Lecture 3: The 2x2x2 Heckscher-Ohlin-Samuelson Model

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- Different factor endowments, same technologies
- Countries have comparative advantage in sectors using their abundant factors intensively
- They gain from trade by reallocating output to comparative advantage sectors
- The HOS model provides answers to 4 questions:
- (H-O) what is the pattern of trade?
- (FPE) how does trade affect factor prices?
 - (S-S) if prices change, how do factor prices change?
 - (R) if endowments change, how do outputs change?

- 2 goods (1 and 2), 2 factors (K and L), 2 countries (H and F)
- Same technology in both countries: $y_i = f_i(K_i, L_i)$ with $f(\cdot)$ increasing, concave, and linearly homogenous (CRS).
- Factors are fully mobile across sectors and fully immobile across countries.
- Perfectly competitive goods and factor markets.
- Identical convex and homothetic preferences in both countries.

• Firms maximize profits at market prices.

$$\max_{K_i,L_i} \{ p_i f_i(K_i, L_i) - rK_i - wL_i \} \Rightarrow p_i \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial K_i} = r$$
$$p_i \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial L_i} = w$$

 At the optimum, the Marginal Rate of Technological Substitution is equal to the relative factor price:

$$MRTS_{i} \equiv \frac{\frac{\partial f_{i}}{\partial K_{i}}}{\frac{\partial f_{i}}{\partial L_{i}}} = \frac{w}{r}, i = 1, 2$$

• Due to the CRS assumption, the optimal K/L ratio does not depend on the scale.

The MRTS is also known as the Technical Rate of Substitution (TRS).



Figure: Optimal input choice minimizes costs subject to a production constraint

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• Cost minimization in both sectors defines efficient production plans.

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- These efficient plans yield a Production Possibility Frontier.
- The PPF is concave. The Production Possibility Set is convex.





The Marginal Rate of Transformation

- The Marginal Rate of Transformation equals the slope of the PPF.
- It captures the opportunity cost of producing an extra unit of good 1 in units of good 2.
- At full employment, along the PPF we have $dL_1 = -dL_2$ so that

$$\frac{dy_1}{dy_2} = -\frac{\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial K_1}}{\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial K_2}}$$

and similarly

$$\frac{dy_1}{dy_2} = -\frac{\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial L_1}}{\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial L_2}}$$

Profit maximization implies

$$MRT_{12} \equiv \frac{dy_1}{dy_2}|_{y_1, y_2 \in PPF} = -\frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

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Autarky Equilibrium Conditions

• Utility maximization (MRS = relative price)

$$\frac{\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_1}}{\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_2}} = \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

Goods markets clearing

$$x_i = f_i(K_i, L_i), i = 1, 2$$

• Cost minimization (MRTS=relative factor price)

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial K_i}{\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial L_i}} = \frac{w}{r}, i = 1, 2$$

• Factor markets clearing (full employment)

$$L_1 + L_2 = L$$
$$K_1 + K_2 = K$$

Marginal cost pricing (zero-profit condition)

$$p_i y_i = wL_i + rK_i, i = 1, 2$$
, and the set $i = 1, 2$, and $i = 1, 2$.

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Figure: Autarky equilibria in two countries that have identical technologies and preferences, but different factor endowments.

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- We consider the polar case of free and costless trade: prices are equal everywhere.
- We take a two-step approach to derive the free trade equilibrium:
 - ▶ small-open economy (SOE), where exogenous world prices apply
 - two-country world: endogenous prices, world goods markets clear

Free Trade Equilibrium: Small Open Economy

- Prices p_1 and p_2 are exogenously given.
- Cost minimization (MRTS=relative factor price)

$$\frac{\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial K_i}}{\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial L_i}} = \frac{w}{r}, i = 1, 2$$

• Factor markets clearing (full employment)

$$L_1 + L_2 = L$$
$$K_1 + K_2 = K$$

Marginal cost pricing (zero profit)

$$p_i = wL_i + rK_i, i = 1, 2$$

Free Trade Equilibrium: Small Open Economy

• Define $a_{vi}(w, r), i = 1, 2, v = K, L$ and $c_i(w, r)$ such that

 $c_i(w,r) = \min_{L_i,K_i} \{wL_i + rK_i : f_i(K_i,L_i) \ge 1\} \equiv wa_{Li}(w,r) + ra_{Ki}(w,r)$

- Then a SOE free trade equillbrium satisfies:
 - Factor markets clearing (full employment)

$$a_{L1}(w, r)y_1 + a_{L2}(w, r)y_2 = L$$

$$a_{L2}(w, r)y_1 + a_{K2}(w, r)y_2 = K$$
 (FE)

Marginal cost pricing (zero profit)

$$p_1 = c_1(w, r)$$

$$p_2 = c_2(w, r)$$
(ZP)

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• (FE)-(ZP) form a system of 4 equations in 4 unknowns: w, r, y_1, y_2 .

