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### Lecture 5: General Equilibrium

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What about the producers in the economy? There are two cases.

1. There are no producers in the economy: this is what is called a pure exchange economy in which all available goods are those coming from endowments from consumers (up until now)
2. There are producers who can produce commodities in the economy (today)

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Each firm  $j$  is characterized by two characteristics:

1. A production function  $f_j^i$  for producing that good  $i$ .

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- ▶  $z^j$  for firm  $j$  describes the vector of inputs that firm  $j$  uses in the production of good  $(1)$ .
- ▶ In other words, firm  $j$  uses  $z_i^j$  units of commodity  $i$  to produce commodity  $1$ .

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- ▶ An implicit assumption here is that firms do not have any endowments

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Definition

$((x^i, z^i), p = (p_1, \dots, p_L))$  is a competitive equilibrium if:

- For all producers  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ ,  $z^j = ((z_1^j, \dots, z_{L-1}^j), \dots, (z_1^j, \dots, z_{L-1}^j))$  solves:
 
$$\Pi_j^* := \max_{z^j} p \cdot f^j(z^j) - \sum_{i=1}^L p_i z_i^j.$$
- For all consumers  $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$ ,  $x^i = (x_1^i, \dots, x_L^i)$  solves:
 
$$\max_{x^i} u^i(x^i)$$
 such that  $p \cdot x^i \leq p \cdot \omega^i + \sum_{j=1}^J \theta_{ij} \Pi_j^*$ .
- Markets clear: For each commodity  $l = 1, 2, \dots, L$ :
 
$$\sum_{i=1}^I x_l^i = \sum_{j=1}^J z_l^j + \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_l^i = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_l^i + \sum_{j=1}^J f_l^j(z^j).$$

We have exactly the same basic properties as in the case of pure exchange economies

- When utility functions are strictly monotone, and production functions are strictly increasing, prices of each commodity and prices of each input are strictly positive
- Walras' Law: Each consumer  $i$  spends all of his income whenever  $i$  maximizes utility
- Walras' Law II: If the market clearing conditions hold for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, L-1$  and  $p_L > 0$  then it will also hold for market  $L$  as well.
- If  $((x^i, z^i), p)$  is a Walrasian equilibrium, and  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $(\alpha x^i, \alpha z^i)$  is also a Walrasian equilibrium.
- The first and the second welfare theorems hold

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Robinson Crusoe  
Two Factor Model

1. Imagine the problem of Robinson Crusoe, living alone in an island. He is the only producer and the only consumer

Suppose that the consumer (Robinson) has a utility function:

$$u(x, L) = x^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$$

where  $x$  are coconuts. There is one firm (Robinson) that can convert labor to coconuts:

$$f(L) = L^\beta$$

The endowment is  $(0, \bar{L})$

A competitive equilibrium  $(x^*, L^*, L_c, p, w)$  satisfies the following:

- $L_c^*$  solves the following maximization problem:  

$$\Pi^* = \max_L p f(L) - wL$$
- $(x^*, L^*)$  satisfies the following:  

$$\max_{x, L} x^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$$
 such that  $px + wL \leq w\bar{L} + \Pi^*$
- $x^* = L_c^{*\beta}$  and  $L + L_c = \bar{L}$

$P \cdot X \leq w(\bar{L} - L) + \pi^*$

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- ▶ both  $p_x, w > 0$  in a competitive equilibrium. We can normalize  $w = 1$ .

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- For any  $(p, w = 1)$ , we want to solve:

$$\max_x pL^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} - L$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial L} = p\beta L^{\beta-1} - 1 = 0$$

$$Lx^{\beta-1} = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$Lx = \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}}$$

$$f(L) = Lx^{\beta} = \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}}$$

$$\Pi^* = PLx^{\beta} - Lx = P\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} - \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}}$$

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$$\Pi^*(p) = p(p\beta)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} - (p\beta)^{\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}} = p^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} (\beta^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} - \beta^{\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}})$$

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The supply of  $x$  is then given by:

$$x^*(p) = L^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} = (p\beta)^{\frac{\beta-1}{\beta(\beta-1)}}$$

