

Health and (other) Asset Holdings

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Strong links health and financial status/decisions

Health, wealth on portfolio, health expenditures:

| Impact of Variable | Dependent Variable | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | Risky port. share of wealth | Health expend. share of wealth | Labor income |
| Wealth | (+) | (-) | |
| Health | (+) | (-) | |
| • pre-retire. | | | (++) |
| • post-rerire. | | | (+) |

- Should treat portfolio/health expend. as *joint* decision process, $(H_t, W_t) \rightarrow (\pi_t, I_t) \rightarrow (H_{t+s}, W_{t+s}), \dots$
- (almost) Never done.

Theoret. explan.: Two segmented strands of research

| | Health Econ. | Fin. Econ. | This paper |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Health investment | | | |
| health expend. | ✓ | | ✓ |
| mortality risk | ✓ | | ✓ |
| health dynamics | ✓ | | ✓ |
| health effects: | | | |
| -utility | ✓ | | |
| -income | ✓ | | ✓ |
| -mortality | ✓ | | ✓ |
| health insur. | ✓ | | |
| Portfolio/savings | | | |
| consumption | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| asset allocation | | ✓ | ✓ |
| life cycle | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Standard financial asset allocation [Merton, 1971]

- IID returns, constant investment set
- intermediate consumption utility,

Health investment model [Grossman, 1972]

- health as human capital
- locally deterministic process

Additional features:

■ Preferences:

- ▶ Generalized recursive: VNM as special case.
- ▶ Non-homothetic: Min. subsistence cons.

■ Health effects:

- ▶ (partially) Endogenous mortality
- ▶ Positive effects on labor income

■ Technology:

- ▶ Convex health adjustment costs
- ▶ Decreasing returns in mortality control

■ Life cycle:

- ▶ Different pre- post-retirement health elasticities of income
- ▶ Life cycle properties for all variables

Dual effects of health on income, mortality: Proceed in two steps

- 1 Abstract from endogenous mortality risk: Closed forms,
- 2 Allow endogenous mortality risk: No closed-form solutions.
 - ▶ Perturbation method around first-step benchmark,
 - ▶ Characterize solutions in (W_t, H_t) space.

Advantages:

- 1 Analytical tractability: No calibration exercise for comparative statics.
- 2 Econometric tractability: Conditionally linear estimated optimal rules.

Main findings

| | Data | Exo. mortality | Endo. mortality |
|----------------|------|----------------|-----------------|
| Portfolios | | | |
| • H_t | (+) | (+)* | (+)* |
| • W_t | (+) | (+)* | (+)* |
| Health invest. | | | |
| • H_t | (-) | (+) | (-)* |
| • W_t | (-) | (-) | (-)* |

*: *In certain areas of (W_t, H_t) space.*

Fully structural econometrics:

- *Dynamic* theoretical model with predictions in closed-forms optimal portfolio, health investment shares.
- *Cross-sectional* estimation using HRS data.

Econometric tractability:

- Conditional linear optimal rules: SRF estimation.
- Can recover structural parameters from SRF estimated parameters.

Main estimation results confirm theoretical model relevance:

- Health technology parameters:
 - ▶ Rapid depreciation of health in absence of invest.
 - ▶ Adjustments feasible, but ...
 - ▶ ...strongly diminishing returns
- Mortality distribution parameters:
 - ▶ Important incompressible mortality, but ...
 - ▶ ...mortality is partially controllable
 - ▶ Predicted longevity in accord with data
- ▶ Dual effects of H_t are relevant.
- Preference parameters
 - ▶ Subsistence consumption important
 - ▶ Realistic risk aversion, EIS
 - ▶ VNM preferences rejected

Related literature

| authors | similarities | differences |
|------------------------|--|--|
| [Edwards, 2008] | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● asset selection | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● no mortality risks● health non-storable● perm. health expend. if sick● no preventive expend.● no health-dep. income |
| [Hall and Jones, 2007] | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● endo. mortality● health investment● convex adjust. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● no asset selection● aggreg. health spend.● non structural econometrics● spec. of prefs. |
| [Yogo, 2008] | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● health investment● asset selection | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● no health-dep. income● no life cycle● health can be sold● calibration● optimal annuities mkt.● exogenous mortality only |

