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Incomplete Market Models in Macroeconomics: Basics and Applications

Syllabus

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Course schedule

The lectures will be held on December 2 and 9, 13:00-14:45. On Zoom.

Office hours

Please make an appointment by email.

Description

These two lectures will cover various topics surrounding the incomplete-market models in macroeconomics. First, I will review the aggregation properties of complete-market models. After briefly covering the mathematical background on the existence and uniqueness of the stationary distribution, I will talk about two basic models (the Huggett model and the Aiyagari model) with an emphasis on intuitions. In the second lecture, I will talk about quantitative applications. I will review some computational methods and talk about applications on the labor market dynamics.

Course Outline

1. Basics (first lecture)
 - (a) Aggregation (Mukoyama (2010))
 - (b) Existence and uniqueness of the stationary distribution (Stokey et al. (1989) Chapter 11)
 - (c) Asset pricing (Huggett (1993), Krusell et al. (2010))
 - (d) Production (Aiyagari (1994))
2. Applications (second lecture)
 - (a) Transition dynamics (<https://toshimukoyama.github.io/MyWebsite/Aiyagari.pdf>)
 - (b) Welfare evaluations (Mukoyama (2013))
 - (c) Business cycles (Boppart et al. (2018))
 - (d) Labor market dynamics (Krusell et al. (2020))

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