The number of the constraint  
 To solve for the optimal value of  $x$  and  $L$  we use  
 the Lagrangian function  $\mathcal{L}(x, L, \lambda)$   
 $\mathcal{L} = x^\alpha L^{1-\alpha} + \lambda(\bar{L} + \pi^* - Px - L)$   
 By the first order conditions we get  
 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \alpha x^{\alpha-1} L^{1-\alpha} - \lambda P = 0$   
 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial L} = (1-\alpha) x^\alpha L^{-\alpha} - \lambda = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} L^{1-\alpha}}{x^\alpha L^{-\alpha}} = \frac{\lambda P}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{L^{1-\alpha}}{x^{1-\alpha} L^{-\alpha}} = P$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{L}{x} = P$$

$$\boxed{L = XP \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\alpha}}$$

$$Px + L = \bar{L} + \pi^*$$

$$Px + XP \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\alpha} = \bar{L} + \pi^*$$

$$Px \left( \frac{\alpha + 1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \right) = \bar{L} + \pi^*$$

$$\boxed{x^* = \frac{\alpha(\bar{L} + \pi^*)}{P}}$$

$$L = P \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\alpha} \frac{\alpha(\bar{L} + \pi^*)}{P}$$

$$\boxed{L^* = (1-\alpha)(\bar{L} + \pi^*)}$$

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$$L^* + L_x^* = \bar{L}$$

$$(1-\alpha)(\bar{L} + \pi^*) + \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} = \bar{L}$$

$$(1-\alpha) \left( \bar{L} + P \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} - \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} = \bar{L}$$

$$\bar{L} + P \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} - \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} - \alpha \bar{L} - \alpha P \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} + \left(\frac{1}{PB}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} = \bar{L}$$

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So lets check the market clearing condition for  $x_1$ :

$$x_1^s(p) = x_1^d(p)$$

$$P(1-\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{P\beta}\right)^{\beta} + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{P\beta}\right)^{\beta-1} = \alpha \bar{L}$$

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$$\frac{1}{P} \left( (1-\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\beta/\beta-1} + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} \right)^{\beta-1} = (\alpha \bar{L})^{\beta-1}$$

$$\left( (1-\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\beta/\beta-1} + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta-1}} \right)^{\beta-1} = P^{\beta-1}$$

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Solving this, we obtain:  
 $p^* = \left( \frac{\alpha \bar{L}}{\alpha \beta^{1/\beta} + (1-\alpha) \beta^{1/\beta}} \right)^{\beta-1}$

To solve for  $x_1^*$ ,  $L_1^*$ ,  $L_2^*$ , we plug the price back into the demand and supply functions:  
 $x_1^* = x_1^s(p^*) = \left( \frac{\beta^{1/\beta} \alpha \bar{L}}{\beta^{1/\beta} (1-\alpha) + \alpha \beta^{1/\beta}} \right)^{\beta}$   
 $L_1^* = L - L_2^* = \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha+\alpha\beta} \bar{L}$   
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We can also solve for the profits of the firm in equilibrium:  
 $\Pi^*(p^*) = p^{*1/\beta} (\beta^{1/\beta} - \beta^{1/\beta})$   
 $= \frac{\alpha \bar{L}}{\alpha \beta^{1/\beta} + (1-\alpha) \beta^{1/\beta}} (\beta^{1/\beta} - \beta^{1/\beta})$

What is the Pareto optimal allocation in this economy? Try it at home

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Suppose that there is one consumer with a utility function:

$$u(x, y) = x^{1/2} y^{1/2}$$

There are two firms:

$$f_1(L_1, K_1) = L_1^{1/2} K_1^{1/2}$$

$$f_2(L_2, K_2) = L_2^{1/2} K_2^{1/2}$$

The endowments are given by  $\bar{L} = 1$ ,  $\bar{K} = 1$ , and 0 units of  $x$  and  $y$ .

