

# Eco529: Modern Macro, Money, and International Finance

## Lecture 05: Contrasting Financial Frictions

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# Course Overview

## *Real Macro-Finance Models with Heterogeneous Agents*

- 1 A Simple Real Macro-finance Model
- 2 Endogenous (Price of) Risk Dynamics
  - Log-utility Model with Fire-sales
  - *Contrasting Financial Frictions*
  - CRRA-EZ-utility
- 3 A Model with Jumps due to Sudden Stops/Runs

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- 1 A Simple Money Model
- 2 Cashless vs. Cash Economy and “The I Theory of Money”
- 3 Welfare Analysis & Optimal Policy
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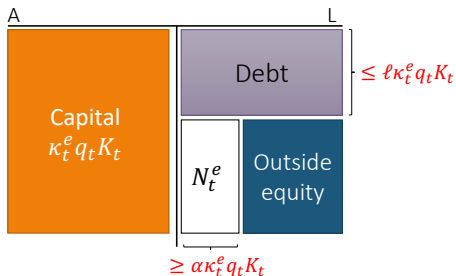
## *International Macro-Finance Models*

- 1 International Financial Architecture

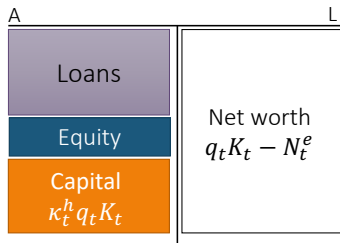
## *Digital Money*

# Two Sectors: Leverage + Skin-in-the-Game Constraint

## ■ Expert sector



## Household sector



## ■ Households can produce with capital.

- Productivity  $0 < a^h < a^e$

## ■ Capital shares: $\kappa_t^e$ (experts), $\kappa_t^h$ (households), $\kappa_t^e + \kappa_t^h = 1$ , $\kappa_t^e, \kappa_t^h \geq 0$

## ■ The fraction of aggregate risk held by experts: $\chi_t^e = \frac{\sigma_{N_t^e, t}}{\sigma_{qK, t}}$

## ■ Experts can issue debt, and outside equity.

Leverage Constraint:  $D_t^e \leq \ell \kappa_t^e q_t K_t.$

Skin in the Game Constraint:  $OE_t^e \leq (1 - \alpha) \kappa_t^e q_t K_t$

# Financial Frictions and Distortions

- Belief distortions

- Match “belief surveys”

- **Incomplete markets**

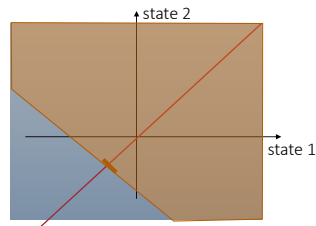
- “natural” leverage constraint (BruSan)
- Costly state verification (BGG)

- **+ Leverage constraints**

- Exogenous limit (Bewley/Ayagari)
- Collateral constraint

- Current price  $Rb_t \leq q_t k_t$
- Next period's price  $Rb_t \leq q_{t+1} k_t$  (KM)
- Next period's VaR  $Rb_t \leq VaR_t(q_{t+1}) k_t$  (BruPed)

- Search Friction (DGP)



Occasionally binding equity constraint

# Two Sector Model Setup: Leverage + Skin-in-the Game

## Expert sector

- Output:  $y_t^e = a^e k_t^e$ ,  $a^e \geq a^h$
- Consumption rate:  $c_t^e$
- Investment rate:  $\iota_t^e$   
$$\frac{dk_t^{e,\tilde{i}}}{k_t^{e,\tilde{i}}} = \left( \Phi(\iota_t^{e,\tilde{i}}) - \delta \right) dt + \sigma dZ_t + d\Delta_t^{k,\tilde{i},e}$$
- Objective:  $\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho^e t} \log(c_t^e) dt \right]$

## Household Sector

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## Friction: Can issue

- Risk-free debt,  
Leverage constraint:  $-\theta_t^{e,D} \leq \ell \theta_t^{e,K}$  (occasionally binding)
- Outside equity,  
Skin-in-the-Game constraint:  $-\theta_t^{e,OE} \leq (1 - \alpha) \theta_t^{e,K}$  (occasionally binding)

# Solving Macro Models Step-by-Step

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finance block

*Toolbox 1: Martingale approach, HJB vs. Stochastic Maximum Principle Approach*

Fisher separation theorem

a Real investment  $\iota$  + Goods market clearing (*static*)

b Portfolio choice  $\theta$  + asset market clearing or  
Asset allocation  $\kappa$  & risk allocation  $\chi$

*Toolbox 2: "Price-taking" social planner approach*

*Toolbox 3: Change in numeraire to total wealth (including SDF)*

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## 1b. Overview: Different Approaches

- **Approach 1:** Portfolio Optimization  $\theta$ 
  - Optimization via Stochastic Maximum Principle: most general way, but requires setting up Hamiltonian.
  - Optimization via Martingale Approach: complicated when constraints interact in a non-trivial way (here w/o leverage constraint)
- **Approach 2:** Price-taking Social Planner Approach  $(\kappa, \chi)$

# 1b. Experts' $\theta$ -Choice: Stochastic Maximum Principle

- Experts' problem: (let  $r_t^{e,j} := \mathbb{E}[dr_t^{e,j}]/dt$ )

$$\max_{c_t^e, \ell_t^e, \theta_t^{e,K}, \theta_t^{e,OE}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_s^\infty e^{-\rho^e t} u(c_t^e) dt \right] \text{ s.t.}$$

$$dn_t^e = \left[ -c_t^e + n_t^e \left( r_t + \theta_t^{e,K} (r_t^{e,K}(\ell_t^e) - r_t) + \theta_t^{e,OE} (r_t^{e,OE} - r_t) \right) \right] dt \\ + n_t^e (\theta_t^{e,K} + \theta_t^{e,OE}) (\sigma + \sigma_t^q) dZ_t$$

$$(1 - \alpha)\theta_t^{e,K} + \theta_t^{e,OE} \geq 0 \text{ (skin in the game)}, (1 - \ell)\theta_t^{e,K} + \theta_t^{e,OE} \leq 1 \text{ (leverage)}$$

