

Quiz 1: Date: April 19, 2022 from 11.00-12.30

Question 1 (10 Points)

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Consider the one-period model of consumption and portfolio choice. Let an individual in this economy has the utility function as follow:

$$U(C) = \ln(C)$$

Also, let $\frac{C_1}{C_0}$ is distributed as log-normal with mean equals μ_c and its variance is σ_c .

Please read and answer the following questions carefully and completely.

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Question 1.1 (10 marks) Calculate the risk free rate R_f in terms of the individual's consumption, C_0 and C_1 . Then, explain the relationship between the level of consumption and the risk free rate in this economy.

$$R_f = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left(\frac{C_1}{C_0} \right)^{1-\gamma}$$

Risk free rate are more sensitive to consumption growth if parameter γ is less. If utility is highly the investor must care more about consumption and willing less to rearrange consumption response to interest rate thus that it take larger interest to change a consumption growth

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Question 1.2 (10 marks) Calculate the elasticity of intertemporal substitution in this setting. If in the next year, the interest rate is falling, Will the individual's consumption level increase or decrease? Why? To support your answer, use the concepts of income effect and substitution effect.

$$E = \frac{R_f}{\frac{C_1}{C_0}} \frac{\partial \frac{C_1}{C_0}}{\partial R_f} = \frac{\partial \ln(C_1/C_0)}{\partial \ln(R_f)} = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

when $0 < r < 1$ lower interest rate will lower second period consumption
 but if $r < 0$ then $E < 1$ lower interest rate, lower second period less than
 one for one imply to increase initial saving
 SE lower the return from transforming current consumption into future consumption
 providing an incentive to save more
 IE from lower return on a given amount of saving make the individual
 less income so in would lower consumption in both period

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Question 1.3 (10 marks) Solve for the pricing kernel P_i of any risky asset i in this economy. Then explain the meaning of this pricing kernel.

$$P_i = E \left[\frac{\sigma U'(c_1) x_i}{U'(c_0)} \right]$$
$$= E [M_{01} x_i]$$

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Question 1.4 (10 marks) Calculate Hansen-Jaganathan Bound and explain the meaning.

