

8. The New Keynesian Model

Adv. Macro: Heterogenous Agent Models

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- **Literature:**

- NK:

1. Gali textbook ch. 3-4
2. *Macroeconomics* textbook ch. 16

- Solution methods:

1. Auclert et. al. (2021), »Using the Sequence-Space Jacobian to Solve and Estimate Heterogeneous-Agent Models«
2. Boppart et. al. (2018), »Exploiting MIT shocks in heterogeneous-agent economies: The impulse response as a numerical derivative«
3. Documentation for GEModelTools

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- First point on agenda: Need **role** for monetary policy
 - Models so far in the course have featured **monetary-non neutrality**
 - Monetary policy cannot affect real quantities (unemployment, GDP)

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- The model consists of the following agents:
 - A representative household who consumes, saves and supplies labor
 - Firms with market power who produce output using labor and sets prices subject to nominal rigidities
 - A central bank which conduct monetary policy

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- Representative household solve the following problem:

$$\max_{C_t, A_t, L_t} E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t [u(C_t) - \nu(L_t^{hh})]$$

s.t.

$$C_t + A_t = (1 + r_t) A_{t-1} + (w_t L_t^{hh} + \Pi_t)$$

- Note: Expectation taken w.r.t **aggregate shocks** (TFP, monetary policy, markup etc.)
- Standard first-order conditions:

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4. Note:

- Sometimes a β^{firm} is used instead of $\frac{1}{1+r_{t+1}}$
- $\pi_t(1 + \pi_t) \approx \pi_t$ for small π_t

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- **Government:** In standard model Government simply supplies bonds that are in net-zero supply, $B = 0$
 - Note: HHs still make consumption-saving decisions (so cannot impose $A = 0$ in budget), but in equilibrium prices will adjust such that $A = B = 0$
 - Simplifying assumption, can easily incorporate more realistic government $\tau_t = r_t B_{ss} + G_t$ with $B_{ss} > 0$ (see HANK later)

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- As usual, in practice we will only impose market clearing in two of the markets when solving the model

Aggregate shocks

- In the standard NK model business cycles arise due to fluctuations in aggregate shocks:

1. TFP (supply)

$$\ln \Gamma_t = \bar{\Gamma} + \ln \Gamma_{t-1} + \epsilon_t^{\Gamma}, \quad \epsilon_t^{\Gamma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\Gamma}^2)$$