- Denote the multiplier on leverage constraint as  $\lambda_t^\ell$ , multiplier on skin in the game constraint as  $\lambda_t^s$ . The Hamiltonian can be constructed as  $\mathcal{H}_t^e =$

$$e^{-\rho^e t} u(c_t^e) + \xi_t^e \overbrace{\left[ -c_t^e + n_t^e \left( r_t + \theta_t^{e,K} (r_t^{e,K}(\ell_t^e) - r_t) + \theta_t^{e,OE} (r_t^{e,OE} - r_t) \right) \right]}^{\mu_t^{n_t^e} n_t^e} - \zeta_t^e \xi_t^e \overbrace{n_t^e (\theta_t^{e,K} + \theta_t^{e,OE}) (\sigma + \sigma_t^q)}^{\sigma_t^{n_t^e} n_t^e} \\ + \xi_t^e n_t^e \lambda_t^\ell \left( 1 - (1 - \ell)\theta_t^{e,K} - \theta_t^{e,OE} \right) + \xi_t^e n_t^e \lambda_t^s \left( (1 - \alpha)\theta_t^{e,K} + \theta_t^{e,OE} \right)$$

- Objective function is linear in  $\theta$  (divide through  $\xi_t^e n_t^e$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  bang-bang (indifferent or at a constraint)
- FOC w.r.t.  $c_t$  is separated/de-coupled from FOC w.r.t.  $\theta_t$ s as well as  $\ell_t^e$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Fisher Separation Theorem btw.  $c_t^e, \theta_t^e, \ell_t^e$



# 1b. Households' $\theta$ -Choice: Stochastic Maximum Principle

- Households' problem:

$$\max_{c_t^h, l_t^h, \theta_t^{h,K}, \theta_t^{h,OE}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_s^\infty e^{-\rho^h t} u(c_t^h) dt \right], \text{ s.t.}$$

$$dn_t^h = \left[ -c_t^h + n_t^h \left( r_t + \theta_t^{h,K} (r_t^{h,K} - r_t) + \theta_t^{h,OE} (r_t^{h,OE} - r_t) \right) \right] dt$$

$$+ n_t^h (\theta_t^{h,K} + \theta_t^{h,OE}) (\sigma + \sigma^q) dZ_t$$

$$\theta_t^{h,K} \geq 0 \text{ (household short sale constraint)}$$

- Denote the multiplier on the short selling constraint on capital as  $\lambda_t^h$ . The Hamiltonian can be constructed as:

$$\mathcal{H}_t^h = e^{-\rho^h t} u(c_t^h) + \xi_t^h \left[ -c_t^h + n_t^h \left( r_t + \theta_t^{h,K} (r_t^{h,K} - r_t) + \theta_t^{h,OE} (r_t^{h,OE} - r_t) \right) \right]$$

$$- \underbrace{\sigma_t^h \xi_t^h n_t^h (\theta_t^{h,K} + \theta_t^{h,OE}) (\sigma + \sigma^q)}_{\sigma_t^{n^h} n_t^h} + \xi_t^h n_t^h \lambda_t^h \theta_t^{h,K}$$

- Linear in  $\theta_t$  and Fisher Separation Theorem

## 1b. $\theta$ -Choice: Stochastic Maximum Principle

- Experts' FOC w.r.t.  $\theta$ :

$$\begin{cases} r_t^{e,K} - r_t = \varsigma_t^e(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) + (1 - \ell)\lambda_t^\ell - (1 - \alpha)\lambda_t^x & (1) \\ r_t^{OE} - r_t = \varsigma_t^e(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) + \lambda_t^\ell - \lambda_t^x & (2) \end{cases}$$

- Households' FOC w.r.t.  $\theta$ :

$$\begin{cases} r_t^{h,K} - r_t = \varsigma_t^h(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) - \lambda_t^h & (3) \\ r_t^{OE} - r_t = \varsigma_t^h(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) & (4) \end{cases}$$

- Take difference btw (1) and (3) as well as btw (2) and (4)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^e - a^h}{q_t} &= (\varsigma_t^e - \varsigma_t^h)(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) + \lambda_t^h + (1 - \ell)\lambda_t^\ell - (1 - \alpha)\lambda_t^x, \\ 0 &= (\varsigma_t^e - \varsigma_t^h)(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) + \lambda_t^\ell - \lambda_t^x, \end{aligned}$$

## 1b. $\theta$ -Portfolio Constraints: Figuring out $\lambda$ s

- Focus on the return gap  $r_t^{OE} - r_t^{h,K}$  and  $r_t^{e,K} - r_t^{OE}$

$$\begin{cases} r_t^{e,K} - r_t^{OE} = \alpha \lambda_t^x - \ell \lambda_t^\ell \\ r_t^{OE} - r_t^{h,K} = \lambda_t^h \end{cases}$$

- Household short selling constraint not binding:  $\lambda_t^h = 0$

- $\lambda_t^x = 0, \lambda_t^\ell > 0$  impossible because  $r_t^{e,K} > r_t^{h,K}$
- $\lambda_t^x > 0, \lambda_t^\ell > 0$  and  $\lambda_t^x > 0, \lambda_t^\ell = 0$  both possible  
⇒ Leverage constraint binding  
or Leverage and skin-in-the game both binding

- Household short selling constraint binding:  $\lambda_t^h > 0$

- Define smallest  $\eta_t^e$  such that  $\lambda_t^h > 0$
- $\lambda_t^\ell > 0$  impossible because  $1/\eta_t^e < 1/\eta^{e,*}$   
⇒ Only skin-in-the-game may bind.

