

We thank the referee for the report. Following his suggestions, we have made some major changes and modifications in the paper.

The list of changes and a few related points:

- (1) We have corrected a few typos and added a number of references.
- (2) We have discussed the derivation of eqn. (6) in details in pages 8-9.
- (3) We have mentioned related works with different perspectives in the sections ‘Stochastic Models’ and ‘Analytical Studies’ in pages 14 and 15.
- (4) We have added a discussion on two criticisms of this class of models (interpretation of these models in terms of income/wealth and conservation law of money) in the ‘Discussion’ section (pp 22-23). The first one deals with the criticism that it is not clear whether income or wealth is modeled. We have clarified how we derive the ideal gas like market models from standard microeconomic theory and we answer to the criticism by interpreting the role of money in our model economy. The answer to the second criticism about the assumption that the economy is conserved, is also discussed at length.

In general, the referee suggests to include some parallel developments and analysis of some specific models. Our intention, as has been emphasized in the introduction and discussion part, was to develop the ideal gas like market models in a simple general equilibrium set-up and to analyse the features (specifically, the steady state distributions) of the stochastic models obtained therefrom.

We hope, the revised version would be more useful to the readers.