



A Basic Closed Economy CGE Model: Part 1

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Outline

- Introduction
- Economic Theory
- Mathematical Model
- Data & Behaviour
 - Social Accounting Matrix
 - Behavioural Relationships
- *The Model in GAMS*
 - Formal/Algebraic Statement
- *Equation and Variable Counting*


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Aims

- The development of an appreciation of the processes involved when moving from a theoretical to an applied model.
- The development of an understanding of the structure of CGE models.
- The development of generic (GAMS) programming skills.
- An introduction to model calibration.


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Closed Economy General Equilibrium

- $2 \times (2 \times) 2 \times 2$ Model
 - Standard model from intermediate microeconomics
 - Isoquants/Indifference curves/Edgeworth boxes
- Agents
 - 2 commodities (products)
 - 2 activities (industries)
 - 2 factors
 - 2 households
- No government – no taxes
- No savings/investment – no time dimension
- No trade

Ceteris paribus condition in PE theories presumes that the GE effects are sufficiently small as to justify ‘discounting’

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Economic Theory

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GE & Circular Flow

The diagram illustrates the circular flow of income and goods in a two-sector economy (Firms and Households) interacting through two types of markets: Factor Markets and Product Markets.

- Factor Markets:** Located at the top, it shows the exchange of factors of production. Firms demand factors (labeled "factors demanded"), while Households supply factors (labeled "factors supplied"). A graph above the market shows a downward-sloping demand curve D_F and an upward-sloping supply curve S_F , with price P_F on the vertical axis and quantity Q_F on the horizontal axis.
- Product Markets:** Located at the bottom, it shows the exchange of goods. Firms supply goods (labeled "goods supplied"), while Households demand goods (labeled "goods demanded"). A graph below the market shows a downward-sloping demand curve D_G and an upward-sloping supply curve S_G , with price P_G on the vertical axis and quantity Q_G on the horizontal axis.

Arrows indicate the flow of money and goods: from Firms to Factor Markets, from Factor Markets to Households, from Households to Product Markets, and from Product Markets to Firms.

- Excluded
 - Trade
 - Intermediate inputs
 - Taxes
 - Savings/investment
- Assumptions
 - Perfect knowledge
 - Full information
 - Perfect competition
 - Perfect factor mobility
 - Homogenous products
 - Free entry/exit