Intuition: outside equity cannot generate higher return than physical capital

## 1b. $\theta$ -Portfolio to $(\kappa, \chi)$ -Asset/Risk Allocation Constraint

- First order condition (plug in for  $\lambda$ s)

$$\frac{a^e - a^h}{q_t} \geq \underbrace{\alpha(\varsigma_t^e - \varsigma_t^h)(\sigma + \sigma_t^q)}_{\Delta\text{-risk premia}}, \quad \text{with equality if } \kappa_t^e < 1 \text{ and } \chi_t^e < l\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e.$$

$$\varsigma_t^e \geq \varsigma_t^h, \quad \text{with equality if } \chi_t^e > \alpha\kappa_t^e$$

- Constraints were translated from  $\theta$  space to  $\chi$ - $\kappa$  space:

$$\text{Skin-in-the-game constraint} \Rightarrow \chi_t^e = \eta_t^{e,K} \theta_t^e + \underbrace{\eta_t^e \theta_t^{e,OE}}_{\geq -(1-\alpha)\kappa_t^e} \geq \alpha\kappa_t^e,$$

$$\text{Leverage constraint} \Rightarrow \chi_t^e = \eta_t^{e,K} \theta_t^e + \underbrace{\eta_t^e \theta_t^{e,OE}}_{\leq (1-(1-l)\theta_t^{e,K})} \leq l\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e$$

# 1b. Occasionally Binding Constraints across $\eta$

Cases	0a	1a	1b	2a
leverage	$\chi_t^e = \ell\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e$	$\chi_t^e < \ell\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e$	$\chi_t^e < \ell\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e$	$\chi_t^e < \ell\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e$
skin in game	$\chi_t^e = \alpha\kappa_t^e$	$\chi_t^e = \alpha\kappa_t^e$	$\chi_t^e = \alpha\kappa_t^e$	$\chi_t^e > \alpha\kappa_t^e$
short-sale	$\kappa_t^e < 1$	$\kappa_t^e < 1$	$\kappa_t^e = 1$	$\kappa_t^e = 1$
$\Delta$ -risk premia	$>$	$=$	$>$	$>$
risk-sharing	$\chi_t > \eta_t$	$\chi_t > \eta_t$	$\chi_t > \eta_t$	$\chi_t = \eta_t$

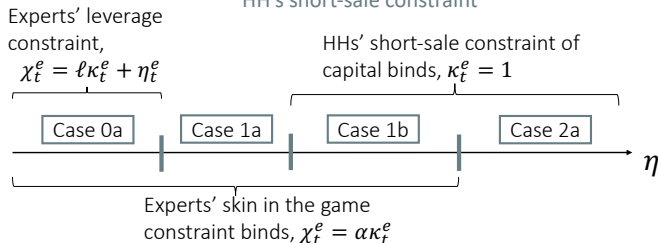
## complementary slackness conditions

### Occasionally binding constraints:

Leverage constraint

Skin in the game constraint

HH's short-sale constraint



## 1b. $\theta$ -Choice: Martingale Approach (aside) (Relaxed Skin-in-the-Game, No Leverage Constraint)

### ■ Approach 1: Portfolio Optimization

- Step 1: Optimization e.g. via Martingale Approach – recall:  $\mu_t^A = r_t^i + \varsigma_t^i \sigma_t^A$ 
  - Of experts with outside equity issuance (after plugging in households' outside equity choice)

$$\frac{a^e - l_t}{q_t} + \Phi(l_t) - \delta + \mu_t^q + \sigma \sigma_t^q = r_t + \underbrace{[\varsigma_t^e \chi_t^e / \kappa_t^e + \varsigma_t^h (1 - \chi_t^e / \kappa_t^e)]}_{\text{new compared to lecture 04}} (\sigma + \sigma_t^q)$$

- Of households' capital choice:

$$\frac{a^h - l_t}{q_t} + \Phi(l_t) - \delta + \mu_t^q + \sigma \sigma_t^q \leq r_t + \varsigma_t^h (\sigma + \sigma_t^q), \text{ with equality if } \kappa_t^e < 1$$

- Step 2: Capital market clearing to obtain asset/risk allocation  $\kappa_t^e, \chi_t^e$  from portfolio weights  $\theta$ s

### ■ Approach 2: Price-taking Social Planner Approach

## 1b. Price Taking Social Planner $\Rightarrow$ Asset/Risk Allocation

- Maximization within each  $\{\}$ -term = maximization over weighted sum
- Choose  $\eta$ -weighted sum of expert + HH maximization problem

$$\eta^e \{ \dots \} + \eta^h \{ \dots \}$$

- Why?
  - positive net supply assets become capital and risk shares ( of Brownian)
  - zero net supply assets cancel out.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{\eta_t^e \theta_t^{e,K}}_{\equiv \kappa_t^e} \mathbb{E}[dr_t^{e,K}]/dt + \underbrace{\eta_t^h \theta_t^{h,K}}_{\equiv \kappa_t^h} \mathbb{E}[dr_t^{h,K}]/dt + \underbrace{(\eta_t^e \theta_t^{e,OE} + \eta_t^h \theta_t^{h,OE}) \mathbb{E}[dr_t^{OE}]/dt}_{=0} \\
 & + \underbrace{(\eta_t^e \theta_t^{e,D} + \eta_t^h \theta_t^{h,D}) r_t}_{=0} - \underbrace{\varsigma_t^e \eta_t^e (\theta_t^{e,K} + \theta_t^{e,OE}) \sigma_t^{r^K}}_{\equiv \chi_t^e} - \underbrace{\varsigma_t^h \eta_t^h (\theta_t^{h,K} + \theta_t^{h,OE}) \sigma_t^{r^K}}_{\equiv \chi_t^h}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Translate portfolio constraints in capital and risk share constraints

