

Quiz 2

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Question 1

A) True, B) False, C) False, D) True, E) False

Question 2

A,B. Social Planner's problem and optimization

$$V(S, a, v) = \max_{C, E, X, S'} \{u(C) + \beta E[V(S', a', v')|a, v] + \lambda_c(a(1 - E)S - C) + \lambda_s(-S' + S + X) + \lambda_x(vES - X)\}$$

$$u'(C) = \lambda_c$$

$$\lambda_c a = \lambda_x v$$

$$\lambda_x = \lambda_s$$

$$\lambda_s = \beta E[V'(S', a', v')|a, v]$$

$$V'(S, a, v) = \lambda_s + \lambda_c a(1 - E) + \lambda_x vE;$$

It will be convenient to express the final two terms as

$$\lambda_c \frac{a}{v} = \beta E[\lambda'_c (\frac{a'}{v'} + a')|a, v]$$

C. description of competitive equilibrium

- recursive household problem: household divides its hours to work and teaching

$$\begin{aligned} V(s, S, a, v) &= \max_{c, e, h, x} \{u(c) + \beta E[V(s', S', a', v')|a, v]\} \\ c + q(S, a, v)x &\leq r(S, a, v)sh + p(S, a, v)se \\ s' &= s + x \\ h + e &\leq 1 \\ S' &= G(S) \\ \log a' &= \log a + \epsilon_a \\ \log v' &= \log v + \epsilon_v \end{aligned}$$

- final goods firm's problem

$$\max_{S_f^d H^d} a S^d H^d - r(S, a, v) S^d H^d$$

- human capital investment firm's problem

$$\max_{S_i^d E^d} q(S, a, v) v S^d E^d - p(S, a, v) S^d E^d$$

- Market clearing: There are 4 goods in this economy

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} Sh(S, S, a, v) &= S_f^d(S, a, v) H^d(S, a, v) \\ Se(S, S, a, v) &= S_i^d(S, a, v) E^d(S, a, v) \\ x(S, S, a, v) &= v S^d(S, a, v) E^d(S, a, v) \end{aligned}$$

(final good's market clearing is implied by other equilibrium conditions)

- Rational Expectation $G(S)=S+x(S, S, a, v)$

D,E. optimality conditions for household and firm

- household

Substituting c and e, we get

$$V(s, S, a, v) = \max_{h, s'} \{u(r(S, a, v)sh + p(S, a, v)s(1-h) - q(S, a, v)(s' - s)) + \beta E[V(s', S', a', v')|a, v]\}$$

FOCs are

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad h : r(S, a, v)s &= p(S, a, v)s \\ (2) \quad s' : u'(c)q(S, a, v) &= \beta E[V'(s', S', a', v')|a, v] \\ (3) \quad BS : V'(s, S, a, v) &= u'(c)(r(S, a, v)h + p(S, a, v)(1-h) + q(S, a, v)) \end{aligned}$$

Combinig (3) and (4) gives

$$(4) \quad x : u'(c)q(S, a, v) = \beta E[u'(c')(r(S', a', v')h' + p(S', a', v')(1-h') + q(S', a', v'))|a, v]$$

- final goods firm: $0 \leq S_f^d(S, a, v) H^d(S, a, v) \leq \infty$ under price satisfying

$$(5) \quad r(S, a, v) = a$$

- investment firm: $0 \leq S_i^d(S, a, v) E^d(S, a, v) \leq \infty$ under price satisfying

$$(6) \quad q(S, a, v)v = p(S, a, v)$$

Market clearing (1) suggests (6),(7) to hold.

Substituting (6) into household FOCs (2) we get

$$(7) \quad p(S, a, v) = a$$

thus by (7),

$$(8) \quad q(S, a, v) = \frac{a}{v}$$

Using these and (5) and market clearing, $c=C$, we have

$$(9) \quad u'(C) \frac{a}{v} = \beta E[u'(C')(a' + \frac{a'}{v'})|a, v]$$

We can see that this competitive equilibrium supports the planner's allocations by choosing:

$$u'(C) = \lambda_c$$

$$q = \frac{\lambda_x}{\lambda_c}$$

That is, $u'(C)$ is the shadow price of consumption in the social planners problem and q is the ratio of the shadow price of investment to the shadow price of consumption.