EQUILIBRIUM ASSET PRICING WITH FRICTIONS

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FIRST WELFARE THEOREM

The CC equilibrium consumption allocation is Pareto optimal.

Representative agent problem (\mathscr{R})

For a set of weights λ_i , we define

$$U(c) = \max_{c_1, \dots, c_I} \sum_{i=1}^{I} \frac{1}{\lambda_i} U_i(c_i)$$
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There exist weights λ_i such that the equilibrium consumption allocation solves the problem \mathcal{R} for the aggregate consumption c = e. Moreover, the equilibrium price process ψ and the consumption plan c = e is an equilibrium for the representative agent economy.

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EXAMPLE

Consider an economy with two agents. Both have time separable preferences of the form

$$U_{i} = E_{0} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{T} \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_{i}} [(c_{i,t})^{1 - \gamma_{i}} - 1] \right]$$

where $\gamma_1 = 1$ and $\gamma_2 = 1/2$.

- There exists a complete set of contingent claims in zero net supply and also a single share of long-lived asset, stock, with a dividend process δ_t . Each agent is endowed with half a share at time zero.
- Characterize the stock price process in this economy.

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• We assume that trading strategies are in $\mathscr{L}(S)$ and are such that the stochastic integral $\int_0^t \theta_s d(S_s/B_s)$ is a martingale under *Q*.

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$$r_0 = \rho + \mu - (1 + \xi_0)\sigma^2$$

• Volatility of stock returns is still equal to the volatility of dividend growth.

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- → Recursive utility
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What is it?

- \hookrightarrow Trading halt following extreme price movements.
- \hookrightarrow Market-wide CBs; CBs for individual stocks.
- → First advocated by the Brady Commission following the Black Monday of 1987.
 Now widely adopted around the world.

Why?

- \hookrightarrow To reduce excess volatility and improve price efficiency?
- → To restore orderly trading in the market?
- → To protect investors?

What are the consequences?

CIRCUIT BREAKERS: U.S. EXPERIENCE

Market-wide CB was triggered only once in the U.S. since 1988.

DJIA on Oct 27, 1997 7,800 7,600 7,400 7,200 9:30 10:30 11:30 14:00 15:00 16:00

CIRCUIT BREAKERS: CHINESE EXPERIENCE

First implemented on Jan 04, 2016, following the market crash in summer 2015. Abandoned after just 4 days.



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RELATED LITERATURE

Theory on trading halts:

- \hookrightarrow Greenwald and Stein (1988, 1991)
- → Subrahmanyam (1994, 1995)
- → Periodic trading halts: Hong and Wang (2000)
- Runs in financial markets: Diamond and Dybvig (1983), Bernardo and Welch (2004)
- Empirical evidence: Lee, Ready, Seguin (1994), Christie, Corwin, Harris (2002), Goldstein and Kavajecz (2004)

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- Two competitive agents: A and B
 - \hookrightarrow Endowed with ω and 1ω shares of the stock and bond.
 - → Log preferences over terminal wealth

$$u_i(W_T^i) = \ln(W_T^i), \quad i = \{A, B\}$$

• No intermediate consumption \Rightarrow riskless bond as numeraire.

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- Intuition: Think of η_t as likelihood ratio.
 - → Agent *B* will be more optimistic than *A* when $\delta_t > 0$. Then, those paths with high realized values for $\int_0^t \delta_s Z_s$ will be assigned higher probabilities under \mathbb{P}^B than under \mathbb{P} .

CIRCUIT BREAKERS

The stock market will be closed until *T* whenever the price of the stock S_t falls below the level $(1 - \alpha)S_0$.

$$\tau = \inf\{t \ge 0 : S_t = (1 - \alpha)S_0\}$$

- $\hookrightarrow \alpha$: circuit breaker limit, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$
- \hookrightarrow S₀: initial stock price endogenous
- After stock market closure agents are not able to change their stock postions
- Bond market remains open throughout the interval [0, *T*].

