Discussion Handout #5

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Goals for this session

- Review Exam
- Gain Intuition of Job Matching Model

Vocab

- Nash Bargaining
- 'value'

Warm Up Problem - One Sided Matching (from Eudey)

Suppose there is technological change that increases the job offer rate (p) in the one-sided search model from class.

- (a) What happens to the equilibrium reservation wage?
- (b) What happens to equilibrium unemployment?

Problems - Two Sided Matching (from Eudey)

- 1. Suppose that there is technological change that reduces the costs to firms of recruiting new workers. Use the 2-sided search (Diamond/Mortensen/Pissarides) model diagrams from the text to determine the effects on the:
 - (a) Unemployment Rate
 - (b) Vacancy Rate
 - (c) Labor Force
 - (d) Number of Firms
 - (e) Aggregate Output
 - (f) Labor Market Tightness
- 2. Can you think of any current examples of innovations that are designed to reduce firms search costs? Explain how they reduce costs (rather than increase matching efficiency).