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All equilibrium prices will be strictly positive in equilibrium, hence assume  $p_x = 1$

A competitive equilibrium must satisfy the following conditions:

- Profit maximization problem:  $(L_i^c, K_i^c)$  solves:
 
$$\Pi_i^c := \max_{L_i, K_i} P_i f_i(L_i, K_i) - wL_i - rK_i$$

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- Utility maximization:  $(x^c, y^c)$  solves:
 
$$\max_{x, y} u(x, y) \text{ such that } x + p_y y \leq r\bar{K} + w\bar{L} + \Pi_1^c + \Pi_2^c$$
- Markets clear:
 
$$x^c = f_1(L_1^c, K_1^c) + f_2(L_2^c, K_2^c), L_1^c + L_2^c = \bar{L}, K_1^c + K_2^c = \bar{K}$$

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$$\frac{(\alpha \bar{L})^{\beta-1}}{(\alpha \bar{L})^{\beta-1}} = P^r$$

OPTIMO PARETO

MAX  $x^{\alpha} L^{1-\alpha}$  s.t.  $L_1 + L_2 = \bar{L}$   
 s.t.  $L_1, L_2$  Feasible  $\begin{cases} x^{\alpha} \leq f(L_1^{\alpha}) = L_1^{\alpha} \\ L_1 + L_2 \leq \bar{L} \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow x^{\alpha} = L_1^{\alpha}$   
 $L_1 + L_2 = \bar{L} \rightarrow L_2 = \bar{L} - L_1$   
 $x^{\alpha} = (\bar{L} - L_1)^{\alpha}$

MAX  $L$   $(\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha} L^{1-\alpha}$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial L} \rightarrow (\alpha \beta) (\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha \beta - 1} (-1) L^{1-\alpha} + (1-\alpha) L^{-\alpha} (\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha \beta} = 0$

$(1-\alpha) L^{-\alpha} (\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha \beta} = \alpha \beta (\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha \beta - 1} L^{1-\alpha}$

$(1-\alpha) (\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha \beta} = \alpha \beta \frac{L^{1-\alpha}}{(\bar{L} - L)^{\alpha \beta - 1}}$

$(1-\alpha) (\bar{L} - L) = (\alpha \beta) L$

$\bar{L} - L = \frac{\alpha \beta}{1-\alpha} L$

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$\Pi_x = P_x L_x^{1/2} K_x^{1/2} - wL_x - rK_x$

$\Pi_x(L_x, K_x) = P_x (L_x)^{1/2} (K_x)^{1/2} - wL_x - rK_x$   
 $\Pi_x(L_x, K_x, \lambda) = \lambda (P_x L_x^{1/2} K_x^{1/2} - wL_x - rK_x)$   
 $= \lambda (P_x L_x^{1/2} K_x^{1/2} - wL_x - rK_x)$   
 $= \lambda \Pi(L_x, K_x)$

$\rightarrow \Pi_x^c = 0 = P_x L_x^{1/2} K_x^{1/2} - wL_x - rK_x$   
 $\Pi_y^c = 0 = P_y L_y^{1/2} K_y^{1/2} - wL_y - rK_y$

$\frac{\partial \Pi_x}{\partial L_x} = \frac{1}{2} P_x K_x^{1/2} L_x^{-1/2} - w = 0$

$\frac{\partial \Pi_x}{\partial K_x} = \frac{1}{2} P_x L_x^{-1/2} K_x^{1/2} - r = 0$

$\downarrow$   
 $\frac{1}{2} P_x K_x^{1/2} L_x^{-1/2} = w$

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- We solve for profit maximization first (because  $\Pi'$ ; and  $\Pi'$ ), enter into the the consumer's problem
- Both firms make zero profits. Why?

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial K_x} = \frac{1}{2} r K_x^{-1/2} L_x^{-1/2} - r = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} r K_x^{-1/2} L_x^{-1/2} = r$$

$$\frac{K_x}{L_x} = \frac{w}{r}$$

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$$K_x = \frac{w}{r} L_x$$

$$P_x K_x^{1/2} L_x^{1/2} - w L_x - r K_x = 0 \quad (E\&W \text{ EQ!})$$

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$$P_x \left(\frac{w}{r}\right)^{1/2} L_x - 2w L_x = 0$$

$$L_x \left( P_x \left(\frac{w}{r}\right)^{1/2} - 2w \right) = 0$$

$$P_x \left(\frac{w}{r}\right)^{1/2} - 2w = 0$$

$$P_x \frac{w^{1/2}}{r^{1/2}} = 2w$$

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$$\frac{P_x}{r^{1/2}} w^{1/2} = 2$$

$$L = 2 w^{1/2} r^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{L}{2} = (wr)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{L}{4r} = w$$

