(k_{t+1}(z^t))}{+ (1-\delta)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{\beta^t} \cancel{\pi(z^t)} u'[c_t(z^t)] \\ &= \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \frac{\cancel{\beta^t} \pi(z^{t+1})}{\pi(z^t)} u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})] \\ & \times [e^{z_{t+1}} f'(k_{t+1}(z^t)) + (1-\delta)] \end{aligned}$$

Stationary Equilibrium

- Solving the equilibrium, we obtain contingent plans for all the variables (quantities, prices)
- Given the stochastic processes for the shocks, these plans define processes for the variables - difficult to characterize
- There is NO stationary equilibrium in a strict sense, the variables move permanently
- We can, however, have an equilibrium in which all variables follow stationary stochastic processes - all their moments (mean, variance, etc.) are constant over time



Sequential Markets and Arrow-Debreu Markets

So far we have worked with *sequential markets*:

- In each period a new market is opened, in which goods and production factors of the current period are exchanged
- In the deterministic model there are as many markets as periods
- With uncertainty, there is a market for every history or state in the world
- Therefore, we also have a budget constraint for each period or state of the world

An alternative market structure is the one proposed by *Arrow-Debreu*:

- There is only one market, which opens in the initial period ($t = 0$) ✓
- In this market, promises to deliver goods or productive factors are exchanged in any future period for each state of the world
- There is only one budget constraint
- We interpret the contingent plans as baskets of Arrow-Debreu goods

$p_t(z^t)$: price in period 0 of one unit of the only good delivered at period t if the history of the shocks is z^t

We normalize $p_0(z_0) = 1$

An Arrow-Debreu equilibrium is a set of baskets $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$, $k_{t+1}(z^t)$, $Y_t(z^t)$, $K_t(z^t)$ and prices $p_t(z^t)$, $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ such that:

i) Given $k_0 > 0$, z_0 , $p_t(z^t)$, $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ and the process for z , the baskets $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$ and $k_{t+1}(z^t)$ solve:

$$\max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)]$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} p_t(z^t) [c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t)]$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} p_t(z^t) [w_t(z^t) + r_t(z^t) k_t(z^{t-1})]$$

$$k_{t+1}(z^t) = (1 - \delta) k_t(z^{t-1}) + i_t(z^t) \quad \forall z^t, \forall t$$

ii) Given $w_t(z^t)$ and $r_t(z^t)$, the baskets $Y_t(z^t)$ and $K_t(z^t)$ solve:

$$\max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} p_t(z^t) [Y_t(z^t) - w_t(z^t) - r_t(z^t) K_t(z^t)]$$

$$s.t. \quad Y_t(z^t) = e^{z^t} f[K_t(z^t)] \quad \forall z^t, \forall t$$

iii) For each story z^t at period t , markets clear:

$$Y_t(z^t) = c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t)$$

$$K_t(z^t) = k_t(z^{t-1})$$

with first order conditions:

Solving the household problem:

$$L = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \left\{ \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)] - \lambda_{1t} p_t(z^t) [c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t) - w_t(z^t) - r_t(z^t) k_t(z^{t-1})] - \lambda_{2t}(z^t) [k_{t+1}(z^t) - (1-\delta) k_t(z^{t-1}) - i_t(z^t)] \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t(z^t)} = \beta^t \pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)] - \lambda_{1t} p_t(z^t) = 0$$

$\lambda_{1t}(z^t)$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial i_t(z^t)} = -\lambda_{1t} p_t(z^t) + \lambda_{2t}(z^t) = 0$$

$\lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1})$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial k_{t+1}(z^t)} = \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1}) r_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) - \lambda_{2t}(z^t) + \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \lambda_{2t+1}(z^{t+1}) (1-\delta)$$



$$\lambda_{1t} p_t(z^t) = \beta^t \pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)]$$

$$\lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1}) = \beta^{t+1} \pi(z^{t+1}) u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})]$$

$$\lambda_{1t} p_t(z^t) = \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \lambda_{1t+1}(z^{t+1}) \{ r_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) + (1-\delta) \}$$

$$\beta^t \pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)] = \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} \beta^{t+1} \pi(z^{t+1}) u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})] \{ r_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) + (1-\delta) \}$$

$$\frac{p_{t+1}(z^{t+1})}{p_t(z^t)} = \beta \frac{\pi(z^{t+1})}{\pi(z^t)} \frac{u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})]}{u'[c_t(z^t)]}$$

$$\frac{p_1(z^1)}{p_0(z^0)} = \beta \pi(z^1) \frac{u'[c_1(z^1)]}{u'[c_0(z^0)]}$$

$$\frac{p_2(z^2)}{p_0(z^0)} = \beta^2 \pi(z^2) \frac{u'[c_2(z^2)]}{u'[c_0(z^0)]}$$

The Arrow-Debreu equilibrium is characterized by:

- Stochastic Euler Equation: ✓

$$u'[c_t(z^t)] = \beta E_t \{ u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})] (r_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) + (1-\delta)) \}$$

- Feasibility Condition: ✓

$$c_t(z^t) = e^{z_t} f[k_t(z^{t-1})] - k_{t+1}(z^t) + (1-\delta) k_t(z^{t-1})$$

- Arrow-Debreu Prices:

$$\frac{p_t(z^t)}{p_{t+1}(z^{t+1})} = \frac{\pi(z^t) u'[c_t(z^t)]}{\beta \pi(z^{t+1}) u'[c_{t+1}(z^{t+1})]}$$