Outline of the talk

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- Health and Retire. Survey (HRS) resp. aged 51+, 5th wave (2000),
- Financial wealth: $W_j = \text{Safe}_j + \text{Bonds}_j + \text{Risky}_j$
 - ▶ safe assets (check. and saving accounts, money mkt. funds, CD's, gov. savings bonds and T-bills)
 - ▶ bonds (corp., muni. and frgn. bonds, and bond funds)
 - ▶ risky assets (stock and equity mutual funds)
- Self-reported health level (poor, fair, good, v. good, excel.)
- Health investment
 - ▶ Medical expenditures (doctor visits, outpatient surg., home, hosp. and nurs. home care, prescr. drugs, ...)
 - ▶ OOP (unins. cost over prev. 2 yrs.)

Table: Summary stats. by net fin. wealth and health for retired agents

| Health | Net financial wealth quintile | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Fair | | | | | |
| Wealth | -\$6,114 | \$596 | \$12,683 | \$59,366 | \$514,602 |
| $P(\text{risky} > 0)$ | 2% | 1% | 14% | 42% | 74% |
| risky assets | -2% | 1% | 7% | 24% | 42% |
| Health inv. share | -245% | 710% | 46% | 12% | 2% |
| Good | | | | | |
| Wealth | -\$10,911 | \$718 | \$13,094 | \$64,108 | \$436,456 |
| $P(\text{risky} > 0)$ | 5% | 2% | 19% | 45% | 77% |
| risky assets | -5% | 3% | 12% | 24% | 45% |
| Health inv. share | -79% | 476% | 31% | 7% | 1% |
| Very Good | | | | | |
| Wealth | -\$7,108 | \$960 | \$13,578 | \$64,905 | \$467,585 |
| $P(\text{risky} > 0)$ | 7% | 4% | 24% | 52% | 82% |
| risky assets | -61% | 7% | 12% | 27% | 50% |
| Health inv. share | -86% | 188% | 21% | 5% | 1% |

Table: Income and health regression

| | All | Non-retired | Retired |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Individual income | | | |
| Constant | 0.0047** (0.0021) | 0.0052 (0.0051) | 0.0091*** (0.0012) |
| Health | 0.0104*** (0.0006) | 0.0130*** (0.0014) | 0.0065*** (0.0004) |
| Observations | 19,571 | 8,836 | 10,735 |
| B. Household income | | | |
| Constant | 0.0077** (0.0022) | 0.0116*** (0.0053) | 0.0130*** (0.0013) |
| Health | 0.0141*** (0.0007) | 0.0174*** (0.0014) | 0.0082*** (0.0004) |
| Observations | 19,571 | 8,836 | 10,735 |

$$dH_t = (I_t^\alpha H_t^{1-\alpha} - \delta H_t) dt, \quad H_0 > 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} P_t[t < \tau \leq t + s] = \lambda(H_t) = \lambda_0 + \frac{\lambda_1}{H_t^\xi} \quad (2)$$

$$P_0[\tau > t] = E_0 \left[e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(H_s) ds} \right] \quad (3)$$

- Health as human capital, locally deterministic [Grossman, 1972]
- Convex adj. costs [Ehrlich, 2000, Ehrlich and Chuma, 1990]
- Poisson mortality [Ehrlich and Yin, 2005, Hall and Jones, 2007]
 - ▶ Incompressible mortality λ_0 ,
 - ▶ Path dependence of health decisions

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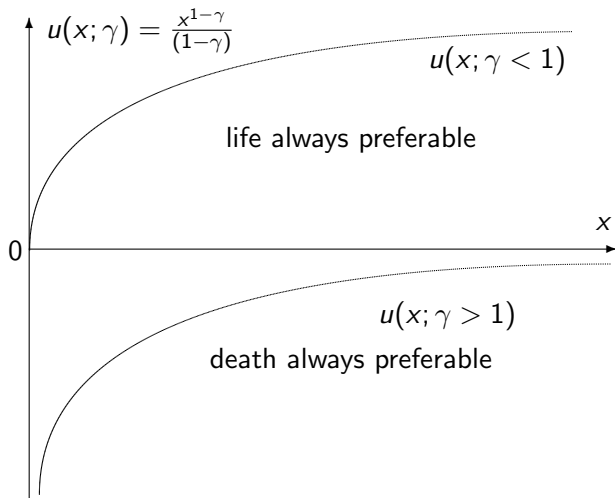
$$Y_t \equiv Y(t, H_t) = 1_{\{t \leq T\}} Y_t^e + 1_{\{t > T\}} Y_t^r \quad (4)$$