Free Trade Equilibrium: Small Open Economy

Lemma (Factor Price Insensitivity)

(ZP) has a unique solution $\{w, r\}$ that depends only on prices $\{p_1, p_2\}$, not endowments $\{K, L\}$ if:

- both sectors produce ('diversification')
- technologies do not exhibit Factors Intensity Reversals (FIR's), e.g. $\frac{a_{L1}(w,r)}{a_{K1}(w,r)} > \frac{a_{L2}(w,r)}{a_{K2}(w,r)}, \forall w, r$
- Plugging the unique $\{w, r\}$ in (FE) yields $\{y_1, y_2\}$.
- Factor prices are 'insensitive' to endowments:
 - this would not hold in a one-sector economy, e.g. extra L supply would require a fall in w to be 'absorbed'
 - ▶ in a two-sector economy, the extra L is 'absorbed' at the same w by reallocating output towards the L-intensive sector.



Figure: Equilibrium factor prices without (left) and with (right) Factor Intensity Reversals. The tangent to the isocost curve has slope $\frac{a_{Li}(w,r)}{a_{Ki}(w,r)}$.

Theorem (Factor Price Equalization)

Under the same prices and technologies, if both goods are produced and FIR's do not occur, then a small open economy has the same factor prices as the rest of the world.

- From the Lemma: if the SOE and the ROW have the same (ZP) and there is a unique solution $\{w, r\}$, then it must be the same.
- Note that factor prices are equalized *without* any cross-border factor movements.

Comparative Statics: Changes in Product Prices

Totally differentiating (ZP) yields:

$$dp_{i} = a_{Li}dw + a_{Ki}dr \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{dp_{i}}{p_{i}}}_{\hat{p}_{i}} = \underbrace{\frac{wa_{Li}}{c_{i}}}_{\theta_{iL}}\underbrace{\frac{dw}{w}}_{\hat{w}} + \underbrace{\frac{ra_{Ki}}{c_{i}}}_{\theta_{iK}}\underbrace{\frac{dr}{r}}_{\hat{r}}$$

Denoting by Θ the cost share matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{p}_1 \\ \hat{p}_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \theta_{1L} & \theta_{1K} \\ \theta_{2L} & \theta_{2K} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{w} \\ \hat{r} \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{w} \\ \hat{r} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{|\Theta|} \begin{vmatrix} \theta_{2K} & -\theta_{1K} \\ -\theta_{2L} & \theta_{1L} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{p}_1 \\ \hat{p}_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem (Stolper-Samuelson, 1941)

A rise in the relative price of a good will increase the real return to the factor used intensively in that good, and reduce the real return of the other factor.

For example if 1 is labor-intensive then $\theta_{1L} - \theta_{2L} > 0$ and:

 $\hat{w} > \hat{p_1} > \hat{p_2} > \hat{r}$

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Comparative Statics: Changes in Endowments

Rewriting and totally differentiating (FE):

$$a_{v1}dy_1 + a_{v2}dy_2 = dV_v, v = K, L$$

Denote factor shares by $\lambda_{iv} = \frac{y_i a_{vi}}{V_v}$ and the factor share matrix by Λ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{L} \\ \hat{K} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda_{1L} & \lambda_{2L} \\ \lambda_{1K} & \lambda_{2K} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{y_1} \\ \hat{y_2} \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{y_1} \\ \hat{y_2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda_{2K} & -\lambda_{2L} \\ -\lambda_{1K} & \lambda_{1L} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{L} \\ \hat{K} \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem (Rybczynski, 1955)

An increase in a factor endowment will increase the output of the industry using it intensively, and reduce the output of the other industry.

For example suppose that 1 is labour-intensive. Then:

$$\begin{split} \hat{L} > 0, \hat{K} &= 0 \Rightarrow \hat{y_1} > \hat{L} > 0 > \hat{y_2} \\ \hat{K} > 0, \hat{L} &= 0 \Rightarrow \hat{y_2} > \hat{K} > 0 > \hat{y_1} \end{split}$$

Growth in the endowment of one factor creates the 'Rybczynski line':



Theorem (Heckscher-Ohlin Theorem)

Each country will export the good that uses its abundant factor intensively.

