

Asset Pricing Notes

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Abstract

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Model

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(c_t), \quad c_t + x_t \leq f(k_t) + e_t$$

e_t is random and $f(k) = 0, \forall k$, implies

$$c_t^* = e_t. \quad (\because f(k) = 0)$$

$$c_t + x_t \leq z_t f(k_t) + e_t$$

e_t is the source of randomness. $\{x_t\} \Leftrightarrow \{e_t\} = e(x_t)$, $\{e_t\}$ is a Markov process

$$P(e_{t+1} \in A | e_t, e_{t-1}, \dots) = P(e_{t+1} \in A | e_t).$$

Example 1

$$\begin{aligned} e_{t+1} &= \bar{e} + (1 - \rho) e_t + \varepsilon_{t+1}, \quad \varepsilon_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N \\ e_{t+1} &= g(e_t, \varepsilon_{t+1}), \quad \{\varepsilon_t\} \text{ is a sequence of i.i.d. r.v.} \end{aligned}$$

For $f(e_t, e_{t+1})$,

$$E[e_{t+1} | e_t] = \int_E e f(e_t, e) de.$$

$$g(e_{t+1}) \rightarrow E[g(e_{t+1}) | e_t] = \int_E g(e) f(e_t, e') de'.$$

If $e_t \in \{e, e_n\}$, $f(e_t, e_j)$

$$E[g(e_{t+1}) | e_t] = \sum_{j=1}^n g(e_j) f(e_t, e_j).$$

Expected utility

$$u(c_t) + \beta \sum_{j=1}^n f(e_t, e_j) u[c_{t+1}(e_j)] + \beta^2 \dots$$

$$c_t + b_{t+1} + \underset{\text{Stock}}{p_t^s s_{t+1}} + \sum_{j=1}^n \underset{\text{Arrow security (lottery)}}{q_t(e_j) z_t(e_j)} \leq \text{wealth at } t \quad (\lambda_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{t+1}(e_j) + b_{t+2}(e_j) + p_{t+1}^s s_{t+2}(e_j) &\leq y_{t+1}(e_j) + R_{t+1} b_{t+1} \\ &\quad + s_{t+1} [p_{t+1}^s(e_j) + d_{t+1}(e_j)] + \frac{z_t(e_j)}{\# \text{ of winning ticket}} \cdot (\hat{\lambda}_{t+1}(e_j)) \end{aligned}$$

in a complete market. Let

$$\hat{\lambda}_{t+1}(e_j) = \beta f(e_t, e_j) \lambda_{t+1}(e_j).$$

The lagrangian

$$u(c_t) + \beta \sum_{t=1}^n f(e_t, e_j) \left\{ +\lambda_{t+1}(e_j) \left[\begin{array}{l} u(c_{t+1}(e_j)) \\ y_{t+1}(e_j) + R_{t+1}b_{t+1} + [p_{t+1}^s(e_j) + d_{t+1}(e_j)] s_{t+1} \\ + z_t(e_j) - c_{t+1}(e_j) - b_{t+2}(e_j) - p_{t+1}^s(e_j) s_{t+2}(e_j) \\ - \sum_{s=1}^n q_{t+1}(e_s) z_{t+1}(e_s) \end{array} \right] \right\} \\ + \lambda_t \left[\text{wealth}@t - c_t - b_{t+1} - p_t^s s_{t+1} - \sum_{j=1}^n q_t(e_j) z_t(e_j) \right].$$

F.O.Cs:

$$\begin{aligned} c_t &: u'(c_t) = \lambda_t. \\ b_{t+1} &: -\lambda_t + R_{t+1} \beta \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{t+1}(e_j) f(e_t, e_j) = 0. \quad \text{discounted expected MU} \\ s_{t+1} &: -\lambda_t p_t^s + \beta \sum_{j=1}^n f(e_t, e_j) \lambda_{t+1}(e_j) [p_{t+1}^s(e_j) + d_{t+1}(e_j)] = 0. \\ z_t(e_j) &: -\lambda_t q_t(e_j) + \beta \lambda_{t+1}(e_j) f(e_t, e_j) = 0. \\ c_{t+1}(e_j) &: \beta f(e_t, e_j) [u'(c_{t+1}(e_j)) - \lambda_{t+1}(e_j)] = 0. \\ b_{t+1} &: u'(c_t) = \beta R_{t+1} \sum_{j=1}^n u'(c_{t+1}(e_j)) f(e_t, e_j) \\ &: u'(c_t) = \beta R_{t+1} E_t \{u'(c_{t+1})\} \\ s_{t+1} &: u'(c_t) p_t^s = \beta E_t \{u'(c_{t+1}) (p_{t+1}^s + d_{t+1})\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_t(e_j) &= u'(c_t) q_t(e_j) = \beta u'(c_{t+1}(e_j)) f(e_t, e_j) \\ \Rightarrow q_t(e_j) &= \frac{\beta u'(c_{t+1}(e_j))}{u'(c_t)} f(e_t, e_j). \end{aligned}$$

Non-random economies

$$\begin{aligned} \{e_t\} &\rightarrow \begin{cases} f(e_t, e_{t+1}) = 1 \\ f(e_t, e) = 0, e \neq e_{t+1} \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow u'(c_t) &= \beta R_{t+1} u'(c_{t+1}). \end{aligned}$$

$$E_t(g(e_{t+1})) = \sum_{j=1}^n g(e) f(e_t, e) = \int_E g(e) f(e_t, e) de.$$

$$F(e_t, e^*) \equiv P(e_{t+1} \leq e^* | e_t)$$

$$E_t[g(e_{t+1})] = \int g(e) F(e_t, de).$$

$$R_{t+1}^s(e_j) \equiv \frac{p_{t+1}^s(e_j) + d_{t+1}(e_j)}{p_t^s}.$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u'(c_t) &= \beta E_t [u'(c_{t+1}) R_{t+1}^s] \\ u'(c_t) &= \beta E_t [u'(c_{t+1}) R_{t+1}] \end{aligned} \right\} = 0 = E_t \left\{ \underbrace{u'(c_{t+1}) (R_{t+1}^s - R_{t+1})}_{\text{Conditional Variance}} \right\}$$

If $u' > 0 \Rightarrow (R_{t+1}^s - R_{t+1})$ must have some state $-ve$. [Remark – Nonstochastic economy:
 $1 - \delta + r_{t+1} = R_{t+1}^s = R_{t+1}$].

In general, X, Y two random variables

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X, Y) &= E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] \\ &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y). \end{aligned}$$

Let $X = u'(c_{t+1}), Y = R_{t+1}^s - R_{t+1}$,

$$E_t(XY) = 0 = E_t(X)E_t(Y) + Cov_t(XY).$$

Good time: $R_{t+1} \uparrow, c_{t+1} \uparrow, u'(c_{t+1}) \downarrow$.

Bond:

$$R_{t+1}^{-1} \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n q_t(e_j). \quad (\text{no arbitrage})$$

$$\beta \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n u'(c_{t+1}(e_j)) f(e_t, e_j)}{u'(c_t)} = \frac{\beta E_t \{u'(c_{t+1})\}}{u'(c_t)} = R_{t+1}^{-1} \quad (\text{From } b_{t+1}).$$

Assume pure discount bond:

$$\begin{aligned} c_t + b_{t+1} + p_t^s s_{t+1} + \sum_{j=1}^n q_t(e_j) z_t(e_j) + \sum_{i=1}^k P(t, t+i) L(t, t+i) \\ \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} L(t-1, t+i) P(t, t+i) + p_t^s (s_t + d_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$L(t, t+i) = -\lambda_t P(t, t+i) + \beta \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{t+1}(e_j) f(e_t, e_j) P(t+1, t+i)(e_j)$$

Remark: Risk-free is related to payoff (not price). In this model, price is endogeneous.

$$u'(c_t) P(t, t+i) = \beta E_t \{u'(c_{t+1}) P(t+1, t+i)\}$$

This is stock with no dividend (check s_{t+1} F.O.C.).