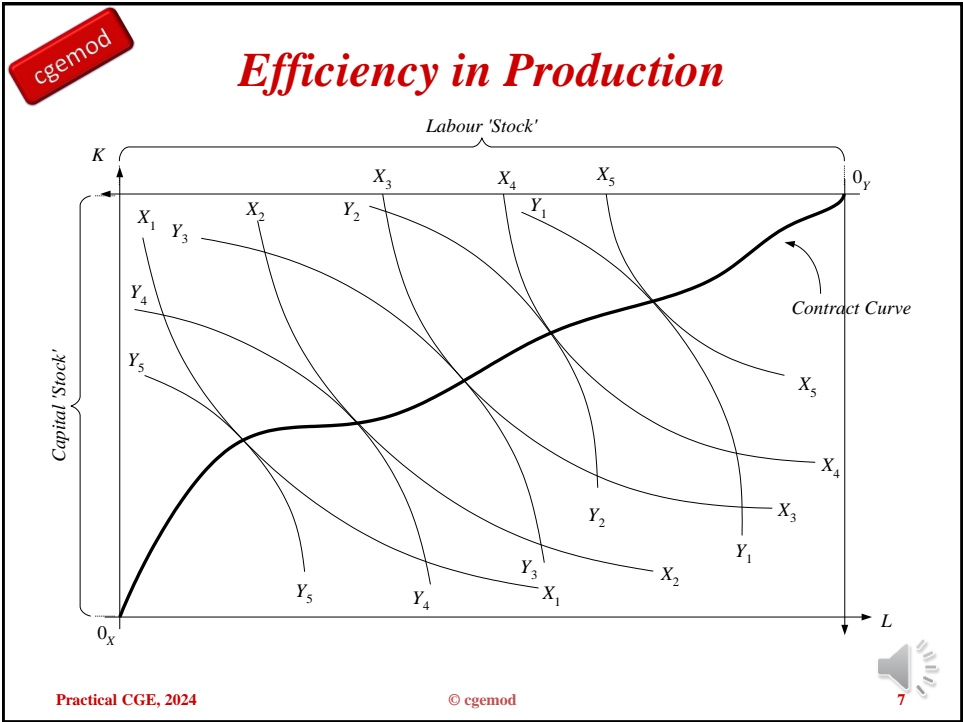
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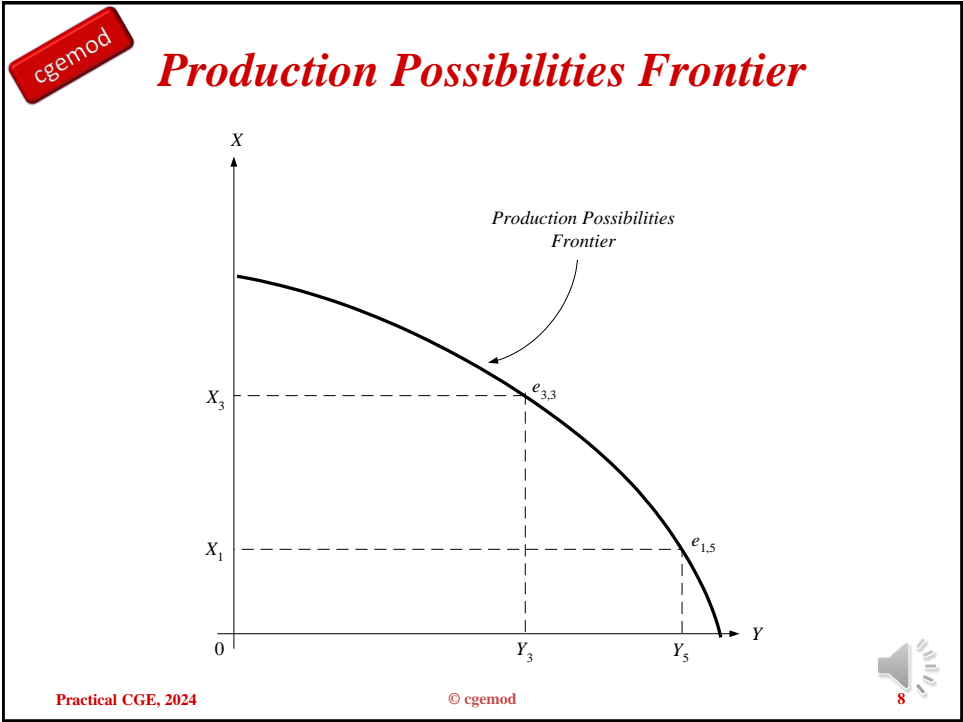
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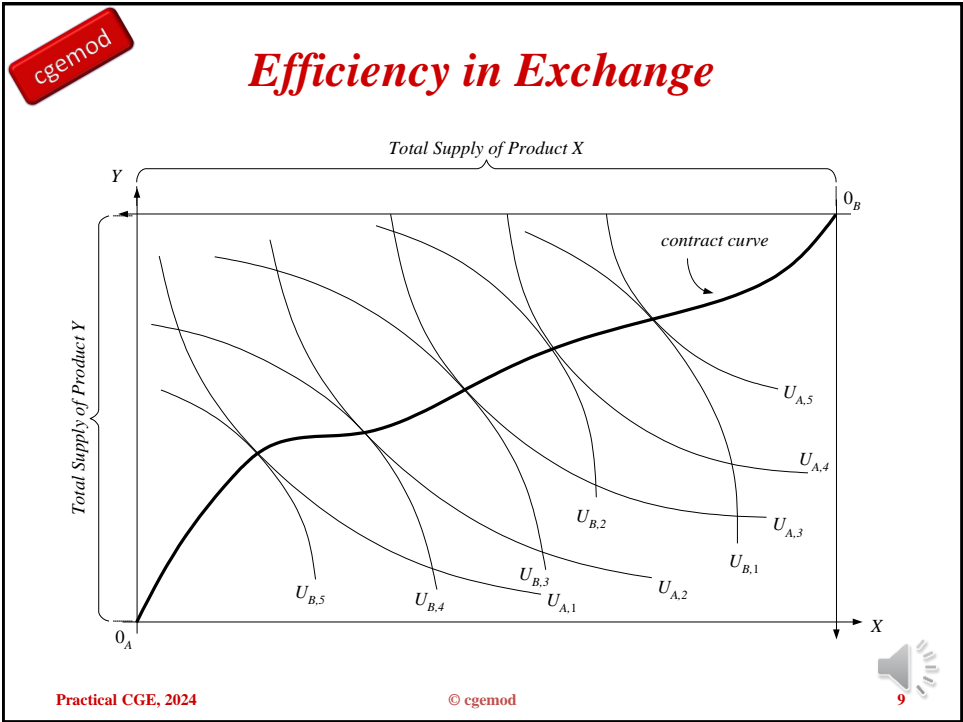