Sketch of the proof using the Rybczynski theorem:

- Suppose the SOE is labor-abundant relative to the ROW.
- According to the Rybczinski theorem, the relative output in the L-intensive sector (say, sector 1) must be greater than in the ROW.
- National goods markets clearing and identical preferences imply that the relative consumption of good 1 is greater than in the ROW.
- Therefore under autarky the relative price of good 1 is lower than in the ROW.
- As the Home country becomes a SOE, the relative price of good 1 increases which reallocates output towards sector 1, and consumption towards sector 2.

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Figure: Labor abundance implies that the Home country will face a higher relative price of good 1 (L-intensive) under free trade, and will start exporting good 1.

- Consider two countries, Home and Foreign.
- In a two-country world, prices are determined endogenously on world markets.
- The world market clearing condition replaces national market clearing conditions.
- Do the 4 theorems carry over from the SOE case?

The Integrated Economy Approach

- Thought experiment : consider a world economy where both goods *and* factors can move costlessly.
- Then both goods and factor prices must be equal worldwide.
- Denote by ω the vector of factor prices, $A(\omega)$ the matrix of $a_{vi}(w, r)$'s, y the vector of outputs, p the vector of goods prices and $\alpha(p)$ the budget shares.
- An integrated economy equilibrium (IEE) satisfies

$$p = A(\omega)'\omega \qquad (ZP)$$

$$y = \alpha(p)\omega'V \qquad (GM)$$

$$V = A(\omega)y \qquad (FE)$$

• Can free trade in goods replicate an IEE?

• Consider the following definition of a free trade equilibrium

$$p = A(\omega^{c})'\omega^{c}, c = H, F$$
$$y^{H} + y^{F} = \alpha(p)(w^{H}V^{H} + w^{F}V^{F})$$
$$V^{c} = A(\omega^{c})y^{c}, c = H, F$$

- Define the FPE set as the set of endowments if v^H , v^F are such that $\exists (y_1^c, y_2^c) \ge 0, v^c = A(\omega)y^c, c = H, F$.
- Then it can be shown that a free trade equilibrium replicates the IEE if endowments are in the FPE set.

- If the v's are in the FPE set, then national FE conditions hold, then the world FE condition holds.
- As factor prices are the same national goods market conditions can be factored as in the world goods market condition.
- The zero profit conditions are the same as in the IEE.
- We can represent this equivalence in a two-country Edgeworth box in endowment space.



Figure: Factor use at a free trade equilibrium. See next slide.

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- At the IEE factor prices are equal and both goods are produced.
- Suppose the integrated economy produces good 1 at X and good 2 at Y. OX and OY represent (cost-minimizing) factor use of each sector.
- Is there some (exogenous) distribution of national endowments such that the IEE can be replicated?
 - ► at E, the parallelogram $OQ_X Q_Y O^*$ and its mirror image represents output and factor allocation consistent with full employment, common factor prices
 - ▶ the same applies to all points in the parallelogram OXO*Y
 - at point E' country H specializes in the K-intensive good. Outside OXO*Y doesn't hold.
- Factor use embodied in consumption lies on the diagonal (see Appendix).
- if (BB) has slope $-\frac{w}{r}$ then C represents factors embodied in consumption. EC represents implied net factor trade.
- OXO*Y is the 'FPE set' and OXY the 'cone of diversification'.

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The Integrated Economy and the SOE Approach

- When endowments are in the FPE set:
 - FPE obtains
 - the HO theorem applies: for example if H is K-abundant, then endowments are above the diagonal and H consumes more labor, less capital than it produces.
 - the Rybczinski and Stolper-Samuelson results apply as local results, at equilibrium prices.
- When endowments are not in the FPE set, additional conditions are necessary: FIRs, demand functions...

- In 1952 Abraham Lerner invented a diagram that summarizes the HOS model and its main predictions.
- The diagram, drawn in factor space, plots:
 - isovalue curves (not isoquants), i.e. combinations of factors that yield 1 euro's worth of output, at given prices
 - isocost curves, i.e. combinations of factors that cost 1 euro at given factor prices
- The tangency points between both curves represents cost-minimizing factor use in each sector.
- For example, an increase in the relative price of capital tilts factor use towards labor.



