

9. Fiscal Policy in HANK

Adv. Macro: Heterogenous Agent Models

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Introduction

Exam info

- Exam form:
 - Portfolio (the 3 assignments)
 - **36 hours** take home
- Exam office thought it was 48 hours, so some dates were wrong online
 - E.g. info in *Exam schedules* at <https://socialsciences.ku.dk/education/student-services/exam-schedules> has been **wrong**
- The correct dates are:
 - Start: January 4th morning (9AM)
 - End: January 5th evening (9PM)
- Re-examination: Oral exam

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- **Literature:** Auclert et. al. (2023),
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 - Long paper with many (technical) details
 - We will focus on the main results

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- Tension between model and data \Rightarrow Standard model with high MPCs imply too large wealth effects on labor supply

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- Will also use this a method of introducing **sticky wages**
 - Empirical evidence typically show that wages adjust more sluggishly than prices w.r.t aggregate shocks

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 - Sticky wages (low κ^w)
 - Wealth effect on agg. L depends on agg. marginal utility $\int z_t u' (c_{i,t}) d\mathcal{D}_{i,t}$

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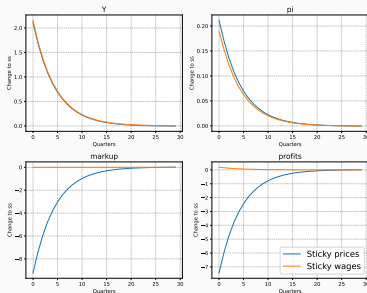
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$$v_t(z_t, a_{t-1}) = \max_{c_t} \frac{c_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \varphi \frac{\ell_t^{1+\nu}}{1+\nu} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t [v_{t+1}(z_{t+1}, a_t)]$$

$$\text{s.t. } a_t + c_t = (1 + r_t^a) a_{t-1} + (1 - \tau_t) w_t \ell_t z_t + \chi_t$$

$$\log z_{t+1} = \rho_z \log z_t + \psi_{t+1}, \psi_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_\psi, \sigma_\psi), \mathbb{E}[z_t] = 1$$

$$a_t \geq 0$$

- **Active decisions:** Consumption-saving, c_t (and a_t)
- **Union decision:** Labor supply, ℓ_t
- **Aggregate Consumption:** $C_t^{hh} = \int c_t d\mathcal{D}_t$
- **Consumption function:** $C_t^{hh} = C^{hh}(\{r_s^a, (1 - \tau_s) w_s \ell_s, \chi_s\}_{s=0}^\infty)$

- Production and profits:

$$Y_t = \Gamma_t L_t$$

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- Maximization subject to wage adjustment cost imply a **New Keynesian Wage (Phillips) Curve** (NKWPC or NKWC)

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Simpler consumption function

- **Assumptions:**

1. One-period real bond
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Side-note: Two-equation version in Y and r

$$Y = G + C^{hh}(r, Y - T)$$
$$r = \mathcal{R}(Y)$$

- **First equation:** Goods market clearing
- **Second equation (Firms + NKWPC):**
 1. Given output Y , can compute L
 2. Firm behavior I: $\Gamma, Y \rightarrow L, w$
 3. NKWC: $L, C, w, \tau \rightarrow \pi^w$
 4. Firm behavior II: $\pi^w, \Gamma \rightarrow \pi$
 5. Central bank: $\pi \rightarrow i$
 6. Fisher: $i, \pi \rightarrow r$
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Intertemporal Keynesian Cross

$$Y_t = G_t + C_t^{hh}(\{Y_s - T_s\}_{s=0}^{\infty}) \quad \text{Static}$$

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- **Intertemporal Keynesian Cross** in vector form

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where $M_{t,s} = \frac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial Z_s}$ encodes the entire *complexity of HH behavior*

Illustration

- Writing out the IKC:

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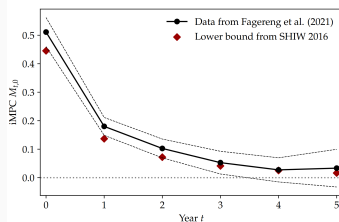
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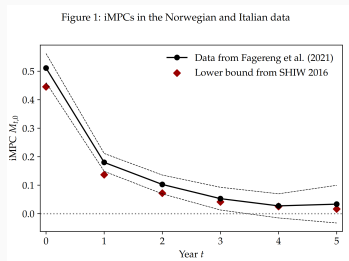
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- Present value of \mathbf{M} columns is 1 - HHs must *eventually* spend income they receive

- $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{MPC_{t,s}}{(1 + r_{ss})^{t-s}} = 1$

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- **Note:** This is only an issue in infinite horizon
 - When solving numerically we truncate at horizon T , implying that columns in M do not exactly add to 1
 - Can then invert $(I - M)$ (but precision becomes worse as horizon T increases)

Response of consumption

$$d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{Y} - d\mathbf{T}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$d\mathbf{Y} - d\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{T}) + \mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{Y} - d\mathbf{G}) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$d\mathbf{C} = \mathcal{M}\mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{T})$$

$$dY = dG + \underbrace{MM(dG - dT)}_{dC}$$

- **Balanced budget multiplier:**

$$dG = dT \Rightarrow dY = dG, dC = 0$$

Note: Central that income and taxes affect household income proportionally in exactly the same way = no redistribution

- **Deficit multiplier:** $dG \neq dT$
 1. Potentially fiscal multiplier **above** 1
 2. Larger effect of dG than dT
 3. *Numerical results needed*

Fiscal multiplier

Impact-multiplier:

$$\frac{\partial Y_0}{\partial G_0}$$

Cumulative-multiplier:

$$\frac{\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (1 + r_{ss})^{-t} dY_t}{\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (1 + r_{ss})^{-t} dG_t}$$

Comparison with RA model

- From lecture 1: $\beta(1 + r_{ss}) = 1$ implies

$$C_t = (1 - \beta) \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \beta^s Y_{t+s}^{hh} + r_{ss} a_{-1}$$

- The **iMPC-matrix** becomes (**1** is a square matrix of 1's)

$$\mathbf{M}^{RA} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \beta) & (1 - \beta)\beta & (1 - \beta)\beta^2 & \dots \\ (1 - \beta) & (1 - \beta)\beta & (1 - \beta)\beta^2 & \dots \\ (1 - \beta) & (1 - \beta)\beta & (1 - \beta)\beta^2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} = (1 - \beta)\mathbf{1}\mathbf{q}'$$

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Details on matrix formulation

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- **Amplification** of fiscal policy with deficit financing $dG > dT$
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Cumulative multiplier still one

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Jacobian columns

- TANK produces positive C response, fiscal multiplier above 1 - do we need HANK?
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 - Recall columns: dynamic C response to change in Z at various dates

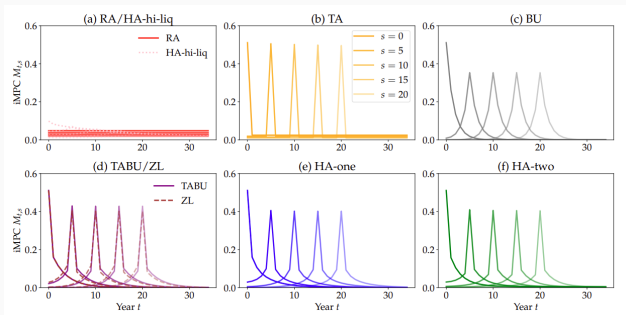
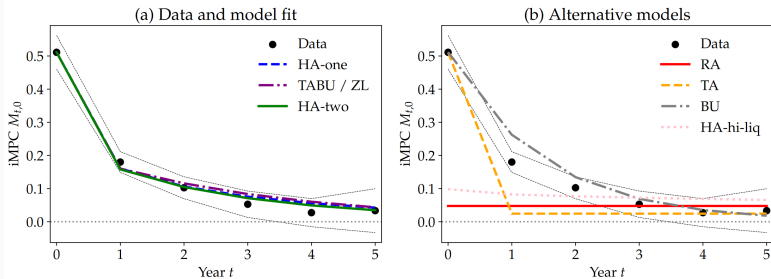
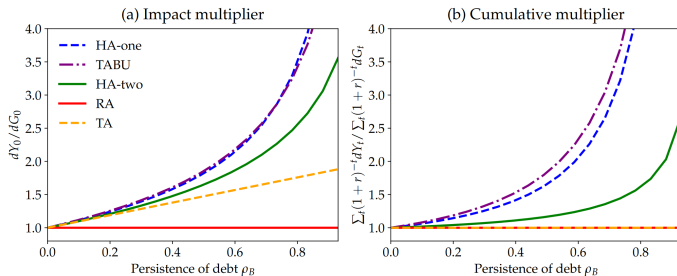


