

Table 1 Definitions and Comparisons of Conditions

Perfect Foresight Versions	Uncertainty Versions
Finite Human Wealth Condition (FHWC)	
$G/R < 1$ The growth factor for permanent income G must be smaller than the discounting factor R for human wealth to be finite.	$G/R < 1$ The model's risks are mean-preserving spreads, so the PDV of future income is unchanged by their introduction.
Absolute Impatience Condition (AIC)	
$\mathbf{P} < 1$ The unconstrained consumer is sufficiently impatient that the level of consumption will be declining over time: $\mathbf{c}_{t+1} < \mathbf{c}_t$	$\mathbf{P} < 1$ <i>If wealth is large enough, the expectation of consumption next period will be smaller than this period's consumption:</i> $\lim_{m_t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_t[\mathbf{c}_{t+1}] < \mathbf{c}_t$
Return Impatience Conditions	
Return Impatience Condition (RIC)	Weak RIC (WRIC)
$\mathbf{P}/R < 1$ The growth factor for consumption \mathbf{P} must be smaller than the discounting factor R , so that the PDV of current and future consumption will be finite: $c'(m) = 1 - \mathbf{P}/R < 1$	$q^{1/\gamma} \mathbf{P}/R < 1$ If the probability of the zero-income event is $q = 1$ then income is always zero and the condition becomes identical to the RIC . Otherwise, weaker. $c'(m) < 1 - q^{1/\gamma} \mathbf{P}/R < 1$
Growth Impatience Conditions	
GIC	GIC-Mod
$\mathbf{P}/G < 1$ For an unconstrained PF consumer, the ratio of \mathbf{c} to \mathbf{p} will fall over time. For constrained, guarantees the constraint eventually binds. Guarantees $\lim_{m_t \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_t[\psi_{t+1} m_{t+1}/m_t] = \frac{\mathbf{P}}{G}$	$\mathbf{P} \mathbb{E}[\psi^{-1}]/G < 1$ By Jensen's inequality stronger than GIC . Ensures consumers will not expect to accumulate m unboundedly. $\lim_{m_t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_t[m_{t+1}/m_t] = \frac{\mathbf{P}}{G} \mathbb{E}[\psi^{-1}]$
Finite Value of Autarky Conditions	
PF-FVAC	FVAC
$\beta G^{1-\gamma} < 1$ equivalently $\mathbf{P} < R^{1/\gamma} G^{1-1/\gamma}$ The discounted utility of constrained consumers who spend their permanent income each period should be finite.	$\beta G^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}[\psi^{1-\gamma}] < 1$ By Jensen's inequality, stronger than the PF-FVAC because for $\gamma > 1$ and nondegenerate ψ , $\mathbb{E}[\psi^{1-\gamma}] > 1$.