

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/studentservices/examschedules has been wrong
- The correct dates are:
 - Start: January 4th morning (9AM)
 - End: January 5th evening (9PM)
- Re-examination: Oral exam

Introduction

- Today:
 - The canonical HANK model
 - Model with sticky wages
 - Application: Fiscal policy in HANK
- Literature: Auclert et. al. (2023),
 »The Intertemporal Keynesian Cross«
 - Long paper with many (technical) details
 - We will focus on the main results

Sticky Wages

Detour

- Early HANK papers formulated Heterogeneous Agent New Keynesian Models by:
 - Take standard NK model from last lecture
 - Replace Representative agent HH block with Heterogeneous Agents HH block
 - See e.g. McKay, Nakamura, and Steinsson (2016), Hagedorn, Manovskii, and Mitman (2019)
- Turns out that just doing this has undesirable properties when:
 - Prices are sticky
 - Wages are fully flexible
- Need to make one adjustment to standard NK model before adding HA

Sticky wages

- Canonical NK model features sticky prices, flexible wages
 - Fine for some questions, but can cause issues in HA models (see Auclert, Bardóczy, and Rognlie (2023))
- EX: Standard HA model where households have flexible labor supply with FOC (EIS=1,Frisch=1):

$$u'(c_i) w = \nu'(l_i)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c_i^{-1} w = \varphi l_i$$

What happens if we give household i a lumpsum transfer T?

$$-c_i^{-2}\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial T}w = \varphi \frac{\partial I_i}{\partial T}$$

■ Define $MPC_i = \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial T}$, $MPE_i = -\frac{\partial wl_i}{\partial T}$ as the change in consumption and change in earnings following transfer:

$$MPC_i = \frac{c_i}{wl_i}MPE_i$$

• If HHs have little saving, $c_i \approx wl_i \Rightarrow MPC_i = MPE_i$

MPCs and MPEs

- HA model with flexible labor supply implies tight link btw. MPC_i and MPE_i
 - Plausible?
- MPCs in the data:
 - Annual estimates between 0.3 and 0.7
 - Typical value in HA litterature: 0.5
- MPEs in the data:
 - Range from 0 to 0.04 annually ⇒ wealth effects are small
 - Increase in (non-wage) income of 1\$ decreases labor earnings by 0-0.04\$
- Tension between model and data ⇒ Standard model with high MPCs imply too large wealth effects on labor supply

Union setup

- Solution: Take HHs off their individual labor supply curves through union membership
 - Litterature: Erceg, Henderson and Levin (2000)
- Households solve the same consumption/saving problem as usual but do not choose labor supply l_{it} themselves
- Instead, they belong to a labor union that determines the level of labor supply
- 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

Union problem

 Each household i belong to a union j and face labor demand from firms

$$L_t^j = \left(\frac{W_t^j}{W_t}\right)^{-\epsilon^{W}} L_t,$$

 Unions maximize aggregate utility of their members, choosing both wages and labor subject to demand:

$$\max_{W_{t}^{j}, \mathcal{L}_{t}^{j}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^{t} \left(\int \left\{ u\left(c_{i,t}\right) - \nu\left(\mathcal{L}_{t}^{j}\right) \right\} dD_{i,t} - \frac{\theta^{W}}{2} \left(\frac{W_{t}^{j}}{W_{t-1}^{j}} - 1 \right)^{2} \right)$$

• where $\frac{\theta^W}{2}\left(W_t^j/W_{t-1}^j-1\right)^2$ is a quadratic utility cost from changing wages \Rightarrow sticky wages

New Keynesian Wage Phillips curve

• Solving the union's maximization problem in a symmetric equilibrium $L_t^j = L_t$, $W_t^j = W_t$:

$$\pi_{t}^{w}\left(1+\pi_{t}^{w}\right)=\kappa^{w}\left\{\nu'\left(L_{t}\right)-\frac{w_{t}}{\mu^{w}}\int z_{t}u'\left(c_{i,t}\right)d\mathcal{D}_{i,t}\right\}L_{t}+\beta\pi_{t+1}^{w}\left(1+\pi_{t+1}^{w}\right)$$