Figure 2: iMPCs in the Norwegian data and several models



Multipliers and debt-financing

Figure 5: Multipliers according to the IKC



Note. These figures assume a persistence of government spending equal to $\rho_G = 0.76$, and vary ρ_B in $dB_t = \rho_B(dB_{t-1} + dG_t)$. See section 7.1 for details on calibration choices.

Summary in table

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- With nominal bonds **surprise inflation** affects returns - implies capital for households in period 0
 - Positive fiscal shock generates inflation, so **negative** effect on

- **Budget constraint** can be written with initial capital gain

$$a_t + c_t = (Y_t - T_t)z_t + \chi_t + \begin{cases} (1 + r_{t-1}^a)a_{t-1} & \text{if } t > 0 \\ (1 + r_{ss} + \text{cap}_0)a_{t-1} & \text{if } t = 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Real bond: $\text{cap}_0 = 0$
2. Nominal bond:

$$\text{cap}_0 = \frac{(1 + r_{ss})(1 + \pi_{ss})}{1 + \pi_0} - (1 + r_{ss})$$

- Consumption-function $C^{hh} = C^{hh}(r, Y - T, \text{cap}_0)$ implies

$$dC^{hh} = M^r dr + M(dY - dT) + m^{\text{cap}} \text{cap}_0$$

where

$$M_{t,s}^r = \left[\frac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial r_s} \right], m_t^{\text{cap}} = \left[\frac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial \text{cap}_0} \right]$$

- Capital return effect is negative - can this overturn fiscal multiplier > 1 ?
 - No - entries in M are large
 - Entries in m^{cap} are **small**
- MPC out of capital gains approximately 1-4% per year

Fiscal policy in HANK - literature

- Seminal paper: **Intertemporal Keynesian Cross**
- **Many** other interesting papers:
- McKay and Reis - *The role of automatic stabilizers in the US business cycle* (2016)
 - Analyze the role of automatic stabilizers in a HANK model
- Bayer, Born, Luetticke - *The liquidity channel of fiscal policy* (2023)
 - Role of liquid and illiquid effects of fiscal policy
- Hagedorn, Manovskii, and Mitman - *The fiscal multiplier* (2019)
 - Systematic evaluation of multiplier in HANK + ZLB
- Druedahl, Ravn, Sunder-Plassmann, Sundram, & Waldstrøm - *Fiscal Multipliers in Small Open Economies With Heterogeneous Households* (2024)
 - Generalize to small open economies

Exercise

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Consider the standard HANK model outlined in section 2

1. Compute and plot selected columns of the household Jacobian of C w.r.t Z, r, χ

Hint: use `model._compute_jac_hh()` to compute the jacobians. You can find the results in `model.jac_hh`

- 1.1 Are the MPCs out of labor income Z and a transfer χ different? why?
2. Compute IRFs to a deficit financed ($\omega = 0.1$) and tax financed (ω large) fiscal spending shock. Compare the responses.
3. Compute the output IRF $d\mathbf{Y}$ using the fomula $d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \mathcal{M}\mathbf{M}[d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{T}]$ where $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M})^{-1}$. Check that you get the same as when using `model.find_IRFs()`
4. Redo Q2 with active monetary policy, $\phi_\pi = 1.5$. How does the fiscal multiplier change?
5. Redo Q2 with active monetary policy *and* a flatter NKWPC, $\kappa = 0.01$. How does the fiscal multiplier change?

Summary

Summary and next week

- **Today:** Fiscal policy in a HANK model with sticky wages
- **Next week:** Assignment workshop
- **Homework:**
 1. Work on exercise
 2. Work on assignment