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Stock price when $\Delta \rightarrow 0$: wealth-weighted average of the prices under two agents' beliefs

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 $\hookrightarrow \widehat{S}_{t}^{i}$: price in a single-agent economy with agent i $\hookrightarrow \widehat{\omega}_{t}^{i}$: agent *i*'s wealth share

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where

$$\widehat{S}_t^A = D_t e^{(\mu - \sigma^2)(T - t)}$$
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Valuation gap: $e^{\delta(T-t)}$

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 - Sompute price at $t \le \tau \land T$ for given τ and \underline{S} , $S_t(\tau, \underline{S})$.
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EQUILIBRIUM: UPON MARKET CLOSURE

- Suppose agent *i* has wealth W_{τ}^{i} at time $\tau \leq T$.
- Portfolio problem at time τ for competitive agents:

$$V^{i}(W^{i}_{\tau},\tau) = \max_{\theta^{i}_{\tau},\phi^{i}_{\tau}} \mathbb{E}^{i}_{\tau} \left[\ln(\theta^{i}_{\tau}D_{T} + \phi^{i}_{\tau}) \right]$$

s.t. $\theta^{i}_{\tau}S_{\tau} + \phi^{i}_{\tau} = W^{i}_{\tau}$
 $W^{i}_{T} \ge 0$

 $V^i(W^i_\tau,\tau)$: indirect utility function for agent i at time τ

Market clearing conditions:

$$\theta_{\tau}^{A} + \theta_{\tau}^{B} = 1$$
 (stock market)
 $\phi_{\tau}^{A} + \phi_{\tau}^{B} = \Delta$ (bond market)

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In the limiting case with $\Delta \rightarrow 0$, upon market closure at $\tau < T$, both agents will hold all of their wealth in the stock with no bonds. The market clearing price is

 $S_{\tau} = \min\{\widehat{S}_{\tau}^A, \widehat{S}_{\tau}^B\}$

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Equilibrium: \underline{S}

Fixed point problem

$$\underline{S} = (1 - \alpha)S_0(\tau(\underline{S}), \underline{S}) \tag{(*)}$$

PROPOSITION

There is a unique solution to (*) *for any* $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ *.*

SPECIAL CASE: CONSTANT DISAGREEMENT

Calibration:

- \hookrightarrow T = 1
- \hookrightarrow $\mu = 10\%/250$
- $\hookrightarrow \sigma = 3\%$
- $\hookrightarrow \alpha = 5\%$
- $\rightarrow \delta = -2\%$ Agent B is pessimistic.
- $\hookrightarrow \omega = 90\%$ Most wealth initially owned by rational agent.

PRICE AND AGENT A'S PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS



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CONDITIONAL RETURN VOLATILITY AND RISK PREMIUM



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STRONGER EFFECTS EARLIER DURING TRADING SESSION


CIRCUIT BREAKER VS. PRE-SCHEDULED TRADING HALT



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THE "MAGNET EFFECT"



Probability to hit threshold as a function of price at t = 0.25

- \hookrightarrow Dotted line: complete markets
- → Solid line: with circuit breakers

Volatility amplification and CB limit α



WELFARE

Two ways to think about welfare in this model.

- Compute welfare under agents' respective beliefs
 - \hookrightarrow CBs reduce welfare
- Paternalistic view: Compute welfare under objective probability measure.
 - \hookrightarrow CBs can increase welfare

Welfare Loss as a Function of Rational Agent Initial Share of Wealth



- ω initial wealth share of agent A
- Welfare loss is relative to the complete markets case.

WELFARE LOSS: PATERNALISTIC VIEW



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POSITIVE BOND SUPPLY

- With positive bond supply, it is possible that optimistic agent can hold the entire stock market at market closure.
- Could change which constraint (leverage or short-selling) becomes binding at market closing.
- If short-selling constraint binds, relative optimist becomes marginal ⇒ Price level ↑, volatility ↓
- Depends on total bond supply + initial wealth distribution.

INTUITION: PRICE UPON MARKET CLOSURE $\tau = 0.25, \quad \Delta = 0.2$ 0.95 0.948 0.946 0.944 S_T 0.942 0.94 0.938 0.936 0.934 -0.20.2 1 0 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.2 Share of wealth of agent A: θ_{τ}

Realized Volatility with $\Delta>0$



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ROBUSTNESS AND EXTENSIONS

- Bounded shocks (discrete time)
 - \hookrightarrow No need to completely delever/close short positions.
 - \hookrightarrow Equilibrium can "flip" like with positive bond supply.
- Upside vs. downside CBs
- CBs based other variables: volatility, volume
- Multiple-tiered CBs

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