$$Y_t^i \equiv Y^i(H_t) = y^i + \beta^i H_t, \quad (5)$$

- Two employment phases $i = e$ (employed) or $i = r$ (retired)
- Health-dependent labor income,
 - ▶ Higher wages to agents in better health, less absent from work, better access to promotions.
 - ▶ Differences in pre- post- retirement fixed income (e.g. pensions) and health sensitivity.

Standard approaches under endo. mortality

Standard approach: $U_t = 1_{\{\tau > t\}} E_t[\int_t^\tau e^{-\rho(s-t)} u(c_s) ds]$



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Our approach: Abandon VNM

$$U_t = 1_{\{\tau > t\}} E_t \left[\int_t^\tau \left(f(c_s, U_s) - \frac{\gamma}{2U_s} |\sigma_s(U)|^2 \right) ds \right] \quad (6)$$

$$f(c, v) = \frac{v\rho}{1 - 1/\varepsilon} \left[\left(\frac{c - a}{v} \right)^{1-1/\varepsilon} - 1 \right]. \quad (7)$$

- Generalized recursive

[Duffie and Epstein, 1992, Schroder and Skiadas, 1999].

- ▶ $f(\cdot)$ h.d. 1 $\rightarrow U(\cdot)$ h.d. 1 $\rightarrow U_t, c_t - a$ in same metric
- ▶ $c_t - a \geq 0 \iff U_t \geq 0 \rightarrow$ life always preferable by monotonicity.

- Non-homothetic for $a \neq 0$,

- Health-, time-indep., no bequest.

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$$S_t^0 = e^{rt} \quad (8)$$

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dZ_t, \quad S_0 > 0, \quad (9)$$

$$dW_t = (rW_t + Y_t - I_t - c_t)dt + W_t \pi_t \sigma (dZ_t + \theta dt), \quad (10)$$

- Riskless and risky assets,
- Constant investment set,
- Incomplete markets.

1- With health-dependent preferences:

$$V(t, W_t, H_t) = \sup_{(\pi, c, l)} U_t(c)$$

$$\text{s.t. } dW_t = (rW_t + y + \beta H_t - l_t - c_t)dt + W_t \pi_t \sigma (dZ_t + \theta dt)$$

$$\iff V(t, W_t, H_t) = \sup_{(\pi, x, l)} U_t(x + \beta H),$$

$$\text{s.t. } dW_t = (rW_t + y - l_t - x_t)dt + W_t \pi_t \sigma (dZ_t + \theta dt).$$

2- With complete market + infinite horiz. + endo. discount.

$$\begin{aligned}U_t &= \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} \mathbf{E}_t \left[\int_t^\tau \left(f(c_s, U_s) - \frac{\gamma}{2U_s} |\sigma_s(U)|^2 \right) ds \right] \\ &= \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} U_t^o,\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$U_t^o = \mathbf{E}_t \left[\int_t^\infty e^{-\int_t^s \lambda(H_u) du} \left(f(c_s, U_s^o) - \frac{\gamma}{2U_s^o} |\sigma_s(U^o)|^2 \right) ds \right].$$

Two channels for health effects:

- 1 Income $y_t = y_0 + \beta H_t$
- 2 Mortality $\lambda(H_t) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 H_t^{-\xi}$

Abstract first from mortality ($\lambda_1 = 0$) to highlight income effects, then re-introduce mortality.

Optimal rules: Exo. mortality ($\lambda_1 = 0$)

Solution concept exogenous mortality:

- 1 Choose I to max. disposable wealth:

$$P(t, H_t) = \sup_{I \geq 0} E_t \left[\int_t^{\infty} \xi_{t,s} (Y(s, H_s) - a - I_s) ds \right] \text{ s.t. (1)} \quad (11)$$

- 2 Replace $N_t \equiv N(t, W_t, H_t) = W_t + P(t, H_t)$. Choose c, π to max. util. s.t. process for dN .