Using the price normalization $p_0(z^0) = 1$

$$p_t(z^t) = \beta^t \frac{u'[c_t(z^t)]}{u'[c_0(z^0)]} \pi(z^t)$$

- Factor prices:

$$w_t(z^t) = e^{z_t} f'[K_t(z^t)] - e^{z_t} f''[K_t(z^t)] K_t(z^t)$$

$$r_t(z^t) = e^{z_t} f''[K_t(z^t)]$$

- Transversality condition:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} p_t(z^t) k_{t+1}(z^t) = 0$$

Complete Markets

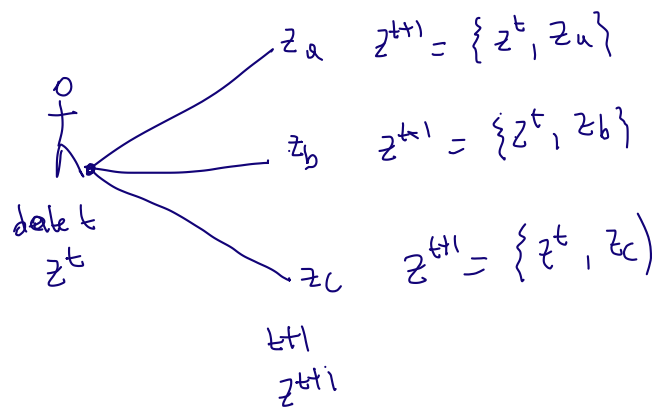
A structure of sequential and complete markets requires the existence of assets for each possible state of the world

- $b_{t+1}(z^{t+1})$: contingent bond purchased in period t , with return:

$$z^t \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } z^{t+1} \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{in other case} \end{cases}$$

- $q_t(z^{t+1})$: price of the contingent bond in period t

(Given that the contingent bonds are traded between all consumers, the net supply is equal zero)



$$b_{t+1}(\{z^t, z_a\}) \text{ pays } \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_{t+1} = z_a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

↓

$$q_t(\{z^t, z_a\})$$

A competitive equilibrium with complete markets is a set of contingent plans $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$, $b_{t+1}(z^{t+1})$, $k_{t+1}(z^t)$, $Y_t(z^t)$, $K_t(z^t)$ and prices $q_t(z^{t+1})$, $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ such that

i) Given $k_0 > 0$, z_0 , $b_0 = 0$, $q_t(z^{t+1})$, $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ and the process for z , the plans $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$, $b_{t+1}(z^{t+1})$ and $k_{t+1}(z^t)$ solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \beta^t \pi(z^t) u[c_t(z^t)] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t) + \sum_{z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t} q_t(z^{t+1}) b_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) \\ & = w_t(z^t) + r_t(z^t) k_t(z^{t-1}) + b_t(z^t) \quad \forall z^t, \forall t \\ & k_{t+1}(z^t) = (1 - \delta) k_t(z^{t-1}) + i_t(z^t) \quad \forall z^t, \forall t \\ & b_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) > -B \quad \forall z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1}, \forall z^t, \forall t \end{aligned}$$

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ii) For each story z^t at each period t , given $w_t(z^t)$ and $r_t(z^t)$, the values $Y_t(z^t)$ and $K_t(z^t)$ solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & Y_t(z^t) - w_t(z^t) - r_t(z^t) K_t(z^t) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Y_t(z^t) = e^{z_t f} [K_t(z^t)] \end{aligned}$$

iii) For each story z^t at each period t , markets clear:

$$Y_t(z^t) = c_t(z^t) + i_t(z^t)$$

$$K_t(z^t) = k_t(z^{t-1})$$

$$b_{t+1}(z^{t+1}) = 0 \quad \forall z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t$$

The equilibrium is characterized by:

- Stochastic Euler Equation:

$$u' [c_t (z^t)] = \beta E_t \left\{ u' [c_{t+1} (z^{t+1})] \left(r_{t+1} (z^{t+1}) + (1 - \delta) \right) \right\}$$

- Feasibility Condition:

$$c_t (z^t) = e^{z_t f} [k_t (z^{t-1})] - k_{t+1} (z^t) + (1 - \delta) k_t (z^{t-1})$$

- Bond Prices:

$$q_t (z^{t+1}) = \frac{\beta \pi (z^{t+1}) u' [c_{t+1} (z^{t+1})]}{\pi (z^t) u' [c_t (z^t)]} \quad \forall z^{t+1} \in$$

- Factor Prices:

$$w_t (z^t) = e^{z_t f} [K_t (z^t)] - e^{z_t f'} [K_t (z^t)] K_t (z^t)$$

$$r_t (z^t) = e^{z_t f'} [K_t (z^t)]$$

- Transversality Condition:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \left(\prod_{j=1}^t q_{j-1} (z^j) \right) k_{t+1} (z^t) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{z^t \in Z^t} \left(\prod_{j=1}^t q_{j-1} (z^j) \right) b_t (z^t) = 0$$

- With complete markets, the Arrow-Debreu and sequential markets equilibria are equivalent:

i) the contingent plans $c_t(z^t)$, $i_t(z^t)$, $k_{t+1}(z^t)$, $Y_t(z^t)$, $K_t(z^t)$ are the same

ii) the factor prices $w_t(z^t)$, $r_t(z^t)$ are the same

iii) the bond prices satisfies:

$$q_t(z^{t+1}) = \frac{p_{t+1}(z^{t+1})}{p_t(z^t)} \quad \forall z^{t+1} \in Z^{t+1} | z^t$$

- Given that we have a unique (representative) agent, the net supply of each financial asset is zero

In equilibrium, the representative consumer is restricted by market clearing conditions

Therefore, we could implement the Arrow-Debreu equilibrium with only one asset (capital)