- with $\kappa^w = \frac{\epsilon^w}{\theta^w}$, $\mu^w = \frac{\epsilon^w}{\epsilon^w 1}$ and z_{it} is individual productivity ($z_{it} = 1$ in RA)
- **Philips curve** for wages. For given future inflation π_{t+1}^w
 - Increase in labor demand L_t will push up nominal wage inflation
 - Increase in real wage w_t will decrease nominal wage inflation
 - Higher consumption will increase wage inflation (wealth effect)
 - Pass-through depends on slope κ^w
- Breaks wealth effect on labor supply through two mechanisms:
 - Sticky wages (low κ^w)
 - Wealth effect on agg. L depends on agg. marginal utility $\int z_t u'(c_{i,t}) d\mathcal{D}_{i,t}$

More tractable version

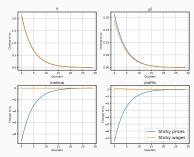
- Sometimes assume that union maximize the utility of an agent with average consumption $u(C_t) = u(\int c_{it} d\mathcal{D}_{it})$ instead of $\int u(c_{i,t}) d\mathcal{D}_{it}$
- NKWPC:

$$\pi_{t}^{w}\left(1+\pi_{t}^{w}\right)=\kappa^{w}\left\{\nu'\left(L_{t}\right)-\frac{w_{t}}{\mu^{w}}u'\left(C_{t}\right)\right\}L_{t}+\beta\pi_{t+1}^{w}\left(1+\pi_{t+1}^{w}\right)$$

- $u'(C_t)$ instead of $\int z_t u'(c_{i,t}) d\mathcal{D}_{i,t}$
- Slightly easier to implement in code and when working analytically

Profits

- Additional benefit of introducing sticky wages is the cyclicality of profits
- In the data profits are pro-cyclical (i.e. go up in boom)
- Not consistent with standard NK model with sticky prices
 - Wages rise more than prices in response to demand shock
- Sticky wages solve this



HANK

Model elements

- The Heterogeneous Agent New Keynesian model
 - Similar to standard NK model but substitute sticky prices with wages + HA instead of RA

Households

Standard HA: Face idiosynchratic income risk + borrowing constraint

Firms

Produce using labor

Unions

Decide on labor supply for HHs subject to wage adjustment cost

Mutual fund

- Collect household savings and invest in available assets (today: gov' bonds)
- Central bank
- Government

Households

Household problem:

$$\begin{split} v_t(z_t, a_{t-1}) &= \max_{c_t} \frac{c_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \varphi \frac{\ell_t^{1+\nu}}{1+\nu} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[v_{t+1}(z_{t+1}, a_t) \right] \\ \text{s.t. } a_t + c_t &= (1 + r_t^a) a_{t-1} + (1 - \tau_t) \, w_t \ell_t z_t + \chi_t \\ &\log z_{t+1} = \rho_z \log z_t + \psi_{t+1} \ , \psi_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_\psi, \sigma_\psi), \, \mathbb{E}[z_t] = 1 \\ a_t &\geq 0 \end{split}$$

- 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: $C_t^{hh} = C^{hh} \left(\left\{ r_s^a, (1 \tau_s) w_s \ell_s, \chi_s \right\}_{s=0}^{\infty} \right)$

Firms

Production and profits:

$$Y_t = \Gamma_t L_t$$

$$\Pi_t = Y_t - \frac{W_t}{p} L_t$$

First order condition:

$$w_t = \Gamma_t$$

Mutual fund and assets

- Mutual fund collect households savings A_t
- Invest in available assets
 - Real government bonds which pay real interest rate r
- Problem:

$$\max_{B_t} (1 + r_{t+1}) B_t - (1 + r_{t+1}^a) A_t \quad \text{s.t.} \quad B_t = A_t$$