Optimal rules: Exo. mortality ($\lambda_1 = 0$)

| variable | | λ_0 | H | W |
|--------------|---|------------------|-----|------|
| $N(t, W, H)$ | $= W + B(t)H + C(t)$ | | (+) | (+) |
| I_0^s | $= W^{-1}H(\alpha B(t))^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$ | | (+) | (-) |
| data | | | (-) | (-) |
| V_0 | $= \rho(A/\rho)^{\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon}} N(t, W, H)$ | (-) | (+) | (+) |
| π_0 | $= \frac{\theta}{\gamma\sigma W} N(t, W, H)$ | | (+) | (+)* |
| data | | | (+) | (+) |
| c_0 | $= a + AN(t, W, H)$ | (-) [†] | (+) | (+) |
| $C(t)$ | $\equiv \int_t^\infty e^{-r(s-t)} (Y(s, 0) - a) ds$ | | | |
| A | $\equiv \varepsilon\rho + (1 - \varepsilon) \left(r - \lambda_0 + \frac{1}{2\gamma}\theta^2 \right)$ | (-) [†] | | |

*: if $B(t)H + C(t) < 0$, †: if $\varepsilon < 1$

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Optimal rules: Endo. mortality ($\lambda_1 > 0$)

HJB equation:

$$\lambda(H)V = \max_{(\pi, c, I)} \left\{ L^{\pi, c} V + f(c, V) - \frac{\gamma(\pi\sigma WV_W)^2}{2V} \right\} \quad (12)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} L^{\pi, c} = & \partial_t + (H^{1-\alpha}I^\alpha - \delta H)\partial_H \\ & + ((r + \pi\sigma\theta)W + Y - c - I)\partial_W + \frac{1}{2}(\pi\sigma W)\partial_{WW} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Optimal rules: Endo. mortality ($\lambda_1 > 0$)

- Main problem: No closed-form solutions when $\lambda_1 \neq 0$
- Solution: n^{th} - order expansion around exo. mortality benchmark solution $\lambda_1 = 0$

$$V \approx V_0 + \lambda_1 V_1 + \dots + \frac{1}{m!} \lambda_1^m V_m + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \lambda_1^n V_n,$$
$$V_m \equiv V_m(t, W, H) = \left. \frac{\partial^m}{\partial \lambda_1^m} V(t, W, H) \right|_{\lambda_1=0}$$

Once V solved, substitute in FOC, expand again $X = X_0 + \lambda_1 X_1, \dots$ to get closed-form solutions.

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Optimal rules: Endo. mortality ($\lambda_1 > 0$)

| variable | | effect of λ_1 |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| $\lambda(t, H)$ | $= \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 H^{-\xi}$ | $> \lambda_0$ |
| $N(t, W, H)$ | $= W + B(t)H + C(t)$ | |
| V | $= V_0 - \frac{\lambda_1}{H^\xi} \Delta(t) V_0$ | $< V_0$ |
| π_1 | $= \pi_0$ | |
| c_1 | $= c_0 - \frac{\lambda_1}{H^\xi} \Delta(t) (1 - \varepsilon) AN(t, W, H)$ | $< c_0^\dagger$ |
| l_1 | $= l_0(t, H) + \frac{\lambda_1}{H^\xi} \Delta(t) (\alpha B(t))^{1-\alpha} \eta N(t, W, H)$ | $> l_0$ |
| $C(t)$ | $\equiv \int_t^\infty e^{-r(s-t)} (Y(s, 0) - a) ds$ | |
| A | $\equiv \varepsilon \rho + (1 - \varepsilon) \left(r - \lambda_0 + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \theta^2 \right)$ | |

†: if $\varepsilon < 1$

Optimal rules: Endo. mortality ($\lambda_1 > 0$)

Two effects of $\lambda_1 > 0$:

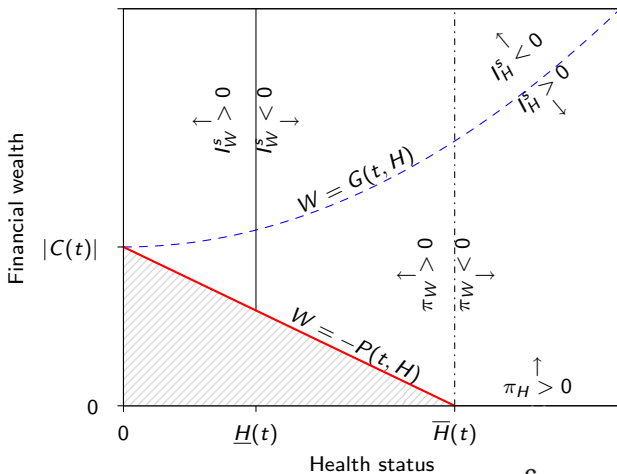
- 1 Higher mortality risk $\lambda(H_t) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 H_t^{-\xi}$, but, . . . ,
- 2 . . . can partially offset through higher I_t

Impact on optimal rules:

- $V < V_0$, (because $\lambda(H_t) \uparrow$)
- $I_1 > I_0$, (because $\lambda(H_t) \uparrow$)
- π unchanged,
- $c_1 < c_0$ if $\varepsilon > 1$.

Optimal rules: Endo. mortality ($\lambda_1 > 0$)

Figure: Comparative statics of the first order rules



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Structural estimation of optimal rules:

$$\pi_j W_j = \theta_{\pi,0}(t_j) W_j + \theta_{\pi,1}(t_j) H_j + \theta_{\pi,2}(t_j) + \epsilon_{\pi,j}, \quad (14)$$

$$l_j = \theta_{l,1}(t_j) H_j + \theta_{l,2}(t_j) H_j^{-\xi} W_j + \theta_{l,3}(t_j) H_j^{1-\xi} + \theta_{l,4}(t_j) H_j^{-\xi} + \epsilon_{l,j}, \quad (15)$$

$$[\epsilon_{\pi,j}, \epsilon_{l,j}] \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$$

Problems:

- Pre-retire. is heavy computation. → use post-retire. only.
- Censored dependent variable → use Tobit.
- Very non-linear in parameters + s.t. non-linear constraints → 2-step proc.

Back-out structural parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{\pi,0} &= \frac{\theta}{\gamma\sigma}, & \theta_{I,1} &= (\delta + J)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \\ \theta_{\pi,1} &= \theta_{\pi,0}B, & \theta_{I,2} &= \frac{\alpha\lambda_1\xi(J + \delta)}{(1 - \alpha)(\xi J + A)}, \\ \theta_{\pi,2} &= \theta_{\pi,0}C, & \theta_{I,3} &= \theta_{I,2}B, \\ & & \theta_{I,4} &= \theta_{I,2}C,\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

where $C \equiv C(T) = (y^r - a)/r$, and (J, B) solves

$$J = (\alpha B)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - \delta,\tag{17}$$

$$B = \frac{\beta^r}{r + \alpha\delta - (1 - \alpha)J}.\tag{18}$$

Table: Summary of calibrated and estimated parameters

| Item | Symbol | Calibrated | Estimated |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Income dynamics (Eq.(5)) | | | |
| Constant | y^r | | ✓ |
| Health sensitivity | β^r | | ✓ |
| Financial markets (Eqs.(8),(9)) | | | |
| Interest rate | r | 0.048 | |
| Std. error risky return | σ | 0.200 | |
| Mean risky return | μ | 0.108 | |
| Health dynamics (Eq.(1)) | | | |
| Convexity | α | | ✓ |
| Depreciation | δ | | ✓ |
| Death intensity (Eq.(2)) | | | |
| Convexity | ξ | $\in [3.8, 4.7]$ | |
| Exogenous | λ_0 | | ✓ |
| Health sensitivity | λ_1 | | ✓ |
| Preferences (Eqs.(6),(7)) | | | |
| Discount rate | ρ | 0.025 | |
| Risk aversion | γ | | ✓ |
| Subsistence cons. | a | | ✓ |
| EIS | ε | | ✓ |