## 1b. Portfolio to Asset/Risk Allocation Constraints

- Convert  $\lambda$ -constraints into  $\kappa, \chi$ -constraints

$$\text{Skin-in-the-game constraint} \Rightarrow \chi_t^e = \eta_t^e \theta_t^e + \underbrace{\eta_t^e \theta_t^{e,OE}}_{\geq -(1-\alpha)\kappa_t^e},$$

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- Price-taking social planner's problem:

$$\max_{\substack{\{\chi_t^e \in [\alpha\kappa_t^e, \kappa_t^e], \chi_t^h = 1 - \chi_t^e, \\ \kappa_t^e, \kappa_t^h = 1 - \kappa_t^e\}}} \left[ \frac{\kappa_t^e a^e + \kappa_t^h a^h - l_t}{q_t} + \Phi(l_t) - \delta \right] - (\varsigma_t^e \chi_t^e + \varsigma_t^h \chi_t^h) \sigma_t^{r^K}$$

End of Proof. Q.E.D

- Linear objective (if frictions take form of constraints)
  - Price of risk adjust such that objective becomes flat *or*
  - Bang-bang solution hitting constraints
- First order condition

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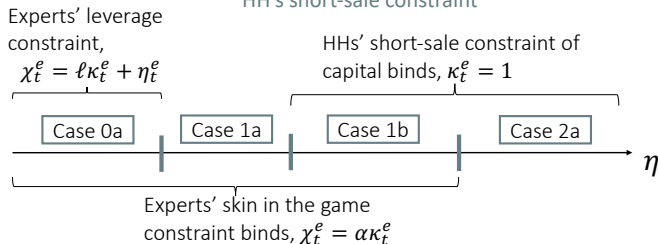
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## 1b. Price Taking Social Planner (General Theorem)

- Price-Taking Planner's Theorem:

A social planner that takes prices as given chooses a physical asset allocation,  $\kappa_t$  and risk allocation,  $\chi_t$  that coincides with the choices implied by all individuals' portfolio choices.

- Notation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{s}_t &= (s_t^1, \dots, s_t^I) \\ \boldsymbol{\chi}_t &= (\chi_t^1, \dots, \chi_t^I) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\chi}_t) &= (\chi_t^1 \sigma^N, \dots, \chi_t^I \sigma^N)\end{aligned}$$

- Planner's problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\max_{\boldsymbol{\kappa}_t, \boldsymbol{\chi}_t} \mathbb{E}_t[dr_t^N(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_t)]/dt - \mathbf{s}_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\chi}_t) & \quad (= dr^F/dt \text{ in equilibrium}) \\ \text{s.t. } F(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_t, \boldsymbol{\chi}_t) \leq 0 & \quad (\text{Financial Frictions})\end{aligned}$$

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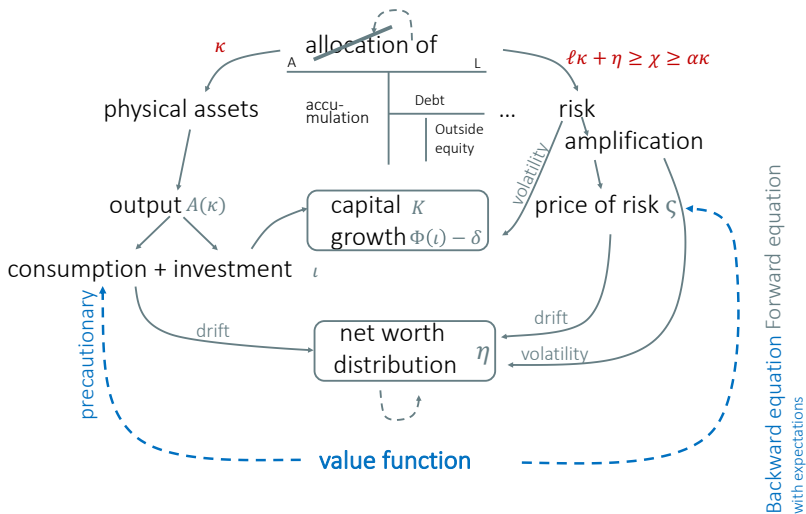
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# The Big Picture



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with expectations

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## 4a. Obtain $\kappa$ for Goods Market Clearing (Outside Equity)

### ■ Determination of $\kappa_t$

■ Based on difference in risk premia  $(\zeta_t^e - \zeta_t^h)(\sigma + \sigma_t^q)$

■ For log utility:  $(\sigma_t^{n^e} - \sigma_t^{n^h})(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) = \frac{\kappa_t^e - \eta_t^e}{(1 - \eta_t^e)\eta_t^e}(\sigma + \sigma_t^q)$

Since:  $\eta_t^{\eta^e} = \frac{\kappa_t^e - \eta_t^e}{\eta_t^e}(\sigma + \sigma_t^q)$ ,  $\eta_t^{\eta^h} = -\frac{\eta_t^e}{1 - \eta_t^e}\sigma_t^{\eta^e}$ , and  $\sigma_t^{n^e} - \sigma_t^{n^h} = \sigma_t^{\eta^e} - \sigma_t^{\eta^h}$

### ■ Hence,

$$\frac{a^e - a^h}{q_t} \geq \alpha \frac{\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e}{(1 - \eta_t^e)\eta_t^e}(\sigma + \sigma_t^q), \text{ with equality if } \kappa_t^e < 1 \text{ and } \chi_t^e < \ell\kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e.$$

### ■ Determination of $\chi_t^e$ :

$$\chi_t^e = \max\{\alpha\kappa_t^e, \eta_t^e\}$$

### ■ Determination of $\kappa_t^e$ in the leverage constrained region:

$$\kappa_t^e = \frac{\eta_t^e}{\alpha - \ell}$$

## 4a. Investments and Capital Prices

- Replacing  $\iota_t$ .