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- If the firm made strictly positive profits, then it could not be making maximal profits since it could double profits by multiplying all inputs by two

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$$\bar{L} - L - \alpha \bar{L} + \alpha L = \alpha \beta L$$

$$\bar{L} (1 - \alpha) = L (\alpha \beta + 1 - \alpha)$$

$$\frac{\bar{L} (1 - \alpha)}{\alpha \beta + 1 - \alpha} = L \quad \text{O.P.}$$

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$$\frac{K_y}{L_y} = \frac{w}{r}$$

$$P_y \left(\frac{w}{r}\right)^{1/2} - 2w = 0$$

$$P_y = \frac{2w}{\left(\frac{w}{r}\right)^{1/2}} = \frac{2w}{\frac{w^{1/2}}{r^{1/2}}} = 2 r^{1/2} w^{1/2}$$

$$P_y = 2 (rw)^{1/2} = 2 \left(\frac{L}{4}\right)^{1/2} = 2 \left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = L$$

$$P_y = 1$$

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 $\max_{L_x, K_x} L_x^{1/2} K_x^{1/2} - L_x w - K_x r$   
 First order conditions yield:  
 $\frac{K_x}{L_x} = \frac{w}{r}$   
 Therefore,  
 $(\frac{w}{r})^{1/2} L_x^{1/2} L_x^{1/2} - L_x w - \frac{w}{r} L_x r = 0$   
 $(\frac{w}{r})^{1/2} L_x - 2w = 0$   
 $\frac{1}{2} = w^{1/2} r^{1/2}$   
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 We also know that  $p_y = 1$ . Why?

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② CONSUMER

$\max x y^{1/2}$  s.t.  $\overset{L}{P_x} x + \overset{L}{P_y} y \leq r \overset{K}{K} + w \overset{L}{L} + \overset{L}{\pi_x} + \overset{L}{\pi_y} = 0$

$\max x y^{1/2}$  s.t.  $x + y \leq r + w$

$y = x y^{1/2} + \lambda (r + w - x - y)$

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$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow y = x$

$r + w = x + y$

$r + w = 2x$

The problem of the firm

- We cannot solve for the supply function because the firm obtains zero profit regardless of how much it produces
- But we already know the prices!

The problem of the consumer

$\max_x \sqrt{xy}$  such that  $x + y \leq 1$ .

The solution to this gives:

$$x^* = y^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

market clearing

By market clearing we must have:

$$\frac{1}{2} = L_x^* = L_y^* = K_x^* = K_y^*$$

$$r + w = x + y$$

$$r + w = z x$$

$$\frac{r+w}{z} = x^* = y^*$$

③ VARIEU MC DOS

$$\begin{aligned} L_x + L_y &= \bar{L} = 1 \\ K_x + K_y &= \bar{K} = 1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$$x^* = f_x(L_x, K_x)$$

$$y^* = f_y(L_y, K_y)$$

$$\frac{K_y}{L_y} = \frac{K_x}{L_x} = \frac{1 - K_y}{1 - L_y}$$

$$K_y(1 - L_y) = (1 - K_y)L_y$$

$$K_y - K_y L_y = L_y - K_y L_y$$

$$K_y = L_y$$

$$K_x = L_x$$

$$\frac{K_x}{L_x} = \frac{K_y}{L_y} = \frac{w}{r} = 1$$

$$w^* = r^*$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = w \cdot r$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = w^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = w^* = r^*$$

RESUMEN

$$P_x^* = 1, P_y^* = 1, w^* = 1/2, r^* = 1/2$$

$$x^* = 1/2, y^* = 1/2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = Lx^{1/2} Kx^{1/2} = Lx^{1/2} Lx^{1/2} = Lx = Kx = Ly = Ky$$

o.p. // // //

$$\text{MAX } x^{1/2} y^{1/2}$$

s.a

~~Demands  $\leq U$~~

$$\text{FACTIBLE } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^* \leq f_x(Lx, Kx) \\ y^* \leq f_y(Ly, Ky) \\ Lx + Ly \leq \bar{L} \\ Kx + Ky \leq \bar{K} \end{array} \right.$$