Table: SRF parameter estimates

| | expected sign | $\xi = 3.8$ | $\xi = 4.2$ | $\xi = 4.7$ |
|--|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Labor income (Eq.(5)) | | | | |
| y^r | (+) | 0.0091*** (0.0013) | 0.0091*** (0.0013) | 0.0091*** (0.0013) |
| β^r | (+) | 0.0065*** (0.0004) | 0.0065*** (0.0004) | 0.0065 (0.0004) |
| B. Risky asset levels (Eq.(14)) | | | | |
| $\theta_{\pi,0}$ | (+) | 0.8514*** (0.0060) | 0.8514*** (0.0060) | 0.8514*** (0.0060) |
| $\theta_{\pi,1}$ | (+) | 0.0222*** (0.0022) | 0.0222*** (0.0022) | 0.0222*** (0.0022) |
| $\theta_{\pi,2}$ | (-) | -0.2751*** (0.0081) | -0.2751*** (0.0081) | -0.2751*** (0.0081) |
| C. Health expenditure levels (Eq.(15)) | | | | |
| $\theta_{l,1}$ | (+) | 0.0012*** (0.0002) | 0.0014*** (0.0002) | 0.0017*** (0.0002) |
| $\theta_{l,2}$ | (+) | 0.0003 (0.0011) | 0.0002 (0.0010) | 0.0002 (0.0009) |
| $\theta_{l,3}$ | (+) | 0.0642*** (0.0039) | 0.0779*** (0.0046) | 0.0995*** (0.0057) |
| $\theta_{l,4}$ | (-) | -0.0545*** (0.0039) | -0.0692*** (0.0046) | -0.0918*** (0.0057) |

