

Econ 210B

Discussion Session N°5

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Plan for Today

Review: Date 0 vs Sequential Markets

Lucas Tree From Class

PS2 Problem E: Risk Sharing

PS2 Problem D: Lucas Tree and Storage Technology (Midterm 2024)

Goals for Today

- ▶ We want to be sure we can set up a general Lucas Tree problem
- ▶ For that we need
 1. Some understanding of what Arrow Debreu Date 0 and Arrow Debreu Sequential Markets are
 2. A lot of practice!
- ▶ We will do a quick review and then jump to 3 practice questions:
 1. Class Example of Lucas Tree Economy
 2. Problem Set 2, Problem E (Part II): Risk Sharing and Lucas Tree Economy
 3. Problem Set 2, Problem D: Lucas Tree and Storage Technology

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- ▶ Sounds familiar?

Date 0 vs Sequential Markets: Arrow Debreu Securities

Arrow Date-0 Economy

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→ Equivalence: $q_{t+1}^0(s^{t+1}) = Q_t(s_{t+1} \mid s^t) q_t^0(s^t)$ (under Complete Markets!)

Lucas Tree From Class

- ▶ Large number N of infinitely lived agents starting at $t = 0$, each owning a tree that bears $d(s_t)$ fruit (output) each period, process for $d(s_t)$ has Markov property: $\pi(s_t|s^{t-1}) = \pi(s_t|s_{t-1})$.
- ▶ Fruit cannot be stored, has to be consumed or sold.
- ▶ Each period there is a market for trees (or stocks on trees), with ex-dividend price $P(s^t)$, stock holdings at the beginning of time t are denoted by z_t .
- ▶ Each period there is a market for risk-free one-period bond paying a gross return R_t , bond holdings at the beginning of time t are denoted by b_t .
- ▶ Each period there are complete markets for Arrow Sequential (AS) securities, AS holdings at the beginning of time t , in state s^t are denoted by $a_t(s^t)$.
- ▶ There are “natural” borrowing constraints for bonds and AS, and short-sale constraints for trees.

Lucas Tree From Class

$$\max_{\{c_t^i(s^t)\}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \sum_{s^t} u(c_t^i(s^t)) \pi(s^t)$$

- ▶ N identical agents, perfectly competitive markets.
- ▶ **Assets:** Risk-free bonds, Stocks (claims on fruit), AS securities.

Source of funds:

$$z_t^i(d(s^t) + P_t(s^t)) + a_t^i(s^t) + R_t b_t^i$$

Use of funds:

$$c_t^i(s^t) + b_{t+1}^i + P_t(s^t) z_{t+1}^i + \sum_{s_{t+1}} a_{t+1}^i(s_{t+1}, s^t) Q_t(s_{t+1}|s^t)$$

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Optimality conditions:

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where $\sigma \in [0, 1]$, and s_t can take two values, $s_t = 0$ with probability π , and $s_t = 1$ with probability $1 - \pi$. The consumption good received each period cannot be stored, so if not consumed it perishes.

Both agents have logarithmic utility functions and maximize the expected present value of lifetime utility denoted by:

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(Skipped) **Part I: Arrow-Debreu Economy (a), (b)**

In this part, we consider an economy with a complete set of Arrow-Debreu securities available for trading before time 0.

PS2 E Part II: Lucas Tree Economy

In this part, we consider an economy with only two assets. Suppose now that the stochastic endowment of each agent, $y_t^1(s_t)$ and $y_t^2(s_t)$ above, represent the fruit dropped by a tree—Tree 1 for agent A, and Tree 2 for agent B.

The two assets in the economy are the claims (i.e., stocks) issued by the two agents on the fruit dropped by their respective tree. The total claims issued for each tree are normalized to 1.

Denote the holdings of stocks on Tree 1 by agent i at the beginning of time t by $z_{1,t}^i$, and for Tree 2 by $z_{2,t}^i$. As usual, we assume that stock holdings cannot be negative. No other assets are available in this economy.

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PS2 Problem D: Lucas Tree and Storage Technology (Midterm 2024)

Consider an economy populated by two agents, A and B. Each agent owns a tree that drops fruit every period according to the stochastic processes:

Agent A owns Tree 1, fruit: $y_t^A(s_t) = 1 + s_t$,

Agent B owns Tree 2, fruit: $y_t^B(s_t) = 1 - s_t$,

where s_t can take two values, $s_t = 0$ with probability 0.5, and $s_t = 1$ with probability 0.5.

The fruit received each period can be stored using a storage technology so that for each unit stored, the agent gets γ units of fruit next period, with $\gamma \in (0, 1)$.

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PS2 Problem D: Assets and Market Structure

The state s_0 is unrealized when agents solve their maximization problem, so $s_0 = 0$ with probability 0.5, and $s_0 = 1$ with probability 0.5.