Figure: One-sector Lerner Diagram: effect of a change in factor prices.

- With 2 sectors, the *convex hull* in red represents efficient factor use.
- Efficient factor use is consistent with diversification if endowments are in the diversification cone (as in point E).



- Suppose that K increases while L and all prices remain constant.
- \bullet Output increases in the K-intensive sector (X) and decreases in the other sector (Y).
- The Rybczyinski result still holds when endowments move outside the diversification cone (output of Y is zero).



- Suppose now that the price of the L-intensive good (p_Y) increases, while p_X remains constant.
- The diagram illustrates the Stolper-Samuelson result:
 - in nominal terms w rises and r falls, so that $\frac{w}{r}$ rises
 - in terms of good X the same holds, since p_X remains constant
 - in terms of good Y the real rental falls, since r falls and p_Y rises
 - *w* rises by more than p_Y , as can be seen from $\tilde{w''} < \tilde{w'}$



- Cost minimization and expenditure minimization are dual problems to utility maximization and profit maximization, respectively.
- Several results of neoclassical trade theory can be framed as implications of GE theory, using duality concepts.

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TABLE I

Schematic comparison of the different functions

		(1) Consumption x	(2) Net Imports m	(3) Factor Content of Net Imports M
(1)	Direct utility function	u(x)	$U(m, v) = \operatorname{Max} \left[u(x) : F(x - m, v) \leq 0 \right]$	$\bar{U}(M,v) = \operatorname{Max} \left[u(x) \colon F(x,v+M) \leq 0 \right]$
$\binom{2}{2}$	maximised subject to:	$p \cdot x \ge 1$	$p \cdot m \ge 0$ m(n, b, n)	$W \cdot M \ge 0$ M(w, b, v)
(3) (4) (5)	→ Indirect utility function	V(p, I) = u[x(p, I)]	H(p, b, v) = U[m(p, b, v), v] = $V[p, g(p, v) + b]$	$L(w, b, v) = \overline{U}[M(w, b, v), v]$ = $H[c(w), b, v]$
(6)	→ Roy's Identity	$V_p(p, I) = -V_I(p, I)x(p, I)$	$H_p(p, b, v) = -H_b(p, b, v)m(p, b, v)$	$L_{w}(w, b, v) = -L_{b}(w, b, v)M(w, b, v)$
(7)	Expenditure function	$e(p, u) = \operatorname{Min}_{x} [p \cdot x: u(x) \ge u]$	$E(p, u, v) = Min_m [p \cdot m: U(m, v) \ge u]$	$E(w, u, v) = Min_M [w \cdot M: U(M, v) \ge u]$
(8)	→ Hicksian demand functions	$e_p(p, u) = x^c(p, u)$	$E_p(p, u, v) = m^c(p, u, v)$	$E_w(w, u, v) = M^c(w, u, v)$
(9) (10)	"Slutsky Identity" → Slutsky equation	$x^{c}(p, u) = x[p, e(p, u)]$ $x^{c}_{p} = x_{p} + x_{l}x'$	$m^{c}(p, u, v) = m[p, E(p, u, v), v]$ $m^{c}_{p} = m_{p} + m_{b}m'$	$M^{c}(w, u, v) = M[w, E(w, u, v), v]$ $M^{c}_{w} = M_{w} + M_{b}M'$

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Consider a country in autarky. Assume perfectly competitive product and factor markets and CRS.

- Denote by V the endowment vector and y(V) the vector of increasing and concave production functions.
- Denote by g(p, V) the GDP function:

 $g(y(p, V)) = p.y(p, V) = \max\{p.y : y \text{ is feasible given } v\}$

- Graphically $g(\cdot)$ is the 'level' of a tangent to the PPF.
- Profit maximization implies that the MRT equals the relative price.
- So GDP is maximal and $g(\cdot)$ describes GDP in autarky.

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Properties of g(p, V)

Assume g(p, V) is twice differentiable in both arguments.

- g is homogenous of degree 1 in p: if all prices rise proportionally, optimal output remains constant and GDP rises proportionally.
- g is homogenous of degree 1 in v: if all factor endowments rise proportionally, optimal input use remains constant and costs rise proportionally.
- Euler theorem: $\frac{\partial g}{\partial p_i} = y_i$ and $\frac{\partial g}{\partial V_v} = \omega_v$.
- g is convex in p: if p increases, either g increases linearly or output is reallocated and g increases by more.
- g is concave in V: marginal productivity of factors is non-increasing.
- Hessian of $g(\cdot)$:

$$\begin{vmatrix} g_{pp} & g_{pV} \\ g_{Vp} & g_{VV} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial V} \end{vmatrix}$$

g_{pV}: Rybczynski derivatives, endowment-output responses
 g_{Vp}: Stolper-Samuelson derivatives, price-to-factor-price responses.