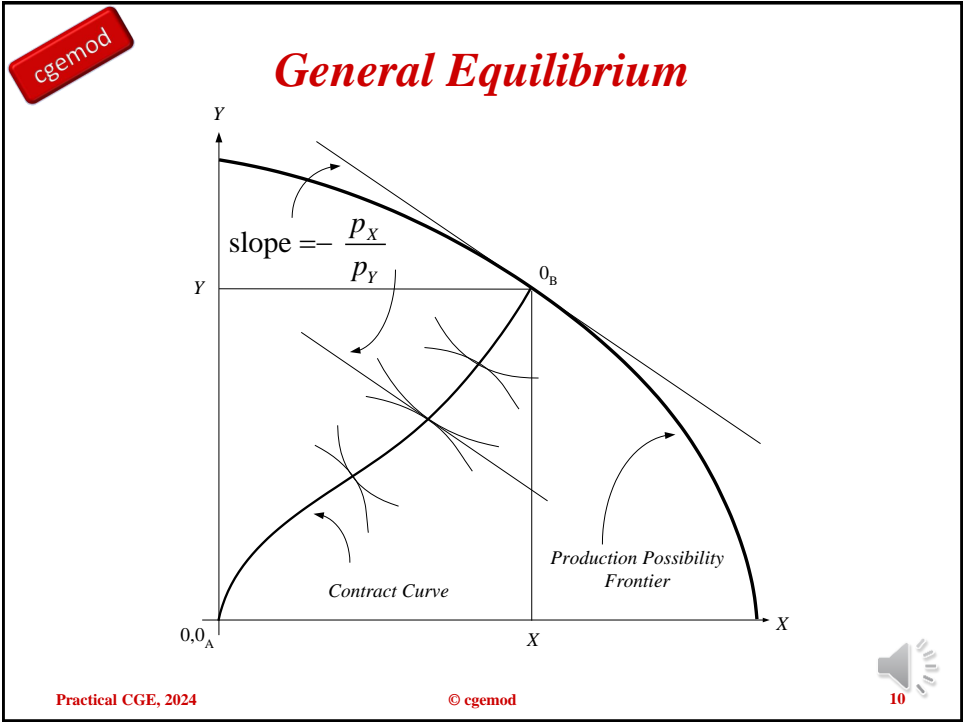
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Prices for Products and Factors

$$MRTS_{LK}^x = MRTS_{LK}^y = \frac{w}{r} = MRTS_{LK}$$

Profit max requires

$$MRS_{xy}^A = MRS_{xy}^B = \frac{p_x}{p_y}$$


Utility max requires

$$w = MPP_L^x \cdot p_x = MPP_L^y \cdot p_y$$
$$r = MPP_K^x \cdot p_x = MPP_K^y \cdot p_y$$