- Recall from optimal re-investment  $\Phi'(\iota) = 1/q_t$ :

$$\Phi(\iota) = \frac{1}{\phi} \log(\phi\iota + 1) \Rightarrow \boxed{\phi\iota = q - 1}$$

- Recall from “amplification slide”

$$\sigma + \sigma_t^q = \frac{\sigma}{1 - \frac{q'(\eta_t^e)}{q(\eta_t^e)/\eta_t^e} \frac{\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e}{\eta_t^e}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma^q = \frac{q'(\eta_t^e)}{q(\eta_t^e)} (\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e) (\sigma + \sigma_t^q)}$$

## 4a. Market Clearing

- Output good market:

$$(\kappa_t^e a^e + (1 - \kappa_t^e) a^h - \iota_t) K_t = C_t$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\kappa_t^e a^e + (1 - \kappa_t^e) a^h - \iota_t = q_t [\eta_t \rho^e + (1 - \eta_t) \rho^h]}$$

- Capital market is taken care off by price-taking social planner approach.
- Risk-free debt market also taken care off by price taking social planner approach (would be cleared by Walras Law anyways)



## 4b. Algorithm – Static Step

- We have five static conditions

1  $\phi_{\iota t} = q_t - 1$

2 Planner condition for  $\kappa_t^e$ :  $\frac{a^e - a^h}{q_t} \geq \alpha \frac{\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e}{(1 - \eta_t^e)\eta_t^e} (\sigma + \sigma_t^q)^2$

3 Planner condition for  $\chi_t^e$ :  $\chi_t^e = \max\{\alpha \kappa_t^e, \eta_t^e\}$

4  $\kappa_t^e a_t^e + (1 - \kappa_t^e) a^h - \iota(q_t) - q_t[\eta_t \rho^e + (1 - \eta_t)] \rho^h$

5  $\sigma^q = \frac{q'(\eta_t^e)}{q(\eta_t^e)} (\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e) (\sigma + \sigma_t^q)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Get  $q(\eta^e), \kappa^e(\eta^e), \sigma^q(\eta^e)$ .

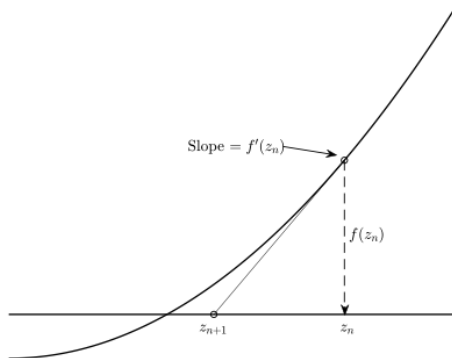
- Start at  $q(0)$ , solve to the right, use different procedure for two  $\eta$  regions depending on  $\kappa$ :

1 While  $\kappa^e < 1$ , solve ODE for  $q(\eta^e)$

- For given  $q(\eta)$ , plug optimal investment (1) into (4)
- Plug in the Planner's condition of  $\chi_t$
- Solve ODE using three equilibrium condition (2),(4) and (5) via Newton's method
- if  $\chi_t^e \geq \ell \kappa_t^e + \eta_t^e$ , replace  $\kappa_t^e$  by  $\frac{\eta_t^e}{\alpha - \ell}$ , solve (3) (4) (5) for  $\chi(\eta^e), q(\eta^e), \sigma^q(\eta^e)$

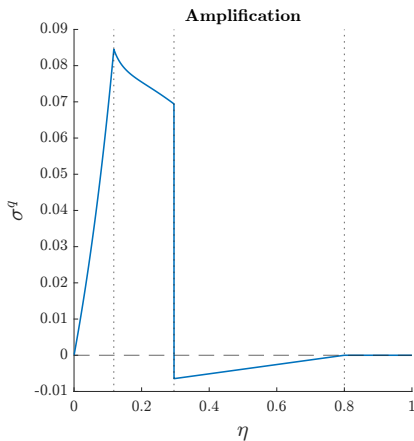
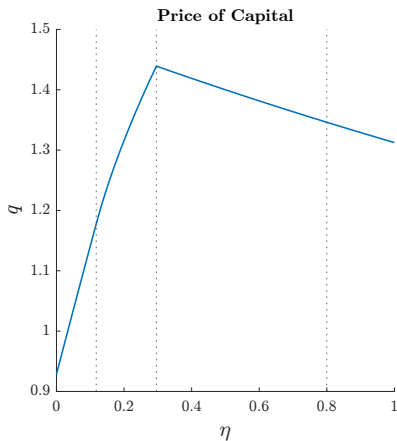
2 When  $\kappa^e = 1$ , (2) is no longer informative, solve (1) (4) for  $q(\eta^e)$   
(HINT: When constraint binds, we directly substitute in  $\kappa^e$ )

## 4b. Aside: Newton's Method



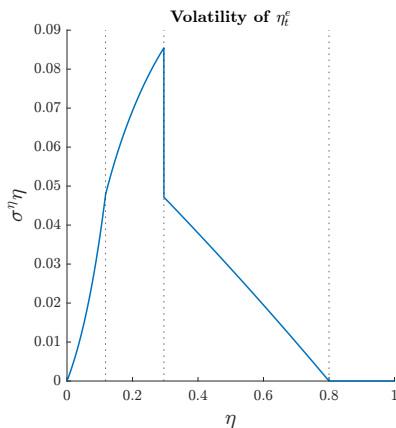
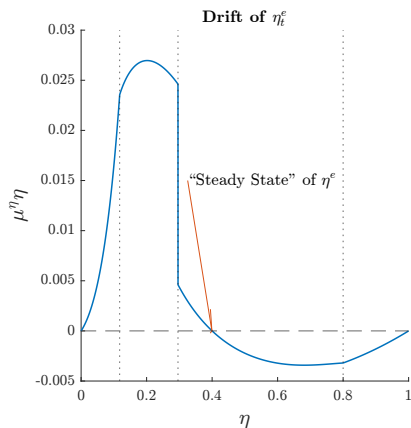
$$\mathbf{z}_n = \begin{bmatrix} q_t \\ \kappa_t^e \\ \sigma + \sigma_t^q \end{bmatrix}, F(\mathbf{z}_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \kappa_t^e a_t^e + (1 - \kappa_t^e) a^h - \iota(q_t) - q_t[\eta_t \rho^e + (1 - \eta_t) \rho^h] \\ q'(\eta_t^e)(\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e)(\sigma + \sigma_t^q) - \sigma^q q(\eta_t^e) \\ (a^e - a^h) - \alpha q_t \frac{\chi_t^e - \eta_t^e}{(1 - \eta_t^e) \eta_t^e} (\sigma + \sigma_t^q)^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \text{goods mkt} \\ \text{amplif} \\ \text{Planner.} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Capital Price and Volatility



