

"DISCUSSION" OF
"MACROECONOMIC STABILIZATION, FISCAL
CONSOLIDATION AND RECESSIONS WITH
HETEROGENEOUS AGENTS"
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...but, the list of papers examining and evaluating policy in heterogeneous-agent economies is relatively short:

- ▶ computing equilibria for such models has been challenging for *given* policy
- ▶ examining the basic features of these models (e.g., do fiscal multipliers get bigger?) has been higher on the agenda
- ▶ and checking robustness of/improving the computational tools too.

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- ▶ Explore whether insights from HANK + SAM $>$ sum of the parts

INDETERMINACY PROBLEM PERSISTS IN REHANK

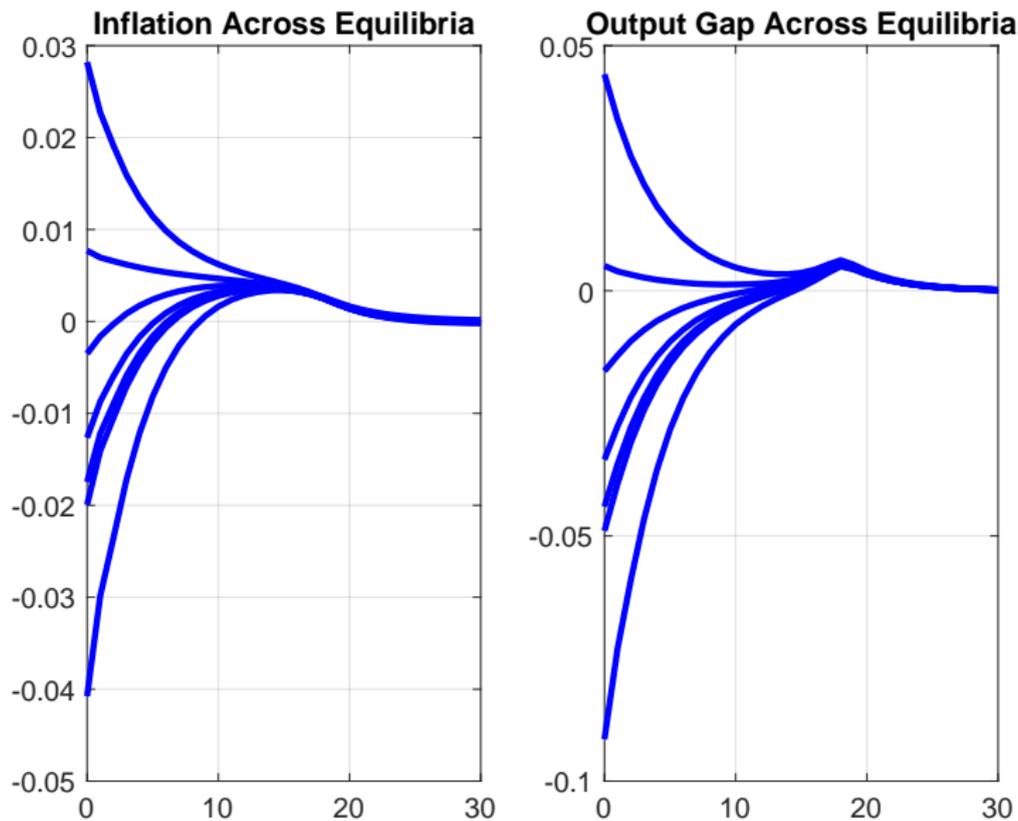


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UNIQUE EQUILIBRIUM IN OUR NOHANK FRAMEWORK

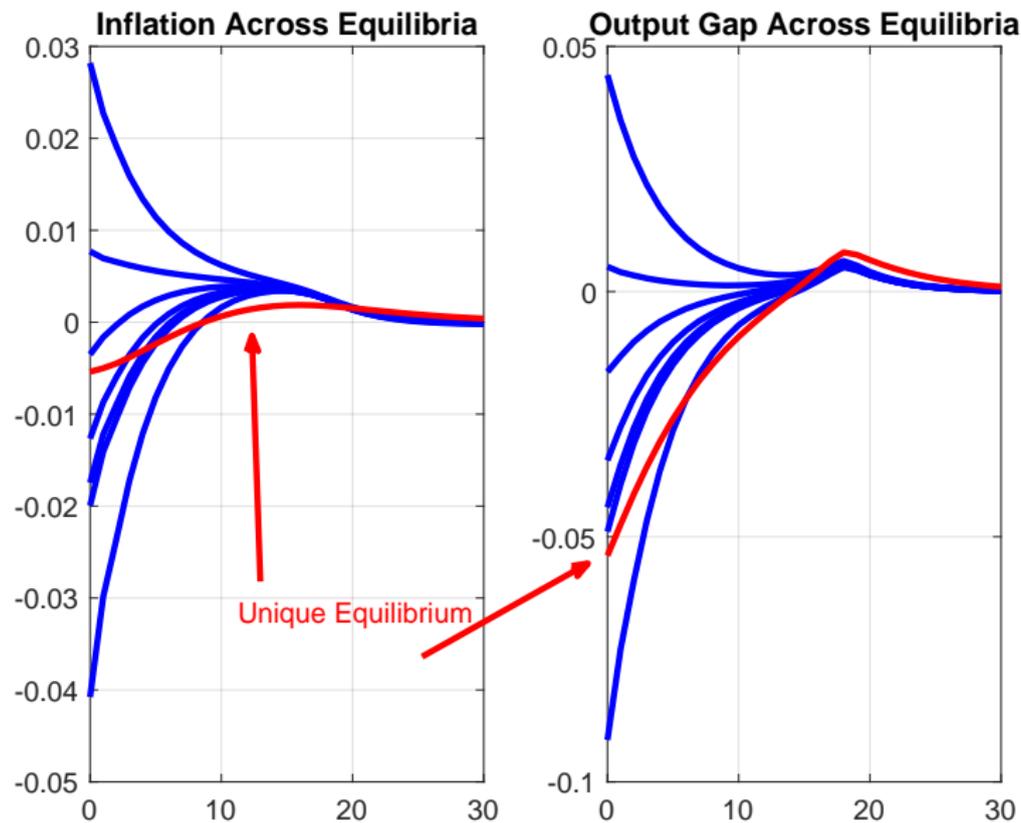


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A PUZZLING PREPONDERANCE OF "PUZZLES"

- ▶ Divergence at frictionless limit? NO
- ▶ Contractionary TFP shocks expansionary? NO
- ▶ Forward guidance infinitely powerful? NO