

Agenda

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- 7 Summary of Benchmark Models**
 - Recall

Standard Lucas Tree Model

- CRRA utility and normally-distributed i.i.d. consumption growth
- Yields constant risk-free rate, equity premium, price-dividend ratio
- Not able to explain high equity premium and low interest rate
- Main Reasons: Too smooth consumption streams, too simplified preferences
- Recursive utility helps, but is not sufficient

$$\text{rp}_t^i = \frac{\theta}{\psi} \sigma_{i,c} + (1 - \theta) \sigma_{i,x}$$
$$r_t^f = \delta + \frac{1}{\psi} \mu_c - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\theta}{\psi^2} \sigma_c^2 - \frac{1}{2} (1 - \theta) \sigma_x^2.$$

Campbell & Cochrane Model

- Power utility with habit formation driven by the (unobservable) surplus-consumption ratio.
- Yields state-dependent risk aversion.
- Can explain high equity premium and low interest rate, which respond to business cycles.

$$rp_t = \gamma \text{cov}(r_{t+1}, \Delta c_{t+1}) + \gamma \lambda(s_t) \text{cov}(r_{t+1}, \Delta c_{t+1})$$

$$r_t^f = \delta + \gamma \mu_c - \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 \sigma_c^2 - \gamma \varphi(s_t - \bar{s}) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 (2\lambda(s_t) + \lambda(s_t)^2) \sigma_c^2$$

- Model still requires unrealistically high levels of risk aversion.

Bansal & Yaron Model

- Recursive utility combined with non-i.i.d. consumption growth
- State variables: long-run risk factor and stochastic volatility
- Can explain high equity premium and low interest rate, which respond to the state variables

$$rp_t = \beta_c \sigma_t^2 \lambda_c + \beta_y \sigma_t^2 \lambda_y + \beta_\sigma \sigma_\sigma^2 \lambda_\sigma$$

$$r_t^f = \delta + \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\mu_c + y_t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_t^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma \left(1 + \frac{1}{\psi} \right) \sigma_t^2 \\ - \frac{1}{2} (1 - \theta) \kappa_1^2 A_\sigma^2 \sigma_v^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma - \frac{1}{\psi} \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{\psi} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_1 \psi y}{1 - \kappa_1 \rho} \right)^2 \sigma_t^2$$

- Model generates state-dependent price-dividend ratio (Campbell-Shiller approximation)

$$z_t = A_0 + A_y y_t + A_\sigma \sigma_t^2$$

- Only works for recursive preferences with $\psi > 1$ and relatively high RRA

- CRRA utility and fat-tailed-distributed i.i.d. consumption growth due to disaster shocks
- Yields constant risk-free rate, equity premium, price-dividend ratio
- Can explain high equity premium and low interest rate

$$r_t^f = \delta + \gamma\mu_c - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\sigma_c^2 - p(\mathbb{E}_t[(1 - b_{t+1})^{-\gamma}] - 1)$$
$$rp_t^i = \gamma\sigma_c^2 + p\mathbb{E}_t[b_{t+1}((1 - b_{t+1})^{-\gamma} - 1)]$$

- Even works for CRRA utility and constant disaster size, but can be extended into several dimensions