Optimal factor use requires

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Prices for Products and Factors

$$\frac{w}{r} = \frac{MPP_L^x \cdot p_x}{MPP_K^x \cdot p_x} = \frac{MPP_L^y \cdot p_y}{MPP_K^y \cdot p_y} = MRTS_{L,K}$$

$$\frac{r}{p_x} = (MPP_x)$$

$$\frac{w}{p_x} = (MPP_K^x) \cdot (MRTS_{LK})$$


$$\frac{p_y}{p_x} = (MRS_{yx})$$

Letting $p_x = 1$

$$a \text{ numéraire}$$

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Income Distribution

$$p_X \cdot X + p_Y \cdot Y = w \cdot \bar{L} + r \cdot \bar{K}$$

Total system income equals total system expenditure

$$p_X \cdot X_A + p_Y \cdot Y_A = w \cdot \bar{L}_A + r \cdot \bar{K}_A$$
$$p_X \cdot X_B + p_Y \cdot Y_B = w \cdot \bar{L}_B + r \cdot \bar{K}_B$$

Total household income equals total household expenditure

$$\bar{L} = L_A + L_B$$
$$\bar{K} = K_A + K_B$$

Full employment

Not independent by product exhaustion theorem

Different distributions of resources lead to different product combinations & therefore to different GE solutions

→ welfare economics

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Mathematical Model


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Society's Programming Problem


$$\max_{X,Y} W = W(u^A, u^B)$$

subject to

$$X = X^A + X^B = x(L^x, K^x) \quad Y = Y^A + Y^B = y(L^y, K^y) \quad \text{technology}$$
$$u^A = u^A(X^A, Y^A) \quad u^B = u^B(X^B, Y^B) \quad \text{preferences}$$
$$\bar{L} = L^x + L^y \quad \bar{K} = K^x + K^y \quad \text{factor endowments}$$

An optimisation problem


A system of simultaneous equations


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Functional Forms

$$X = \alpha_x L_x^{\beta_1} K_x^{\beta_2}$$
$$Y = \alpha_y L_y^{\beta_3} K_y^{\beta_4}$$
$$U_a = \alpha_a X_a^{\gamma_1} Y_a^{\gamma_2}$$
$$U_b = \alpha_b X_b^{\gamma_3} Y_b^{\gamma_4}$$
$$\bar{L} = L_A + L_B$$
$$\bar{K} = K_A + K_B$$


Technology expressed as production functions

Preferences expressed as utility functions

Endowments

Non linear

Linear


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Economic Data

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Social Accounting Matrix

		Commodities		Activities		Factors		Households		
		Primary	Secondary	Agriculture	Industry	Labour	Capital	Urban	Rural	Total
Commodities	Primary							50	75	125
	Secondary							100	50	150
Activities	Agriculture	125								125
	Industry		150							150
Factors	Labour			62	55					117
	Capital			63	95					158
Households	Urban					60	90			150
	Rural					57	68			125
Total		125	150	125	150	117	158	150	125	

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Behaviour and Labels

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Behavioural Relationships

	Commodities	Activities	Factors	Households	Total	Prices
Commodities	0	0	0	Cobb-Douglas Utility Functions	Commodity Demand	Commodity Prices
Activities	Cobb-Douglas Production Functions	0	0	0	Activity Output	Activity Prices
Factors	0	Factor Demand Functions	0	0	Factor Income	Factor Prices
Households	0	0	Fixed Shares of Factor Income	0	Household Income	
Total	Commodity Supply	Activity Input	Factor Expenditure	Household Expenditure		

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