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1. Introduction

The purpose of this lecture is to discuss the labor market in the context of macroeconomic theory. The paper is organized around three main issues: *first*, the sources of unemployment, and the determination of aggregate employment and unemployment (sections 2–4); *second*, the effects of supply and demand shocks in the product market on aggregate employment and unemployment (section 5); and *third*, the persistence of unemployment (section 6). I close with some policy conclusions (section 7). The lecture, including the formal modelling, is designed to emphasize ideas and respect observed empirical regularities, rather than deal with technicalities.

2. Sources of unemployment

The trivial but important starting point of the paper is that changes in *unemployment* in the sense of excess supply of labor, and hence not merely changes in aggregate employment, constitute an important aspect of short- and medium-term macroeconomic developments. More specifically, my interpretation of the empirical evidence is that the magnitude and persistence of changes in statistically recorded unemployment are too large to be explained as variations in search or frictional unemployment, intertemporal substitution of leisure or a misinterpretation among economic agents regarding

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