

Log-linearized form of expressions from last time:

(IS):  $y_t = E_t [y_{t+1}] - \sigma r_{t+1}$  (demand is very forward-looking)

(LM):  $m_{t+1} - \bar{p}_t = b y_t - c i_{t+1}$

(LS):  $w_t - \bar{p}_t = \lambda n_t + z_t$ ,  $\lambda = 1 + \varphi$

(PS):  $p_t = (1-\delta)\beta E_t [p_{t+1}] + (1-\beta(1-\delta))(w_t - z_t)$

price setting

$\bar{p}_t = (1-\delta)\bar{p}_{t-1} + \delta p_t$

want higher prices if  
MC is higher.

(PF):  $n_t = y_t - z_t$

production  
function

Combine (PS) and (LS).

$$p_t = (1-\delta)\beta E_t [p_{t+1}] + (1-\beta(1-\delta))(\bar{p}_t + \lambda n_t)$$

let  $\hat{y}_t, \hat{n}_t$  be log-deviations of second best output and employment from steady state.

• let  $x_t = y_t - \hat{y}_t$  be the output gap.

Here:  $\hat{y}_t = z_t$  and  $\hat{n}_t = 0$ , so:

•  $x_t = y_t - \hat{y}_t = n_t - \hat{n}_t = n_t$

$\Rightarrow p_t = (1-\delta)\beta E_t [p_{t+1}] + (1-\beta(1-\delta))(\bar{p}_t + \lambda x_t)$

Thus, if we combine equations, we get:

(PC)  $\pi_t = \beta E_t [\pi_{t+1}] + \frac{\delta(1-\beta(1-\delta))}{1-\delta} \lambda x_t$

Phillips Curve

• of Calvo  
model:  $\beta = 1$

• where  $\pi_t \equiv p_t - p_{t-1}$

• if  $x_t > 0$  (boom), then there is upward pressure on inflation

The New Keynesian model is characterized by:

$$(IS): y_t = E_t[y_{t+1}] - \alpha r_{t+1}$$

$$r_{t+1} = i_{t+1} - E_t[\pi_{t+1}]$$

$$(LM): m_{t+1} - \bar{p}_t = b y_t - c i_{t+1}$$

$$(PC): \pi_t = \beta E_t[\pi_{t+1}] + d x_t$$

$$x_t = y_t - \hat{y}_t = y_t - z_t$$

• in principle, the central bank can achieve any level of  $y_t$ . (No capital accumulation here)

• can choose  $i_{t+1} \Rightarrow$  determines  $r_{t+1}$

$\Rightarrow$  determines  $y_t$

$\Rightarrow$  determines  $x_t$  (output gap)

$\Rightarrow$  determines  $\pi_t$

What is the welfare cost of inflation?

• more inflation  $\Rightarrow$  more distortion in prices when price staggering

$\Rightarrow$  misallocation of output.

Can think of  $i_{t+1}$  as the central bank's instrument

(since it is related one-to-one with  $m_{t+1}$ )

all of this was derived from micro-foundations, so we can do welfare analysis.

What if there are technology shocks?

$$(IS): y_t = E_t[y_{t+1}] - \alpha r_{t+1}$$

$$(PC): E_{t+1}[y_t] = E_{t+1}[\hat{y}_t] \text{ pins down } p_t$$

• Second best output is expected.

• don't have to look at (LM)  
• assume central bank can choose  $r_{t+1}$ .

Initial steady state: assume  $z=0$  current and expected.

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y}_t = \bar{y}_t = 0.$$

• Suppose  $z_{t+l}$  goes from 0 to  $z > 0 \quad \forall l > 0$

• suppose  $r$  is held constant.

$\Rightarrow$  by (IS),  $E_t[y_{t+1}] \uparrow$  by  $z$ , so  $y_t \uparrow$  by  $z$ .

• positive output gap

• demand boom driven by anticipated future productivity boom.

Optimal central bank policy is to choose  $r_{t+1}$

such that  $y_t = 0$ . Greenspan did effectively this.

(i.e. choose  $r_{t+1}$  s.t.  $z - \alpha r_{t+1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow r_{t+1} = \frac{z}{\alpha}$ )

• make it very attractive to wait to consume.

Suppose central bank has the rule  $r_t = b(y_t - \hat{y}_t)$

$$\text{Then } y_t = \left( \frac{1}{1+\alpha b} \right) z$$

• There is a very large role of  $E_{t+1}[y_t]$

Limitations of NK (New Keynesian) model:

- Only have nominal price (not wage) rigidities
- No capital accumulation
- No government. How does gov't spending affect demand/supply?
  - Ricardian equivalence / non-Ricardian equivalence
- Open goods / open financial markets
  - exchange rate is important

Additionally:

- Heterogeneity of agents (this what 453 is about)
  - incomplete mkt's (uninsurable idiosyncratic risk)
  - pre-cautionary savings
- Other distortions
  - imperfect competition in a more rich manner
  - frictions in labor markets: search/matching
    - involuntary unemployment
  - imperfect information in financial/credit mkt's.
    - credit vs. interest rate.
    - role for banking system/money