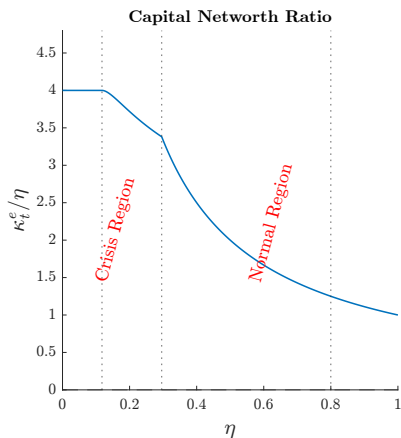
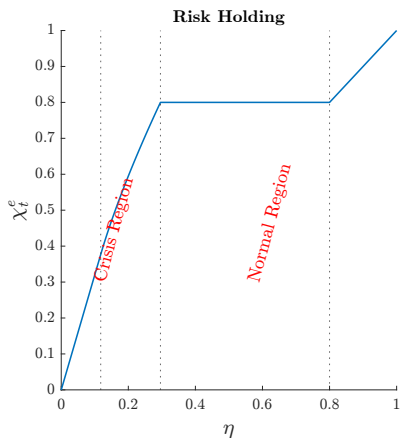
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# Net Worth Evolution: Drift & Volatility



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# Risk Allocation & Leverage

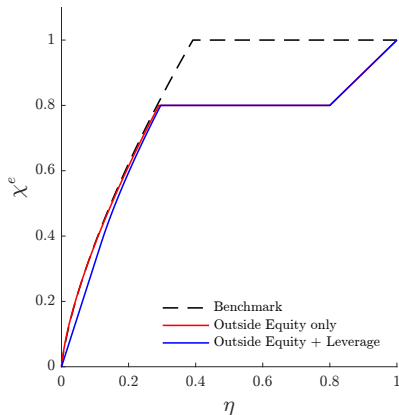
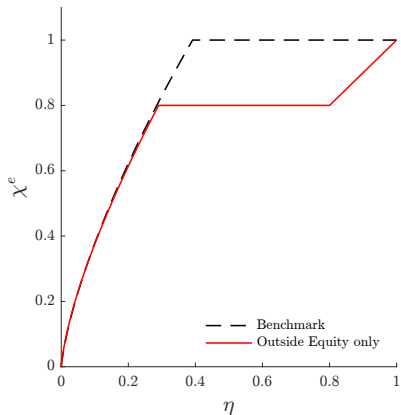


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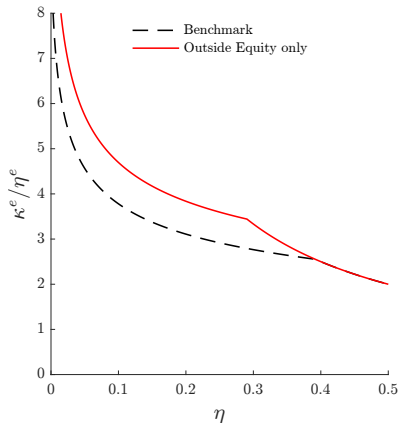
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limit leverage  $\ell = .55$

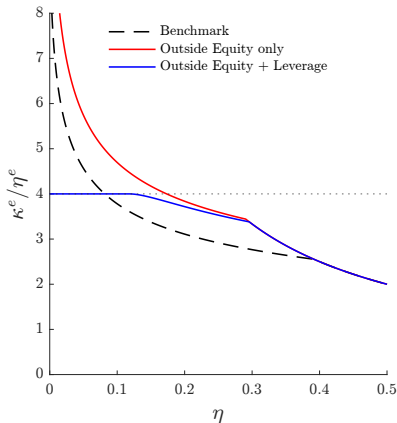


# Leverage: Capital Net Worth Ratio

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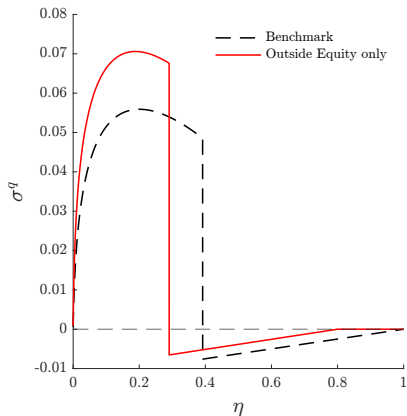


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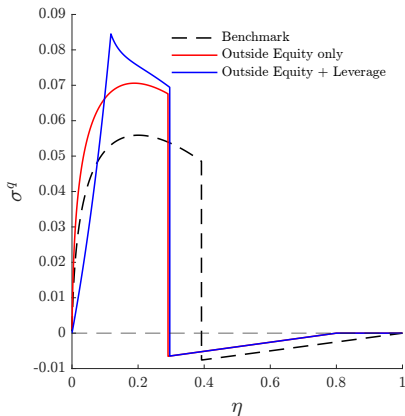