FOCs (no arbitrage conditions):

$$1+r_t=1+r_t^a$$

Union

Everybody works the same:

$$\ell_t = L_t^{hh}$$

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

$$\pi_{t}^{w} = \kappa \left(\varphi \left(L_{t}^{hh} \right)^{\nu} - \frac{1}{\mu} \left(1 - \tau_{t} \right) w_{t} \left(C_{t}^{hh} \right)^{-\sigma} \right) + \beta \pi_{t+1}^{w}$$

Government

■ Spending: G_t

$$B_t + T_t + = (1 + r_t)B_{t-1} + G_t + \chi_t$$

• where T_t captures labor income tax revenue:

$$T_t = \tau_t w_t L_t$$

- In response to shocks r_t moves which affect budget
- Need rule to ensure that government debt returns to ss in the long run
- Potential tax-rule:

$$\tau_t = \tau_{ss} + \omega \frac{B_{t-1} - B_{ss}}{Y_{ss}}$$

Or simply:

$$B_t = B_{ss}$$

• In which case taxes T_t adjust fully every period to ensure that the budget holds

Central bank

- Two options for monetary policy
- 1. Government bonds are nominel, CB chooses nominel interest rate:

$$i_t = i_{ss} + \phi \pi_t$$

And fisher equation links nominal rate i to real rate r:

$$1 + r_t = \frac{1 + i_t}{1 + \pi_{t+1}}$$

2. Alternative: Real rate rule. CB chooses real rate r_t directly

$$r_t = r_{ss} + (\phi - 1) \pi_t$$

- Implicit assumption: CB can control inflation.
 - Today will study special case with »passive« monetary policy, $\phi=1$ $\Rightarrow r_t=r_{\rm ss}$
- Indeterminacy: Consider limit for nominal rule $i_t = i_{ss} + \phi \pi_{t+1}$ or assume future tightening

Market clearing

- 1. Asset market: $B_t = A_t^{hh}$
- 2. Labor market: $L_t = L_t^{hh}$
- 3. Goods market: $Y_t = C_t^{hh} + G_t$

Fiscal Policy

Simpler consumption function

Assumptions:

- 1. One-period real bond
- 2. No lump-sum transfers, $\chi_t=0$
- 3. Fiscal policy in terms of dG_t and dT_t satisfying IBC (e.g. government needs to repay excess debt dB eventually)

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

- Tax-bill: $T_t = \tau_t w_t \int \ell_t z_t d\mathbf{D}_t = \tau_t \Gamma_t L_t = \tau_t Y_t$
- Household income: $(1 \tau_t)w_t\ell_t z_t = \underbrace{(Y_t T_t)}_{\equiv Z_t} z_t = Z_t z_t$
- Consumption function in sequence-space: Simplifies to

$$C_t^{hh} = C^{hh}\left(\{Y_s - T_s, r_s\}_{s \geq 0}\right) \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{C}^{hh} = C^{hh}(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{T}, \boldsymbol{r}) = C^{hh}(\boldsymbol{Z}, \boldsymbol{r})$$

Side-note: Two-equation version in Y and r

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

 $\mathbf{r} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Y})$

- First equation: Goods market clearing
- Second equation (Firms + NKWPC):
 - 1. Given output \boldsymbol{Y} , can compute \boldsymbol{L}
 - 2. Firm behavior I: Γ , $Y \rightarrow L$, w
 - 3. NKWC: $\boldsymbol{L}, \boldsymbol{C}, \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\tau} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\boldsymbol{w}}$
 - 4. Firm behavior II: $\pi^w, \Gamma \to \pi$
 - 5. Central bank: $\pi \rightarrow i$
 - 6. Fisher: $i, \pi \rightarrow r$
- Final assumption for today: Constant r
 - Can replace $r = \mathcal{R}(Y)$ with $r = r_{ss}$
 - Entire model boils down to 1 equation