$$u'(c_{t+i-1}) P(t+i-1, t+i) = \beta E_{t+i-1} \{u'(c_{t+i}) \times 1\}$$

$R_{t+i-1}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{Work backward}$

$$\begin{aligned} u'(c_t) P(t, t+i) &= \beta^i E_t \{u'(c_{t+i})\} \\ P(t, t+i) &= \frac{\beta^i E_t \{u'(c_{t+i})\}}{u'(c_t)}. \end{aligned}$$

The term structure of interest rate

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + r_t(i) &= \sqrt[i]{P(t, t+i)^{-1}} \\ 1 + r_t(i) &= \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{u'(c_t)}{E_t u'(c_{t+i})} \right)^{\frac{1}{i}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta} \text{ for } i \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

if $u'(c_t)$ is bounded.

[Insert diagram here]

Case (I) c_t is i.i.d. ($c_t = e_t$)

$$E_t u'(c_{t+1}) = E u'(c_{t+1})$$

$$1 + r_t(i) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{u'(c_t)}{E u'(c_{t+1})} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

"Bad times" c_t is low, $u'(c_t) > E[u'(c_{t+1})]$. Temporary shock – borrowing.

Case (II) Growth ($c_{t+1} = \gamma_{t+1} c_t$ { γ_{t+1} } is i.i.d.)

$$u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\theta}}{1-\theta}$$

$$P(t, t+1) = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{c_t^{-\theta}}{E_t \{c_t^{-\theta} \gamma_{t+1}^{-\theta}\}},$$

$$P(t, t+1) = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{E_t \gamma_{t+1}^{-\theta}}, \quad \gamma_t > 1 \text{ (growing)}$$

Permanent shock – no borrowing. More general process will be in between permanent and temporary shock.

Lucas critique

$$c_t = e_t.$$

$$y_{t+1} = y_t^\phi \varepsilon_{t+1}, \quad \ln \varepsilon_{t+1} \sim N(\mu_\varepsilon, \sigma_\varepsilon^2),$$

$$g_t = \frac{G_t}{y_t} = \theta_t,$$

$$(1 - \theta_{t+1}) = (1 - \theta_t)^\xi v_{t+1}, \quad \ln v_{t+1} \sim N(\mu_v, \sigma_v^2).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_t^* &= (1 - \theta_t) y_t & \left[u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\eta}}{1-\eta} \right] \\
P(t, t+1) &\rightarrow u'(c_t) P(t, t+1) = \beta E_t \{ u'(c_{t+1}) \}. \\
\Rightarrow [(1 - \theta_t) y_t]^{-\eta} P(t, t+1) &= \beta E_t \{ [(1 - \theta_{t+1}) y_{t+1}]^{-\eta} \} \\
&= \beta E_t \left\{ \left[(1 - \theta_t)^\xi y_t^\phi \varepsilon_{t+1} v_{t+1} \right]^{-\eta} \right\} \\
\Rightarrow [(1 - \theta_t) y_t]^{-\eta} P(t, t+1) &= \beta (1 - \theta_t)^{-\xi \eta} y_t^{-\eta \phi} E_t \left[(\varepsilon_{t+1} v_{t+1})^{-\eta} \right]. \\
& \quad e^{-\eta \mu_\varepsilon + \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2}} e^{-\eta \mu_v + \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

(Assume ε_{t+1} and v_{t+1} are independent)

$$\frac{1}{P(t, t+1)} = (1 - \theta_t)^{\eta(\xi-1)} y_t^{\xi(\phi-1)} \frac{1}{\beta} e^{\eta \mu_\varepsilon - \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2}} e^{\eta \mu_v - \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln(R_{t+1}) &= \ln\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right) + \eta(\phi-1) \ln y_t + \eta(\xi-1) \ln(1 - \theta_t) + \eta \mu_\varepsilon - \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2} + \eta \mu_v - \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2}, \\
&= \ln\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right) + \eta(\phi-1) \ln y_t + \eta(1-\xi) \frac{G_t}{y_t} + \eta \mu_\varepsilon - \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2} + \eta \mu_v - \eta^2 \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2}. \\
&\quad (\because \ln(1-x) \approx -x)
\end{aligned}$$

Now suppose $(1 - \theta_{t+1}) = (1 - \theta_t)^\xi v_{t+1}$, $v_{t+1} = v$, $\sigma_v^2 = 0$, $\xi = 1$,

$$\ln R_{t+1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln y_t + \beta_2 \ln \frac{G_t}{y_t}, \quad R^2 = 1.$$

Lucas critique: β_0 , β_1 , β_2 no use after policy change (regime change, no use in policy analysis).