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- ▶ Denote the holdings of stocks on Tree 1 by agent i at the beginning of time t by $z_{1,t}^i$, and for Tree 2 by $z_{2,t}^i$.
- ▶ The assets are traded in perfectly competitive asset markets at the ex-dividend prices $P_1^t(s^t)$ and $P_2^t(s^t)$, respectively.
- ▶ Finally, denote the fruit stored by agent i in period t to be carried into period $t + 1$ by k_{t+1}^i , where $k_{t+1}^i \geq 0$.

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where $y_t^j(s_t)$ represents the dividend payout from Tree j . The agent can use income from endowment, asset returns, and storage to finance consumption and asset purchases.

PS2 Problem D: (b) Lagrangian and Optimality Conditions

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PS2 Problem D: (b) Optimality Conditions

The optimality conditions are

$$\{c^i(s^t)\} \quad \frac{1}{c_t^i(s^t)} \pi(s^t) = \lambda_t^i(s^t)$$

$$\{z_{1,t+1}^i\} \quad -\lambda_t^i(s^t) P_t^1(s^t) + \beta \sum_{s_{t+1}} \left[P_{t+1}^1(s^{t+1}) + y_{t+1}^1(s_{t+1}) \right] \lambda_{t+1}^i(s^{t+1}) = 0$$

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$$\{\theta^i(s^t)\} \quad \theta_t^i(s^t) k_{t+1}^i = 0, \quad \theta_t^i(s^t) \geq 0.$$

for $i = A, B$, and for all t 's and s^t 's.

PS2 Problem D: (c) Market Clearing and Risk Sharing

(c) State the market clearing conditions for the economy.

Market clearing for fruit (output)

$$\sum_{i=A,B} c_t^i(s^t) + \sum_{i=A,B} k_{t+1}^i = y^t(s^t) + \gamma \sum_{i=A,B} k_t^i, \quad \forall t, s^t$$

Market clearing for claims on trees:

$$\sum_{i=A,B} z_{1,t}^i = 1, \quad \sum_{i=A,B} z_{2,t}^i = 1.$$

Evaluation: Can you evaluate if the agents are able to fully insure and obtain consumption that does not depend on s_t ? If yes, why? If not, why not?

Hint: Guess a consumption path independent of s_t and check whether the optimality conditions and the market clearing conditions are satisfied.

Useful Summaries

Arrow Debreu Date 0 Economy

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\{c_t^i(s^t)\}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \sum_{s^t} u(c_t^i(s^t)) \pi(s^t) \\ & \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} c_t^i(s^t) q_t^0(s^t) \leq \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^t} y_i^t(s^t) q_t^0(s^t) \end{aligned}$$

From FONC:

$$q_t^0(s^t) = \beta^t \frac{u'(c_t^i(s^t))}{\lambda_i} \pi(s^t) \quad \forall s^t, t, i$$

An instance of Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing!

$$P_t^i = E_t \left[\beta \frac{u'(c_{t+1}(s))}{u'(c_t)} x_{t+1}^i(s) \right]$$

In fact, you can use $q_t^0(s^t)$ to price any asset:

$$p^0 = \sum_t \sum_{s^t} q_t^0(s^t) x_t(s^t)$$

Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing

$$P^i = E[m(s)x^i(s)]$$

$$P_t^i = E_t[m_{t+1}(s)x_{t+1}^i(s)]$$

$$P_t^i = E_t\left[\beta \frac{u'(c_{t+1}(s))}{u'(c_t)} x_{t+1}^i(s)\right]$$

Asset Pricing: Summary

Three cases in discrete time:

- ▶ Arrow Debreu Markets:
 - ▶ All trade happens at time zero
 - ▶ Prices of AD securities are $q_t^0(s^t)$
- ▶ Arrow Sequential Markets:
 - ▶ Each period you trade securities to cover the following period risk
 - ▶ Prices of AS securities (given time t and s^t) are $Q_t(s_{t+1} | s^t)$
- ▶ Lucas Tree Economy
 - ▶ You trade at each period looking one period ahead
 - ▶ At least you will have one asset. A “tree” z_t that pays dividends $d_t(s^t)$ and has a price P_t .
 - ▶ You might also have more (different) trees, bonds, AS securities.

Useful:

- ▶ Fundamental theorem of asset pricing:
$$P = E[m(s)x(s)] = E[m]E[x] + cov[m, x]$$
- ▶ Equivalence between AD and AS: $q_{t+1}^0(s^{t+1}) = Q_t(s_{t+1} | s^t)q_t^0(s^t)$
- ▶ Pricing of an asset: $p^0 = \sum_t \sum_{s^t} q_t^0(s^t)x_t(s^t)$