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Negative Income Shocks and Asset Pricing

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Rare but large negative income shocks can occur due to pandemics, technological disruption, etc. We study the impact of these shocks on asset pricing by adding them to the classic Friedman's permanent income hypothesis. Our model yields analytical solutions for the equilibrium interest rate and state price density. The income shocks can lead to interesting phenomenon that the equilibrium interest rate is a decreasing function of the risk aversion, helping to disentangle the risk-free rate and equity premium. As a result, the model can fit both low risk-free rate and high equity premium by using a small number of parameters.

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