Lucas "Tree" economy

$$u'(c_t) = \beta R_{t+1} E_t \{ u'(c_{t+1}) \} \quad (1)$$

$$P(t, t+j) = \beta^j E_t \left\{ \frac{u'(c_{t+1})}{u'(c_t)} \right\} \quad (j - \text{period bond}) \quad (2)$$

$$u'(c_t) p_t^s = \beta E_t \{ u'(c_{t+1}) (p_{t+1}^s + d_{t+1}) \} \quad (\text{Price of stock}) \quad (3)$$

$$q(c_t, c') = \beta \frac{u'(c')}{u'(c_t)} f(c_t, c') \quad (\text{Arrow's securities}) \quad (4)$$

Yield $\left(\frac{1}{P(t, t+j)}\right)^{\frac{1}{j}}$. Rewrite (3) \rightarrow Optimal capital structure and price earning's ratio \rightarrow pricing options.

$$(d_{1t}, \dots, d_{kt}) = X_t, \quad c_t = \sum_{k=1}^K d_{kt}.$$

From (4),

$$q(c(X_t, X')) = \beta \frac{u'(c(X'))}{u'(c(X_t))} \hat{f}(X_t, X').$$

From (3) and get rid of p_{t+1}

$$\begin{aligned}
u'(c_t) p_t^s &= \beta E_t \left\{ u'(c_{t+1}) \left[d_{t+1} + \frac{\beta E_{t+1} (u'(c_{t+2}) (d_{t+2} + p_{t+2}^s))}{u'(c_{t+1})} \right] \right\} \\
&= \sum \beta^j E_t [E_{t+j} (u'(c_{t+j}) d_{t+j})] + \beta^T E_t [E_{T-1} (u'(c_T)) p_T^s] \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^T \beta^j E_t [u'(c_{t+j}) d_{t+j}] + \underset{\rightarrow 0 \text{ by transversality condition}}{E_t [\beta^T u'(c_T) p_T^s]} \\
p_t^s &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j E_t \left\{ \begin{array}{c} u'(c_{t+j}) \\ u'(c_t) \uparrow Y_{t+j} \\ \uparrow X_{t+j} \end{array} d_{t+j} \right\}. \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$p_t^s \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_t (d_{t+j}) P(t, t+j) \quad (\text{Expectational theory})$$

From (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
p_t^s &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j E_t \left[\frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)} \right] E_t (d_{t+j}) + \beta^j \text{Cov}_t \left(\frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)}, d_{t+j} \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(t, t+j) E_t (d_{t+j}) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j \text{Cov}_t \left(\frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)}, d_{t+j} \right) \\
&\hspace{15em} (\text{Market price of risk})
\end{aligned}$$

If $u(c_t) = \bar{u}_0 + \bar{u}_1 c_t$ (Risk neutral), $\text{Cov}_t = 0$.

Two trees

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
E_t() & E(d_{t+j}^A) & E(d_{t+j}^B) \\
\text{Cov}_t() & \text{Cov}_t(c_{t+1}, d_{t+1}^A) > 0 & \text{Cov}_t(c_{t+1}, d_{t+1}^B) < 0
\end{array}$$

Expectational theory (only concern 1st moment) \Rightarrow

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(t, t+j) \left[\frac{E_t(d_{t+j}^A)}{P_{At}^s} - \frac{E_t(d_{t+j}^B)}{P_t^B} \right] = 0.$$