Intertemporal Keynesian Cross

$$egin{aligned} Y_t &= G_t + C_t^{hh}\left(\{Y_s - T_s\}_{s=0}^{\infty}
ight) & ext{Static} \ oldsymbol{Y} &= oldsymbol{G} + C^{hh}(oldsymbol{Y} - oldsymbol{T}) & ext{Sequence-space/vector} \end{aligned}$$

Total differentiation/linearize around ss:

$$dY_t = dG_t + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial Z_s} dZ_s = dG_t + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial Z_s} (dY_s - dT_s)$$

Intertemporal Keynesian Cross in vector form

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

where $M_{t,s}=rac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial Z_s}$ encodes the entire <code>complexity</code> of HH behavior

Illustration

Writing out the IKC:

$$\begin{bmatrix} dY_0 \\ dY_1 \\ dY_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} dG_0 \\ dG_1 \\ dG_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_0} & \frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_1} & \frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_2} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_0} & \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_1} & \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_2} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial C_2^{hh}}{\partial Z_0} & \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_1} & \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_2} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial C_2^{hh}}{\partial Z_0} & \frac{\partial C_2^{hh}}{\partial Z_1} & \frac{\partial C_2^{hh}}{\partial Z_2} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dY_0 \\ dY_1 \\ dY_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} dT_0 \\ dT_1 \\ dT_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

iMPC matrix

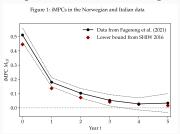
- M is the Jacobian of aggregate C w.r.t (post-tax) labor income
 - Column s: Response of C at different dates to unit change in Z at date s (IRF)
 - Row s: Change in C at date s to change in income Z at different dates

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_0} & \frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_1} & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_0} & \frac{\partial C_1^{hh}}{\partial Z_1} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

- In a quarterly model $\frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_0}$ is essentially the quarterly MPC
 - Note: Typically define MPCs following change in lump-sum transfer and not labor income, so not quite MPC

iMPCs in the data

- What can we say about the iMPC matrix M?
 - Can say a lot about first element $\frac{\partial C_0^{hh}}{\partial Z_0}$ (see lecture 2)
- Fagareng et al (2016) estimate dynamic response of C to income shocks (lottery winnings)
 - $\blacksquare \ \, \mathsf{Info on first column} \ \, \left[\frac{\partial C_0^{bh}}{\partial Z_0}, \frac{\partial C_1^{bh}}{\partial Z_0}, \frac{\partial C_2^{bh}}{\partial Z_0}, \frac{\partial C_3^{bh}}{\partial Z_0}, \ldots \right]'$



- Very hard to say something about remaining columns (announcement effects)
 - Best we can do: Calibrate model to first column, get rest of M from model

Perspective: Static Keynesian Cross

Old Keynesians: Consumption only depends on current income

$$Y_t = G_t + C^{hh}(Y_t - T_t)$$

Total differentiate:

$$dY_t = dG_t + \frac{\partial C_t^{hh}}{\partial Z_t} (dY_t - dT_t)$$

= $dG_t + \text{mpc} \cdot (dY_t - dT_t)$

Solution

$$dY_t = dG_t + \frac{\mathsf{mpc}}{1 - \mathsf{mpc}} (dG_t - dT_t)$$

from multiplier-process $\mathsf{mpc} \times \left(1 + \mathsf{mpc} + \mathsf{mpc}^2 \dots\right) = \frac{\mathsf{mpc}}{1 - \mathsf{mpc}}$

NPV-vector

■ NPV-vector: $\mathbf{q} \equiv [1, (1+r_{ss})^{-1}, (1+r_{ss})^{-2}, \dots]'$ - implies $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (1+r_{ss})^{-t} x_t = \mathbf{q}' \mathbf{x}$

Government: IBC holds

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

$$\boldsymbol{q}' (d\boldsymbol{G} - d\boldsymbol{T}) = 0$$

Households: IBC holds

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (1+r_{ss})^{-t} C_t^{hh} = (1+r_{ss})A_{-1} + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (1+r_{ss})^{-t} Z_t \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (1+r_{ss})^{-t} M_{t,s} = \frac{1}{(1+r)^s} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{q}' \boldsymbol{M} = \boldsymbol{q}' \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{q}' (\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{M}) = \boldsymbol{0}$$

