

From Nash bargaining FOC's, we derived

$$W = \frac{r}{1+r} U + \phi \left(y - \frac{r}{1+r} U \right)$$

Nash bargaining
wage solution

compensates for
at least worker's
annuitized value of
being unemployed

Plus a
share of
firm's output
in excess of
worker's
annuitized value
of unemployment

He can rewrite this annuity value of U out further
as a function of model primitives and equilibrium
market tightness θ .

To do this, see Nash bargaining FOCs:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E - u &= \phi S \\ J &= (1 - \phi) S \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow E - u = \left(\frac{\phi}{1 - \phi} \right) J$$

From firm's Bellman equation with free-entry to posting ($V=0$), we derived

$$J = \frac{c}{\beta q(\theta)}$$

So, we can also write

$$E - u = \left(\frac{\phi}{1 - \phi} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{c}{\beta q(\theta)} \right)$$

Recall the Bellman equation (evaluated at steady state $u_{t+1} = u_t = u$) for an unemployed person is:

$$u = z + \beta [p(\theta)E + (1-p(\theta))u]$$

Rewrite for $(E-u)$:

$$E-u = \frac{(1-\beta)u - z}{\beta p(\theta)} \quad [2]$$

Plug [2] into LHS of [1]:

$$(1-\beta)u - z = \beta p(\theta) \left(\frac{\phi}{1-\phi} \right) \left(\frac{c}{\beta q(\theta)} \right)$$

Tidy up like Marie Kondo (noting that $p(\theta) = \theta q(\theta)$)

$$(1-\beta)u = z + \left(\frac{\phi}{1-\phi} \right) c \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+r}\right)u = z + \left(\frac{\phi}{1-\phi}\right)c\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{r}{1+r}\right)u = z + \left(\frac{\phi}{1-\phi}\right)c\theta} \quad \boxed{3}$$

Annuity value of unemployment outside option value share of firm's average valuing cost

If we plug [3] into [0], we have an alternative expression for the Nash bargaining wage solution as:

$$w = z + \left(\frac{\phi}{1-\phi}\right)c\theta + \phi \left[y - z - \left(\frac{\phi}{1-\phi}\right)c\theta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow w = z + \beta [y - z + c\theta]$$

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②
wage
premium:
- depends on
worker's
power β
- a share of
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of z and
average vacancy
cost.

(Note: $c\theta$
is an average
resource cost
to everyone.)