(2nd moment)

$$\text{Cov}_t \left(\frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)}, d_{t+j}^A \right) < 0, \quad \text{Cov}_t \left(\frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)}, d_{t+j}^B \right) > 0.$$

$$\{d_t^k\} = (d_{t+1}^k, d_{t+2}^k, \dots)$$

$$\text{One period bond} = (1, 0, 0, \dots) \quad - P(t, t+1) = R_{t+1}^{-1}$$

$$j\text{-period bond} = \left(0, \dots, 0, \underset{\uparrow t+j}{1}, 0, \dots \right) \quad - P(t, t+j)$$

$$\text{Constant coupon bond} = (n, n, n, \dots)$$

If $X_{t+2} = X''$ and $X_{t+1} = X'$ (1 unit @ $t + 2$, component effect)

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} \beta \frac{u'(c(X'))}{u'(c(X_t))} \beta \frac{u'(c(X''))}{u'(c(X'))} \hat{f}(X_t, X') \hat{f}(X', X'') dX'$$

Two period Arrow–Debreu price

$$\begin{aligned} q^2(X_t, X'') &= \beta^2 \frac{u'(c(X''))}{u'(c(X_t))} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \hat{f}(X_t, X') \hat{f}(X', X'') dX \\ &= \beta^2 \frac{u'(c(X''))}{u'(c(X_t))} \hat{f}^{(2)}(X_t, X''). \\ q^j(X_t, X'') &= \beta^j \frac{u'(c(X''))}{u'(c(X_t))} \hat{f}^{(j)}(X_t, X''). \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} p_t^s &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j E_t \left\{ \frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)} d_{t+j} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \beta^j \frac{u'(c(X_{t+j}))}{u'(c(X_t))} d_{t+j}(X_{t+j}) \hat{f}^{(j)}(X_t, X_{t+j}) dX_{t+j} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int d_{t+j}(X_{t+j}) q^j(X_t, X_{t+j}) dX_{t+j} \end{aligned}$$

(All the price can be expressed in terms of Arrow security)

$r_{t+j}(X_{t+j})$ arbitrary payout

$$p_t^B = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j E_t \left\{ \frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)} r_{t+j}(X_{t+j}) \right\}$$

If B bonds are issued,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}_{t+j} &= d_{t+j} - r_{t+j}(X_{t+j}) B \\ \hat{p}_t^s &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j E_t \left\{ \frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)} \hat{d}_{t+j} \right\} \\ p_t^s &= \hat{p}_t^s + p_t^B B \end{aligned}$$

$$p_t^s = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j E_t \left\{ \frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)} \left[\underbrace{\hat{d}_{t+j} + r_{t+j}(X_{t+j}) B}_{d_{t+j}} \right] \right\}$$

Option: Gives the holder the right to buy (before dividends are paid out) a share at price \bar{p} (strike price)

$$\begin{aligned} V(X_t, \bar{p}) &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} r^v(X_{t+1}) q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1} \\ r^v &= \begin{cases} p^s(X_{t+1}) + d_{t+1}(X_{t+1}) - \bar{p} \geq 0 & \text{if } X_{t+1} \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } X_{t+1} \in A^c \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$V(X_t, \bar{p}) + \bar{p}P(t, t+1) \stackrel{?}{\underset{\leq}{\geq}} p_t^s$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X_t, \bar{p}) &= \int_A [p_{t+1}^s(X_{t+1}) + d_{t+1}(X_{t+1}) - \bar{p}] q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} [p_{t+1}^s(X_{t+1}) + d_{t+1}(X_{t+1}) - \bar{p}] q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1} \\ &\quad - \int_{A^c} [p_{t+1}(X_{t+1}) + d_{t+1}(X_{t+1}) - \bar{p}] q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} \underbrace{[p_{t+1}^s + d_{t+1}] q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1}}_{p_t^s} - \bar{p} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \underbrace{q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1}}_{P(t, t+1)} \\ &\quad - \int_{A^c} [p_{t+1} + d_{t+1} - \bar{p}] q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{\bar{p}P(t, t+1) + V(X_t, \bar{p})}_{\text{For sure get } \bar{p}} = p_t^s - \underbrace{\int_{A^c} \left[\overbrace{p_{t+1} + d_{t+1} - \bar{p}}^{-ve} \right] q(X_t, X_{t+1}) dX_{t+1}}_{+ve}$$