

Content Review



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- ▶ Assume $u > k$ so that production occurs.



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- ▶ Agents holding goods get value V_C and those holding money get value V_M .



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