

Macro II (UC3M, MA/PhD Econ)  
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Essentials for final exam on 29 April 2011 (15.00h, aula 14.0.09)

## Essential knowledge for final exam

The following knowledge is necessary in order to pass the final exam. Problems requiring this knowledge will be on the exam.

**In both stochastic and deterministic environments, and for both finite-horizon and infinite-horizon problems, you should be able to:**

1. **Write Lagrangians and find Euler equations (using the event-tree formulation in the stochastic case)**  
*Material: Nezhir's notes, chapter 6.1, for the deterministic case; refer to my lecture notes for the stochastic case.*
2. **Bring sequence problems into dynamic-programming form and state the Bellman equation**  
*see Nezhir's notes, chapter 6.1., for the deterministic case and my last lecture for the stochastic case.*
3. **Do 1 and 2 for the neo-classical growth model, give intuition for optimality conditions**  
*Nezhir's notes, chapter 6.2*
4. **Do 1 and 2 for consumption-savings problem, give intuition for optimality conditions**  
*Nezhir's notes, examples in chapter 6.1.*

For practice problems, see last year's exams (on my webpage), chapter 10 in Nezhir Guner's notes and the problems in Stokey & Lucas' book. Besides these essentials, you should prepare the following topics (in the given order of importance):

1. Applications of dynamic programming (search etc.)
2. Knowing the theorems from class and verifying conditions for them.
3. Proofs/logic of the proofs for the theorems from class

General comments/exclusions:

- Unless a proof is explicitly asked for, you may use all theorems from class *without proof* (of course you have to verify that all the assumptions in the theorem are satisfied).
- No (computer-)programming problems will be on the exam.