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

Form of unique solution

Back to IKC:

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

• **Problem:** $(I - M)^{-1}$ cannot exist because this leads to a contradiction

$$\mathbf{q}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M})^{-1} = \mathbf{0}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M})^{-1} \Leftrightarrow$$

 $\mathbf{q}' = 0$

Result: If unique solution then on the form

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

 $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}))^{-1}\mathbf{K}$

- 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

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

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

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

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

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

Fiscal multipliers

$$d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \underbrace{\mathcal{M}\mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{T})}_{d\mathbf{C}}$$

Balanced budget multiplier:

$$d\mathbf{G} = d\mathbf{T} \Rightarrow d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G}, d\mathbf{C} = 0$$

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

- Deficit multiplier: $d\mathbf{G} \neq d\mathbf{T}$
 - 1. Potentially fiscal multiplier above 1
 - 2. Larger effect of $d\mathbf{G}$ than $d\mathbf{T}$
 - 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)

$$m{M}^{RA} = \left[egin{array}{cccc} (1-eta) & (1-eta)eta & (1-eta)eta^2 & \cdots \ (1-eta) & (1-eta)eta & (1-eta)eta^2 & \cdots \ (1-eta) & (1-eta)eta & (1-eta)eta^2 & \cdots \ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array}
ight] = (1-eta)m{1}m{q}'$$

Consumption response is zero

$$dC^{RA} = \mathcal{M}M^{RA}(dG - dT)$$
$$= \mathcal{M}(1 - \beta)\mathbf{1}q'(dG - dT)$$
$$= \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow dY = dG$$

Fiscal multiplier is 1

Details on matrix formulation

TANK

- RANK cannot produce fiscal multipliers above 1 because it features ricardian equivalence
- Large litterature on Two Agent New Keyniesan models (TANK) starting with Campbell and Mankiw (1989)
 - Share 1λ is unconstrained; Always on Euler (Ricardian, permanent income HHs, optimizing HHs)
 - Share λ is constrained (no savings) and consume entire income each period, MPC=1 (hand to mouth)
- M matrix is:

$$oldsymbol{M}^{TA} = (1 - \lambda) \, oldsymbol{M}^{RA} + \lambda oldsymbol{I}$$

- Simple to implement+tractable, but some drawbacks
 - No intertemporal MPCs
 - Extremely stylized level of inequality
 - Hard to connect to micro data
 - No precautionary saving

Comparison with TANK model

■ Hand-to-Mouth (HtM) households: λ share have $C_t = Y_t^{hh}$

$$oldsymbol{M}^{TA} = (1 - \lambda) oldsymbol{M}^{RA} + \lambda oldsymbol{I}$$

Intertemporal Keynesian Cross becomes

$$d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{M}^{TA} (d\mathbf{Y} - d\mathbf{T})$$
$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}^{TA}) d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{M}^{TA} d\mathbf{T}$$
$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}^{RA}) d\mathbf{Y} = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} [d\mathbf{G} - \lambda d\mathbf{T}] - \mathbf{M}^{RA} d\mathbf{T}$$

Solution:

$$d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} [d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{T}]$$

- **Amplification** of fiscal policy with deficit financing $d\mathbf{G} > d\mathbf{T}$
 - Size of amplification increasing in share of constrained agents λ
 - Solution very similar to static, old Keynesian cross (multiplier: _mpc_)