SRF Results: Health investments

Figure: Actual vs predicted health investment levels

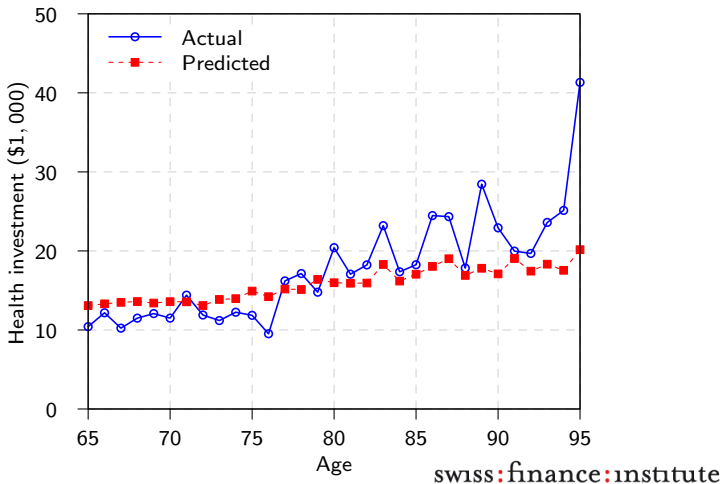


Figure: Actual vs predicted portfolio levels

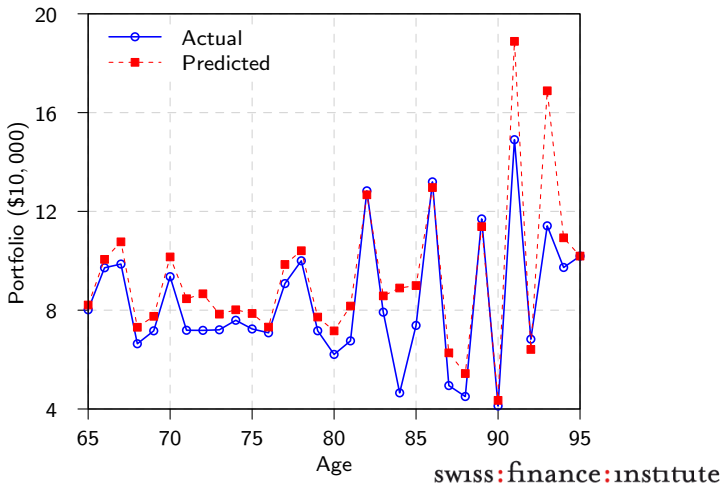


Table: Structural parameter estimates

| | $\xi = 3.8$ | $\xi = 4.2$ | $\xi = 4.7$ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Preferences (Eqs.(6),(7)) | | | |
| γ | 1.7663*** (0.0125) | 1.7689*** (0.0125) | 1.7665*** (0.0125) |
| a | 0.0247*** (0.0005) | 0.0248*** (0.0005) | 0.0248*** (0.0005) |
| ε | 0.2807*** (0.0000) | 0.1748*** (0.0000) | 0.2968*** (0.0000) |
| B. Health dynamics (Eq.(1)) | | | |
| α | 0.2255*** (0.0580) | 0.2147*** (0.0620) | 0.2275*** (0.0565) |
| δ | 0.2817*** (0.0128) | 0.2994*** (0.0191) | 0.2789*** (0.0149) |
| C. Death intensity (Eq.(2)) | | | |
| λ_0 | 0.0832*** (0.0000) | 0.0787*** (0.0002) | 0.0840*** (0.0001) |
| λ_1 | 0.0037*** (0.0009) | 0.0059*** (0.0023) | 0.0057*** (0.0010) |

Structural parameters

Interpretation structural parameters:

Robustness: All parameters reasonably robust to calibrated ξ .

$\gamma \approx 1.76$: Realistic $\in [0, 10]$.

$a > 0$: significant (quasi-homothetic prefs.), large
(\$24,800/yr.) $\rightarrow C < 0 \rightarrow \pi_w > 0$

$\varepsilon \approx 0.28 < 1$: Agents substitute poorly across time; $\lambda_0 > 0 \rightarrow c_0 \searrow$;
 $\lambda_1 > 0 \rightarrow c_1 < c_0$.

$\varepsilon \neq 1/\gamma$: Reject separable VNM preferences in absence of
mortality risk.

Interpretation structural parameters (cont'd):

$\alpha \approx 0.23$: Significant convexities health adjustment costs.

$\delta \approx 0.28$: Very rapid depreciation health stock absent /

$\lambda_0 \approx 0.08$: Significant (exo. mortality), large.

$\lambda_1 \approx 0.004$: Small (perturbation correct), significant (endo. mortality).

Can compute expected lifetime at optimum:

$$\ell(H) = \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{H^\xi} \Phi \right), \quad (19)$$

where,

$$\Phi^{-1} = \lambda_0 + \xi \left((\alpha B(T))^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - \delta \right) > 0 \quad (20)$$

- Independent of wealth, age
- can compare with estimates from US life tables
[Lubitz et al., 2003]

Table: Implied variables

| | Data | $\xi = 3.8$ | $\xi = 4.2$ | $\xi = 4.7$ |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| A. Life expectancy | | | | |
| $\ell(1)$ | 9.17 | 11.57 | 11.94 | 11.21 |
| $\ell(2)$ | 11.26 | 11.98 | 12.66 | 11.88 |
| $\ell(3)$ | 12.64 | 12.01 | 12.69 | 11.90 |
| $\ell(4)$ | 13.38 | 12.01 | 12.70 | 11.90 |
| $\ell(5)$ | 13.79 | 12.01 | 12.70 | 11.90 |
| B. Thresholds in Figure 1 | | | | |
| \underline{H} | | 1.36 | 1.42 | 1.48 |
| \overline{H} | | 5.40 | 5.44 | 5.48 |
| $P(\underline{H})$ | | -0.24 | -0.24 | -0.24 |
| $G(\underline{H})$ | | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.31 |
| $G(\overline{H})$ | | 47.44 | 60.86 | 90.79 |

Conclusion

Close feedbacks $H_t, W_t \rightarrow \pi_t, I_t \rightarrow H_{t+s}, W_{t+s}$:

- Need to be studied jointly.
- No joint model.

This model: at interface between Health and Fin. Econ.

- Consumption/portfolio/health investment in presence of mortality + financial risks.
- Health has 2 effects:
 - ▶ Endogenous mortality;
 - ▶ Human capital (labor income).
- Convex health and mortality adjust. costs
- Preferences:
 - ▶ Non-expected utility \rightarrow life always valuable
 - ▶ Quasi-homothetic






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Main theoretical findings:

- Exogenous mortality: Incomplete success
 - ▶ Can reproduce co-movements of portfolios if subsistence consumption sufficiently high
 - ▶ Cannot reproduce co-movements of health investments.
- Endogenous mortality: Potential success
 - ▶ Exists regions of state space where can reproduce all co-movements.
 - ▶ Potential for poverty traps.


Empirical evaluation:


- Structural estimation of dynamic model in cross-section.
- Realistic parameters.
- Main empirical findings in line with theoretical results.


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