LABOR SEARCH MODELS: ENDOGENOUS JOB SEPARATION

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ENDOGENOUS DESTRUCTION

- **Representative "large firm"**

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Endogenous destruction fraction ρ_t. And note timing of employment…

- **Total production depends on aggregate TFP *and conditional mean productivity of job matches that are not destroyed***

$$y_t = z_t n_t^f \int_{\tilde{a}_t}^{\infty} a \frac{f(a)}{1-F(\tilde{a}_t)} da \equiv z_t n_t^f H(\tilde{a}_t)$$

(could pull denominator out of integral…does not depend on index *a*)

***f*(.) the pdf of idiosyncratic productivity, *F*(.) the cdf**

- ***Ω_t* is average wage bill of firm,** $\Omega_t = \int_{\tilde{a}_t}^{\infty} w(a) \frac{f(a)}{1-F(\tilde{a}_t)} da$

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- **FOCs with respect to *n_t* and *v_t* yield job-creation condition**

$$\frac{\gamma}{k^f(\theta_t)} = E_t \left[\Xi_{t+1|t} (1-\rho(\tilde{a}_{t+1})) \left(z_{t+1} H(\tilde{a}_{t+1}) - \Omega_{t+1} + \frac{\gamma}{k^f(\theta_{t+1})} \right) \right]$$

- **Vacancy-creation in *t* depends on expectations about future endogenous separation rate and (effective conditional) productivity**

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Insert in usual Nash sharing rule $\eta(W(a_t)-U(a_t)) = (1-\eta)J(a_t)$

$$w(a_t) = \eta\left[z_t a_t + \gamma\theta_t\right] + (1-\eta)b$$

For an individual job with idiosyncratic productivity a_t and which is *not* destroyed…a straightforward generalization

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- **Aggregate resource constraint** $c_t + \gamma v_t = z_t H(\tilde{a}_t)$