TANK Proof

In TANK we have:

$$dY = dG + M^{TA}(dY - dT)$$

$$(I - M^{TA})dY = dG - M^{TA}dT$$

$$(I - M^{RA})dY = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} [dG - \lambda dT] - M^{RA}dT$$

$$dY = M^{RA}dY - M^{RA}dT + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} [dG - \lambda dT]$$

$$dY = d\tilde{G} + M^{RA}(dY - dT)$$

- where $d\tilde{\mathbf{G}} = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left[d\mathbf{G} \lambda d\mathbf{T} \right]$
- Recall that in RANK $d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{M}^{RA}(d\mathbf{Y} d\mathbf{T})$ with solution $d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G}$ thus implying $d\mathbf{Y} = d\tilde{\mathbf{G}}$ in TANK:

$$d\mathbf{Y} = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} [d\mathbf{G} - \lambda d\mathbf{T}]$$

$$d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{G} + \frac{1}{1-\lambda} [d\mathbf{G} - \lambda d\mathbf{T}]$$

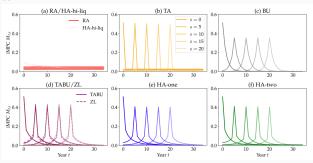
$$d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{G} + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} [d\mathbf{G} - \lambda d\mathbf{T}]$$

Cumulative multiplier still one

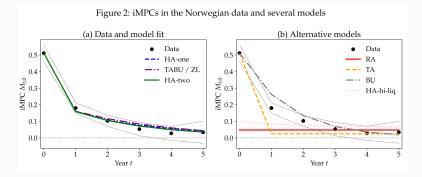
$$\frac{\mathbf{q}'d\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{q}'d\mathbf{G}} = \frac{\mathbf{q}'d\mathbf{G}_t + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\mathbf{q}'[d\mathbf{G} - d\mathbf{T}]}{\mathbf{q}'d\mathbf{G}}$$
$$= 1$$

Jacobian columns

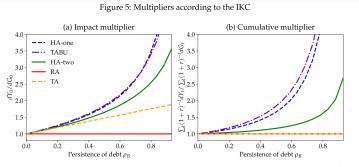
- TANK produces positive C response, fiscal multiplier above 1 do we need HANK?
- Plot columns of **M** in TANK, HANK + other models
 - Recall columns: dynamic C response to change in Z at various dates



iMPCs in models



Multipliers and debt-financing



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

Summary:

Table 1: Government spending multipliers in the intertemporal Keynesian cross

		Rep. agent (RA) doesn't match MPC	Two agents (TA) matches MPC	
Fiscal rule	Multiplier			
balanced budget	impact	1	1	1
	cumulative	1	1	1
deficit financing	impact	1	> 1	> 1
	cumulative	1	1	> 1

Interest rate effects

 We assumed real bonds for tractablity - In reality, bonds are typically nominal:

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$$(1+r_t) B_{t-1}$$
 versus $\frac{1+i_{t-1}}{1+\pi_t} B_{t-1}$

- Fisher: $(1+r_t) = \frac{1+i_{t-1}}{1+\pi_t} \approx r_t = i_{t-1} \pi_t$
- Even if CB keeps ex-ante real rate constant $i_t = i_{ss} + \pi_{t+1}$ real returns on bonds will differ in period 0:
- Period 0:

$$\frac{1+i_{ss}}{1+\pi_0}B_{ss}$$

Period 1:

$$\frac{1+i_0}{1+\pi_1}B_0=(1+r)\,B_0$$

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

Generalized IKC

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: $cap_0 = 0$
- 2. Nominal bond:

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

Generalized IKC

• Consumption-function $C^{hh} = C^{hh}(r, Y - T, cap_0)$ implies

$$d\mathbf{C}^{hh} = \mathbf{M}^r d\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{Y} - d\mathbf{T}) + \mathbf{m}^{cap} cap_0$$

where

$$\mathbf{\textit{M}}_{t,s}^{r} = \left[\frac{\partial \textit{C}_{t}^{hh}}{\partial \textit{r}_{s}} \right], \mathbf{\textit{m}}_{t}^{\mathsf{cap}} = \left[\frac{\partial \textit{C}_{t}^{hh}}{\partial \mathsf{cap}_{0}} \right]$$

- 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 approximatly 1-4% per year

Fiscal policy in HANK - litterature

- 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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- 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