The Demand Side

Assume convex and homothetic preferences. Let e(p, u) be the expenditure function and $h^c(p, u)$ the compensated demand function. Define E(p, V, u) as the Trade Expenditure Function:

$$E(p, V, u) = e(p, u) - g(p, V)$$

Properties of $E(\cdot)$:

- $E_p(p, V, u) = e_p(p, u) g_p(p, V) = h(p, u) y(p, V) = m(p, u, V)$, the *compensated* excess demand function.
- $E(\cdot)$ solves the following program:

$$\min_{m}\{p.m(p,u,V):\tilde{U}(m,V)\geq u\}$$

 $ilde{U}(\cdot)$ is called the Meade utility function.

- $E(\cdot)$ is increasing in all its arguments.
- $E(\cdot)$ is concave in p, excess demand functions cannot slope upwards.

Application to the 2-sector Ricardian model

• The GDP function is written as

$$g(p, L) = \max_{i} \{\sum_{j} p_{i} \frac{L_{i}}{a_{j}}\}$$

If \$\frac{p_1}{a_1} > \frac{p_2}{a_2} \rightarrow \frac{p_1^3}{p_2^3}\$ then Home specializes in 1, otherwise in 2.
This implies:

$$g(p, L) = \max_{i} \{ \frac{p_{i}L}{a_{i}} \};$$
 $g^{*}(p, L^{*}) = \max_{i} \{ \frac{p_{i}L^{*}}{a_{i}^{*}} \}$

 The GDP function is convex in each price, with a kink due to the discontinuity. The Hotelling and Shepard lemmas imply:

$$\forall i, \{g_{p_i}(p, L), g_{p_i}^*(p, L^*)\} = \{y_i, y_i^*\} = \begin{cases} \frac{L}{a_i}, 0\} & \text{if } a_i < a_i^* \\ \{0, \frac{L^*}{a_i}\} & \text{if } a_i > a_i^* \end{cases}$$

$$g_L(p, L) = w = \frac{p_i}{a_i}, \forall i$$

$$g_{L^*}(p, L^*) = w^* = \frac{p_i}{a_i^*}, \forall i$$

Goods and factor market clearing imply:

$$\{y_i, y_i^*\} = \begin{cases} x_i(p) + x_i^*(p), 0\} & \text{if } a_i < a_i^* \\ \{0, x_i(p) + x_i^*(p)\} & \text{if } a_i > a_i^* \end{cases}$$
$$a'.y = L$$
$$a^{*'}.y^* = L^*$$

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Application to the HOS model

$$g(p, K, L) = p_1 f_1(K_1, L_1) + p_2 f_2(K_2, L_2)$$

$$g^*(p, K^*, L^*) = p_1 f_1(K_1^*, L_1^*) + p_2 f_2(K_2^*, L_2^*)$$

The Hotelling and Shepard lemmas imply:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall i, \{y_i, y_i^*\} &= \{f_i(K_i, L_i), f_i(K_i^*, L_i^*)\} \\ \forall i, \{w, r\} &= \{p_i a_{Li}(K, L), p_i a_{Ki}(K, L)\} \\ \forall i, \{w, r\} &= \{p_i a_{Li}^*(K^*, L^*), p_i a_{Ki}^*(K^*, L^*)\} \end{aligned}$$

Goods and factor market clearing imply:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall i, y_i(p) + y_i^*(p) &= x_i(p) + x_i^*(p) \\ a_{L1} & a_{L2} \\ a_{K1} & a_{K2} \end{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} L \\ K \end{vmatrix} \\ a_{L1} & a_{L2} \\ a_{K1} & a_{K2} \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} y_1^* \\ y_2^* \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} L^* \\ K^* \end{vmatrix}$$

