

October 23rd 2009 - Lecture Nine

Next Lectures Will

Add labor, taxes
talk about econ growth
include dynamic programming
labor search & unemployment

Types of Problems on the Mid-Term

In problem sets we've been given two types of problems

– some that are very challenging, that you have to work through and solve and learn something new – things that he thinks we need to know but he didn't cover in lecture.

– Other problems are simple, 'set this up correctly and solve the problem' type queries that you'll see on the mid-term. Basically, make sure you've learning this material.

Reviewing Problem Set Three - #3

An Arrow-Debreu (AD) Competitive Equilibrium (CE) is a list of prices $\{p_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ and allocations $\{c_{it}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ such that – taking prices as given, $\{p_t^*\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, the allocations $\{c_{it}^*\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ solve for each consumer the following problem,

$$\max_{\{c_{it}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(c_{it}) \quad s.t. \quad \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} p_t^* c_{it} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} p_t^* \omega_{it} \quad , \quad c_{it} \geq 0 \quad \forall t$$

Markets Clear Each Period

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c_{it} = \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_{it} \quad \forall t$$

A Sequence of Markets (SoM) Competitive Equilibrium (CE) is a list of prices, $\{p_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, $\{q_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ and allocations $\{c_{it}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, $\{b_{it}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ such that – taking prices are given $\{p_t^*\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, $\{q_t^*\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, the allocations $\{c_{it}^*\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$, $\{b_{it}^*\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ solve for each consumer the following problem,

$$\max_{\{c_{it}, b_{it}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(c_{it}) \quad s.t. \quad \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} p_t^* c_{it} + q_t^* b_{it} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} p_t^* \omega_{it} + q_t^* b_{it-1} \quad , \quad c_{it} \geq 0 \quad \forall t$$

Markets Clear Each Period

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c_{it} = \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_{it} \quad , \quad \sum_{i=1}^N b_{it} = 0 \quad \forall t$$

Solving for Sequence of Markets

Substitute out consumption, you get to normalize one price

$$\max_{b_{it}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(\omega_{it} + b_{it-1} - q^* b_{it})$$

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$$\beta^{t+1} u'(c_{it+1}) = q^* \beta u'(c_{it})$$

Detrending

$$\beta u'(c_{it+1}) = q^* u'(c_{it})$$

Plugging in functional forms $u(c) = \ln(c)$

$$\beta \cdot \frac{1}{c_{it+1}} = \frac{1}{c_{it}} q^*$$

Cross multiply

$$\frac{c_{it}}{c_{it+1}} = \frac{q^*}{\beta} \quad \text{this implies that} \quad \frac{c_{1t}}{c_{1t+1}} = \frac{q^*}{\beta} \quad \& \quad \frac{c_{2t}}{c_{2t+1}} = \frac{q^*}{\beta}$$

Adding them together

$$\beta(c_{1t} + c_{2t}) = q^*(c_{1t+1} + c_{2t+1})$$

Problem Set 4 #2 Competitive Equilibrium

1) Household - Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = u(c) - v(y) + \lambda [rk + w - c]$$

notice that the $-v(y)$ will be ignored

$$2) \quad u'(c) = \lambda \rightarrow u''(c)\dot{c} = \dot{\lambda}$$

$$3) \quad \dot{\lambda} = \lambda\rho - r\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} = \rho - r$$

Firm $r = f'(k)$

Combining 2) 3) and the firm together,

$$\frac{u''(c)\dot{c}}{u'(c)} = \rho - f'(k)$$

Imposing the SS

$$f'(k^*) = \rho$$

Social Planner – substitute y with $f(k)$, the SP is only constrained by what is technologically feasible

$$\mathcal{H} = u(c) - v(f(k)) + \lambda[f(k) - c]$$

$$(1) \quad u'(c) = \lambda$$

$$\rightarrow u''(c)\dot{c} = \dot{\lambda}$$

$$(2) \quad \dot{\lambda} = \rho\lambda + v'(y)f'(k) - \lambda f'(k)$$

$$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} = \rho - f'(k) + \frac{v'(y)f'(k)}{u'(c)}$$

Combining (1) & (2)

$$\frac{u''(c)\dot{c}}{u'(c)} = \rho - f'(k) + \frac{v'(y)f'(k)}{u'(c)}$$

Conclusion

$$\left(1 - \frac{v'}{u'}\right) f'(k^*) = \rho$$