2. Discount factor (demand)

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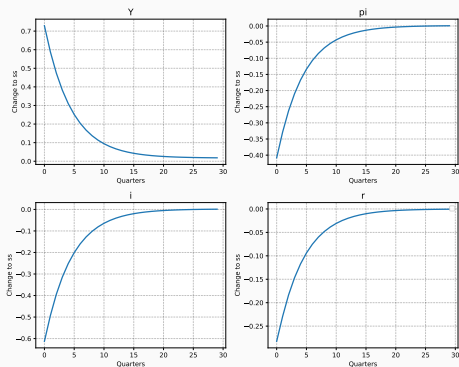
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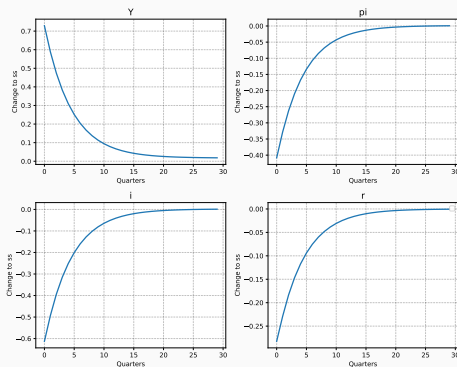
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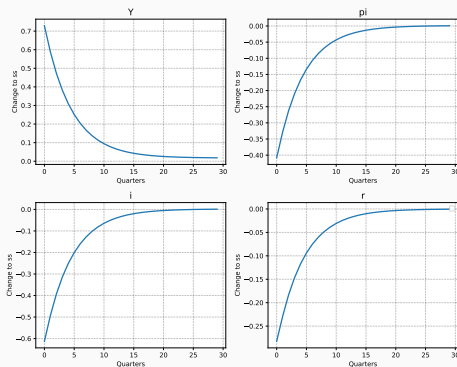
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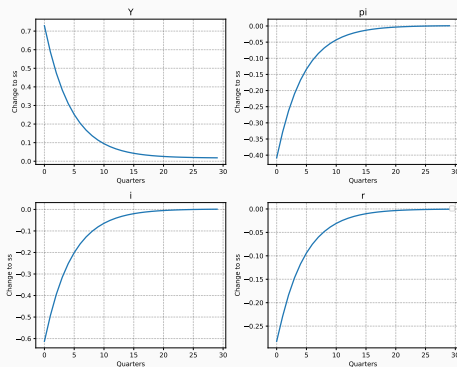
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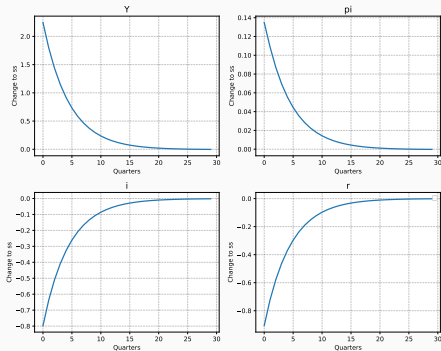
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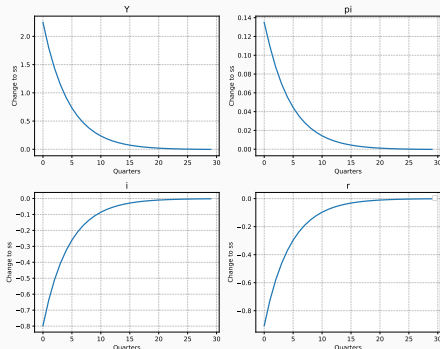
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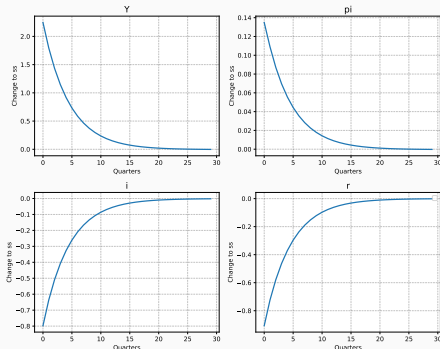
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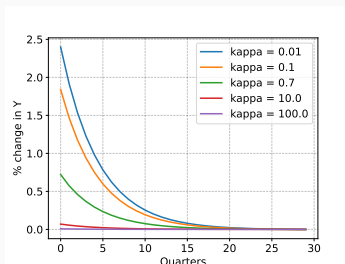
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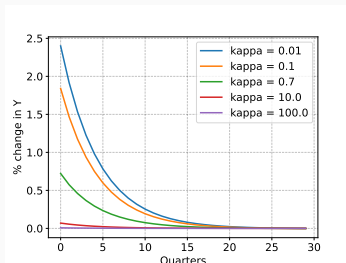
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1. Original: Krusell and Smith (1997, 1998); Algan et al. (2014);
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where $\partial a_{i_g}^* / \partial X_k^{hh}$ is the derivative to a k -period ahead shock to input X^{hh} (calculated in fake news algorithm)

2. The policy function can there be simulated as

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where dC_s^i is the IRF to a unit-shock to i after s periods
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Exercise

Exercise - NK model with government

1. Familiarize yourself with the model equations in *blocks.py*. Do you understand all the equations?
2. Compute the non-linear response to a temporary increase in government spending
 - 2.1 Use *model.find_transition_path()* for the non-linear response (results are in *model.path*)
 - 2.2 Use *model.find_IRFs()* for the linear response (results are in *model.IRF*)
3. Add a zero lower bound to the model:

$$i_t = \max \{i_{ss} + \phi\pi_t, 0\}$$

Compute linear and non-linear responses to a β -shock of size 0.05 and compare.

4. Assume that the government tries to stabilize the economy after the demand shock. Compute linear and non-linear responses to a simultaneous shock to β ($d\beta_0 = 0.05$) and G ($dG_0 = 0.03$).
5. Is stabilization policy more or less efficient once we take the ZLB into account?
Hint: Compare the multipliers $\frac{dY^{\beta,G} - dY^{\beta}}{dG}$ for the linear and non-linear responses and compare.

MORE ON NEXT SLIDE

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6. Simulate a monetary policy shock of size 0.01. Calculate the variance of consumption using the analytical formula:

$$\text{var}(dC) = \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} (dC_s)^2$$

Check that you get the same variance if you simulate a timeseries of consumption using `model.simulate(skip_hh=True)`, and calculate the variance as:

$$\text{var}(dC) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N (dC_i^{\text{sim}})^2$$

Hints: You can set the size of the shock for the IRFs using `model.par.jump_eps_i`, while the standard error of the shocks in the simulation is set using `model.par.std_eps_i`.

Make sure that the standard error of other shocks in the model are zero when you simulate. You can find the simulated series in `model.sim.dC`.

Summary

Summary and next week

- **Today:**

1. The New Keynesian model
2. Aggregate risk and linearized dynamics (IRF and simulation)
3. Calculating aggregate moments (for calibration or estimation)

- **Next week:** HANK + Fiscal policy

- **Homework:**

1. Work on exercise
2. Skim-read Auclert et al. (2023),
»The Intertemporal Keynesian Cross«