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Gains from Trade

• Autarky and free trade equilibria imply

$$m^a(p^a,u^a)=0=m^{ft}(p^{ft},u^{ft})$$

• Consider $E(p^{ft}, u^a)$. A property of E is that:

$$E(p^{ft}, u^a) \leq p^{ft}.\bar{m}, \forall \bar{m} : \tilde{U}(\bar{m}) \geq u^a$$

and since $\tilde{U}(\bar{m}) = u^a$ it must be that:

$$E(p^{ft}, u^a) \leq p^{ft}.m^a$$

• By expenditure minimization and GDP maximization in autarky

$$E(p^{ft}, u^a) \leq E(p^a, u^a)$$

• From equilibrium conditions $E(p^a, u^a) = E(p^{ft}, u^{ft}) = 0$ we have

$$E(p^{ft}, u^a) \leq E(p^{ft}, u^{ft}) \Rightarrow u^a \leq u^{ft}$$

since E is an increasing function of u.

• Under free trade one can reach autarky utility with money to spare.

Conclusions on the 2x2x2 HOS Model

- General equilibrium trade model with sharp predictions on trade patterns.
- When endowments are in the FPE set, free trade in goods replicates an integrated economy.
- Can the model be generalized to more goods and factors?
 - equal number of goods and factors : relatively straightforward
 - more goods than factors : the factor content of trade can be predicted despite some indeterminacies
 - more factors than goods: too few ZP equations for the number of factor prices, but the model can be solved in special cases (Ricardo-Viner specific factors model).

Appendix: Factor Content of Consumption

- Under homothetic and identical preferences demand takes the form $x^c = \alpha(p)Y^c$, c = H, F, and the the factor content of each good's consumption takes the form $A'\alpha(p)Y^c$ in each country c.
- Ex.: if $U(x_1, x_2) = x_1^{\alpha} x_2^{1-\alpha}$ then capital content of consumption in c equals $\left(\frac{a_{1K}\alpha}{p_1} + \frac{a_{2K}(1-\alpha)}{p_2}\right)Y^c$
- Comparing capital contents across countries, they are in the same proportion than labor contents and income, e.g.

$$\frac{\left(\frac{a_{K1}\alpha}{p_1} + \frac{a_{K2}(1-\alpha)}{p_2}\right)Y^H}{\left(\frac{a_{K1}\alpha}{p_1} + \frac{a_{K2}(1-\alpha)}{p_2}\right)Y^F} = \frac{\left(\frac{a_{L1}\alpha}{p_1} + \frac{a_{L2}(1-\alpha)}{p_2}\right)Y^H}{\left(\frac{a_{L1}\alpha}{p_1} + \frac{a_{L2}(1-\alpha)}{p_2}\right)Y^F} = \frac{Y^H}{Y^F}$$

• From (FE) they must be in the same proportion as world endowments, hence on the diagonal of the FPE set.

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Appendix: Gains From Trade

• Traditional gains from trade argument:

$$\begin{split} & e(p^{ft}, u^{a}) \leq (p^{ft})'c^{a} \\ & (p^{ft})'c^{a} = (p^{ft})'y^{a} \\ & (p^{ft})'y^{a} \leq (p^{ft})'y^{ft} \\ & (p^{ft})'y^{ft} = (p^{ft})'c^{ft} = e(p^{ft}, u^{ft}) \\ & \Rightarrow e(p^{ft}, u^{a}) \leq e(p^{ft}, u^{ft}) \Rightarrow u^{a} \leq u^{ft} \end{split}$$

expenditure min. GM clearing in autarky GDP max. trade balance, expenditure min. *e* increasing in *u*

• Trade Expenditure formulation $E(p, u, V) \equiv e(p, u) - g(p, V)$

$$\begin{split} & E(p^{ft}, u^{a}) = (p^{ft})'m(p^{ft}, u^{a}, V) \\ & (p^{ft})'m(p^{ft}, u^{a}, V) \leq (p^{ft})'m(p^{a}, u^{a}, V) \\ & (p^{ft})'m(p^{a}, u^{a}, V) \leq (p^{a})'m(p^{a}, u^{a}, V) \\ & (p^{a})'m(p^{a}, u^{a}, V) = 0 = (p^{ft})'m(p^{ft}, u^{ft}, V) \\ & \Rightarrow E(p^{ft}, u^{a}) \leq E(p^{ft}, u^{ft}) \Rightarrow u^{a} \leq u^{ft} \end{split}$$

Euler theorem, $E_p = m$ property of E, $\tilde{U}(m^a) = u^a$ expenditure min., GDP max. GM clearing, trade balance *E* increasing in *u*

• Inequalities are weak because IC or PPF may not be strictly convex.