# Price Volatility: Compare with $\alpha = 1, \ell = 1$

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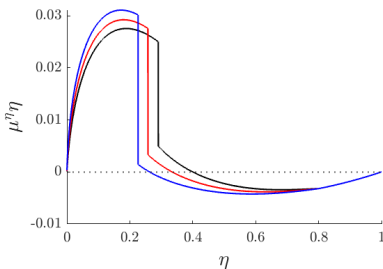
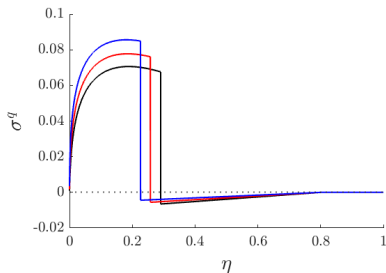
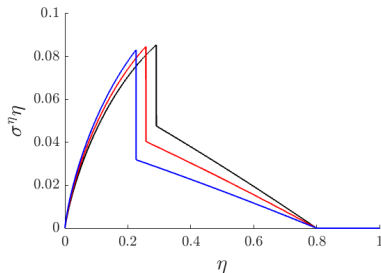
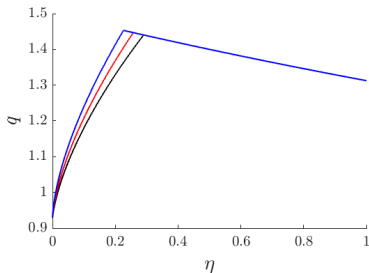




# Volatility Paradox $\alpha = 0.8$

- $\sigma^\eta$  (as well as  $\sigma + \sigma^q$ ) stays roughly constant as  $\sigma$  varies (even when  $\sigma \rightarrow 0$ )

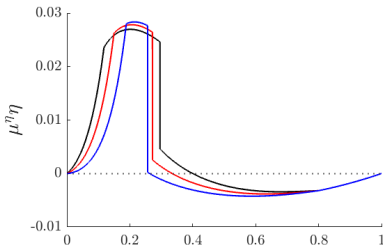
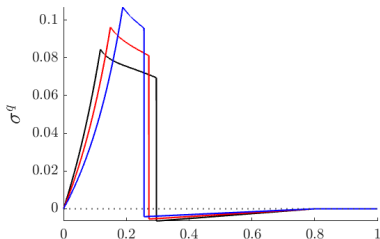
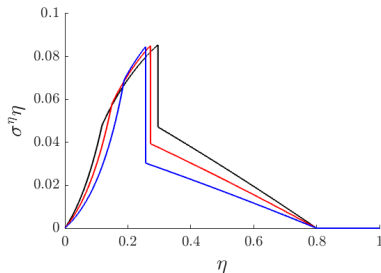
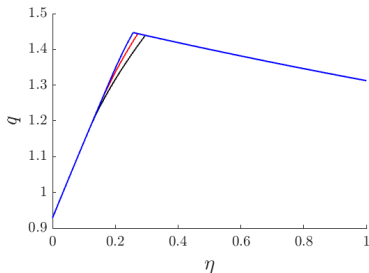
$$\sigma = 0.10, \sigma = 0.08, \sigma = 0.06$$



# Volatility Paradox $\alpha = 0.8, \ell = 0.55$

- arises in fire-sale region in which leverage constraint does **not** bind
- leverage constraints lowers volatility and drift

$$\sigma = 0.10, \sigma = 0.08, \sigma = 0.06$$



# Solving Macro Models Step-by Step

0 Postulate aggregates, price processes and obtain return processes

1 For given  $C/N$ -ratio and SDF processes for each  $i$

finance block

*Toolbox 1: Martingale approach, HJB vs. Stochastic Maximum Principle Approach*

a Real investment  $\iota$  + Goods market clearing (*static*)

b Fisher separation theorem

Portfolio choice  $\theta$  + asset market clearing or

Asset allocation  $\kappa$  & risk allocation  $\chi$

*Toolbox 2: "Price-taking" social planner approach*

*Toolbox 3: Change in numeraire to total wealth (including SDF)*

2 Evolution of state variable  $\eta$  (and  $K$ )  $\Rightarrow$  **as in Lecture 04**

forward equation

3 Value functions

backward equation

a Value fcn. as fcn. of individual investment opportunities  $\omega$

*Special case: log-utility*

4 Numerical model solution

5 KFE: Stationary distribution, Net worth trap

## 5. Kolmogorov Forward Equation

- Given an initial distribution  $f(\eta, 0) = f_0(\eta)$ , the density distribution follows:

$$\frac{\partial f(\eta, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial[f(\eta, t)\mu(\eta)]}{\partial \eta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2[f(\eta, t)\sigma^2(\eta)]}{\partial \eta^2}$$

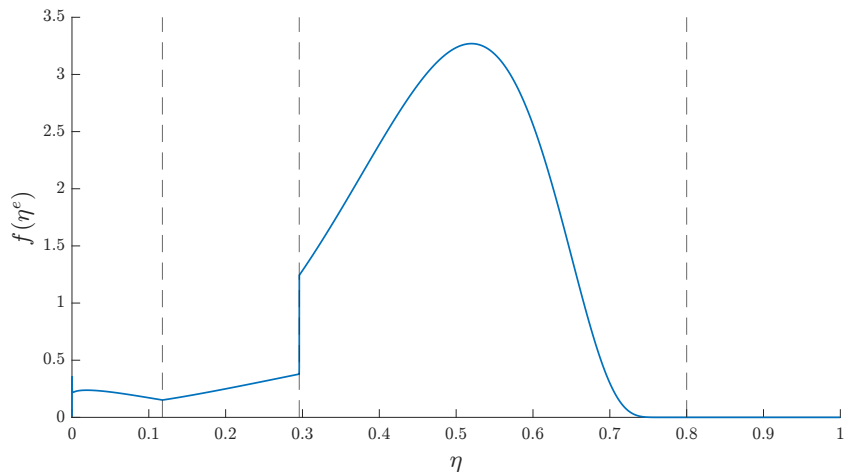
- “Kolmogorov Forward Equation” is in physics referred to as “Fokker-Planck Equation”
- Corollary: If stationary distribution  $f(\eta)$  exists, it satisfies ODE:

$$0 = -\frac{d[f(\eta)\mu(\eta)]}{d\eta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2[f(\eta)\sigma^2(\eta)]}{d\eta^2}$$

- Closed form solution:

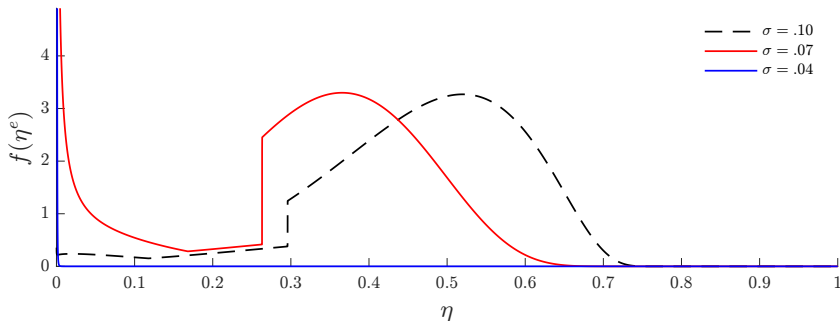
$$f(\eta) = \frac{\text{Const}}{\sigma^2(\eta)} \exp\left(\int_0^\eta \frac{2\mu(x)}{\sigma^2(x)} dx\right)$$

## 5. Stationary Distribution



## Stationary Distribution for Different $\sigma$

- “Net worth Trap”: Stationary distribution is double-humped shaped
- Lack of Resilience
- Fundamental volatility:  $\sigma = .10$ ,  $\sigma = .07$ ,  $\sigma = .04$



- around  $\eta = .3$ : steady state positive drift but thrown back by skewed shocks
- around  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ : positive drift but thrown back by skewed shocks

# Existence of Stationary Distribution

- Observation of comp statics  $\Rightarrow$  stationary dist does not exist for  $\sigma = 0.04$
- (Intuition side) When does invariant distribution exist?  $\Rightarrow$  **recurrency**
  - Forces pull particle out when collapse.
  - “Bounce” back when hitting barrier.
- (Math side) Recall closed form solution:

$$f(\eta) = \frac{\text{Const}}{\sigma^2(\eta)} \exp\left(\int_0^\eta \frac{2\mu(x)}{\sigma^2(x)} dx\right)$$

- $f(\eta) \geq 0$ : probability cannot be negative.
- $\int f(\eta) d\eta = 1$ : probability distribution is normalizable.

## Aside: KFE Analytical Example

- Reflected Geometric Brownian Motion (Reflecting barrier at  $x = d$ ):

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sigma X_t dZ_t - dU_t, X_t \in (0, d]$$

- KFE:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(\mu x f)}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2(\sigma^2 x^2 f)}{\partial x^2}$$

- Stationary distribution

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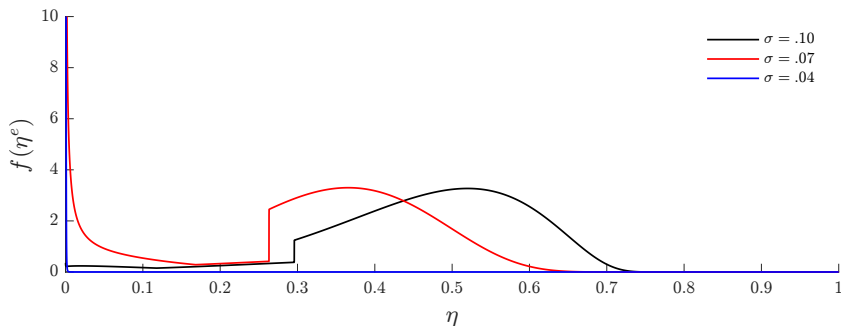
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- “Bouncing back” because of reflecting barrier at  $x = d$ .
- “Pulled back” by strong enough  $\mu(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

# Stationary Distribution Revisited



- Asymptotic solution ( $\eta \rightarrow 0$ ):

$$f(\eta) \sim \left( \frac{2\mu(0)}{\sigma^2(0)} - 1 \right) \eta^{\frac{2\mu(0)}{\sigma^2(0)} - 2}$$

- $\frac{2\mu(0)}{\sigma^2(0)} \geq 2$ :  $f(\eta)$  is finite at  $\eta = 0$
- $2 \geq \frac{2\mu(0)}{\sigma^2(0)} > 1$ :  $f(\eta)$  is infinite at  $\eta = 0$ , but still normalizable ( $\int f d\eta < \infty$ )
- $1 \geq \frac{2\mu(0)}{\sigma^2(0)}$ :  $f(\eta)$  is infinite at  $\eta = 0$ , stationary distribution does not exist

# Net Worth Trap & Volatility Paradox Interaction

- Net Worth Trap based on volatility paradox interaction with leverage constraint:
  - Leverage constraint depresses  $\mu^\eta$  and  $\sigma^\eta$
  - High volatility in fire-sale region outside binding leverage constraint
  - As  $\eta$  declines, does  $\mu^\eta$  or  $(\sigma^\eta)^2$  decline faster?
  
- Micro- and Macro-Prudential Regulation: Basel I, II, III
  - Basel I: fixed risk-weights and capital requirement
  - Basel II: risk-weights but not time-varying  $\Rightarrow$  Net Worth Trap
  - Basel III: Countercyclical capital buffer: (contemporaneous, not past)

# Desired Model Properties

- Normal regime: stable around steady state
  - Experts are adequately capitalized
  - Experts can absorb macro shock
- Endogenous risk and price of risk
  - Fire-sales
  - liquidity spirals
  - fat tails
- Volatility paradox
- Resilience vs. “Net worth trap” double-humped stationary distribution