

# DIY Macroeconomic Model Simulation

DIY-Macro-Sim

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# Welcome

This platform provides an open source code repository and online script for macroeconomic model simulation. It follows a “do-it-yourself” (DIY) approach, empowering users to numerically simulate key macroeconomic models on their own using the open-source programming language *R*. Whether you are a student, researcher, or an economics enthusiast, our platform offers resources to deepen your understanding of both macroeconomic modelling and coding.

The platform covers an array of macroeconomic models, including canonical textbook models, models from different economic paradigms, and seminal models from the history of economic thought. It bridges a gap between intermediate and advanced level macroeconomics by providing detailed yet accessible treatments of seminal macroeconomic models. Most intermediate macroeconomics textbooks focus on graphical analysis, while advanced level materials are often more mathematical and less accessible. Our platform offers a hands-on and approachable resource for users to build both a solid foundation in modelling and macroeconomic intuition.

The platform’s DIY-approach aims to foster reproducibility and open-source principles in macroeconomic research and education by providing learning materials that are freely available and modifiable by everyone. The platform’s content will expand over time through new entries added by the project team. A Python extension is planned.

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# 1 Getting Started

## 1.1 Structure of platform

The platform starts off with a general introduction the numerical simulation of economic models (Chapter 2).

After that, it jumps right into a series of macroeconomic models. These models are grouped into static and dynamic models. In static models, time plays no role and all variables adjust instantaneously. By contrast, dynamic models characterise the adjustment of variables over time.

For each model, the chapters provide three main components:

1. **Model descriptions** that concisely explain the key ideas, assumptions, and equations of each model. This helps users grasp the underlying concepts and intuition behind the models.
2. **Annotated code** that allows users to numerically simulate the models, examine their results under different scenarios, and produce visualisations to better understand the models' structure and output. This hands-on approach enables users to gain practical coding skills while exploring different macroeconomic theories.
3. **Analytical discussions** for users who are interested in delving deeper into the mathematical properties of the models.

To further facilitate the understanding of dynamic models, Chapter 8 of the section on dynamic models begins with a general introduction into the mathematical analysis of dynamic models (this is mostly relevant for the analytical discussions of dynamic models).

## 1.2 Access and introduction to *R*

All simulation codes are written in the open-source programming language *R* (a Python extension is planned). To be able to manipulate the codes on this platform on your own machine, you first need to [download and install \*R\* and \*RStudio\*](#).

Besides being free, a key advantage of *R* is its huge and growing functionality due to new user-written packages continuously being added. In addition, a large amount of learning material is freely available on the web, e.g. [here](#) and [here](#). However, to get started in can be best to

directly delve into some of the codes on this platform and learn by doing. To this end, the following “cheatsheets” that provide a concise overview of key functions are useful:

- [R Studio Cheatsheet](#)
- [Base R Cheatsheet](#)
- [more cheatsheets here](#)

Once you have installed *R* and *RStudio*, you can play with the codes on this platform yourself by copy and pasting them into the script panel of your local *RStudio* and hitting CTRL + Enter to execute them. Don’t forget to always comment your code using the “#” symbol and to save your *RScript* to make sure your future self can seamlessly continue working on it.

The following code covers some basic *R* operations.<sup>1</sup> If you are new to *R* and are keen to get started, do the following:

- copy the code above into the script panel of RStudio on your machine
- adjust the working directory to your personal folder
- then run the code
- make sure you understand what it does

```
##### R Basics #####

#In the R script you write code and comments
#any line starting with # is a comment and it is NOT executed

## First things first: set the working directory to the the folder in which your R files are
# note that you need to separate folders by slashes /

#Let's define some variables
s = 0.05
Y = 10

#We can also assign several variables the same value at once
C = I = R = 2

#For displaying them we simply call the name of the object and execute the relevant line
Y
C

#We can define new variables using existing ones
W = Y - R
```

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<sup>1</sup>Some of the material below is taken from [here](#).



W

#R has a vast amount of built in functions, for example

```
max(10,2,100,-3)
```

```
sqrt(9)
```

```
abs(-13)
```

#you can find out more about these by using the help function, e.g.:?max()

#How can you delete stuff? Use the remove function rm()

#for individual objects

```
rm(Y)
```

#if you want to remove everything

```
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))
```

#You can also assign text (a string) to a variable

```
text1 = 'Reggaeton'
```

```
text2 = "Bad Bunny"
```

#note "text" is the same as 'text' and a string can contain spaces

#You use the paste function to combine strings

```
paste(text1, text2)
```

#R uses standard operators like +, -, \*

#for exponents use ^

```
3^2
```

*##### if statements and loops #####*

#sometimes we need to introduce if conditions into our code

#The syntax is

#if condition { do something }

```
a = 10
```

```
b = 13
```

```
if (b>a) {
```

```
  print("b is bigger")
```

```
}
```

#we can also tell R what to do in case the condition is not fulfilled

```
b=10
```

```
if (b>a) {
```

```
  print("b is bigger")
```

```

} else {
    print("b not bigger")
}

```

#Next we will look at loops which are a key tool to repeat tasks such as solving  
#a theoretical model again and again to find its equilibrium.

#The basic structure is:

```

for (i in 1:5){
    print(i)
}

```

#Let's use it to solve a simple Keynesian cross model of the form

# $Y = C + I$

# $C = c_0 + c_1 Y$

#Define exogenous parameters

$c_0 = 2$

$c_1 = 0.8$

$I = 10$

#set initial values for two endogenous variable

$Y = C = 1$

#Use a for loop to solve it

C

Y

```

for (i in 1:100){

```

$Y = C + I$

$C = c_0 + c_1 Y$

```

}

```

C

Y

#solution is  $Y = (I + c_0) / (1 - c_1) = 60$

#What is special about this loop is that it uses the values from the previous iteration

#to define the values of the next, because it starts with assigning a value to Y

#and then uses that value to assign a new value to C and in the next iteration it

#uses this new value for C to define a new value for Y etc.

*##### Data structures #####*

#In most applications we produce outputs which do not consist of a single number.

#Often we have an entire stream of results, or we want to analyse data and have to store 1

```

#R has a variety of data structures for this purpose.
#let's clean up first
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

####Vectors
#We can create an empty vector and fill it later (with results of our model for example)
vec1 = vector(length=3)
#we can define vectors explicitly using the c() function (c for column?)
vec2 = c(1,2,3)
vec3 = c(6,7,8)
#we can also use the sequence operator
vec4 = 1:10
#and we can define the step size
vec5 = seq(1,2,0.1)
vec5
#we can call specific entries using square brackets
vec5[4]
#if we want to access more elements at once
vec5[c(4,1)]

####Matrices
#define a matrix: 3 rows and 2 columns, all elements equal to 0
mat1 = matrix(0, nrow=3, ncol=2)
mat1
#we can also fill it with specific values
mat2 = matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
mat2
#access specific elements (columns,rows)
mat2[3,1]
#access entire rows or columns
mat2[,1]
mat2[1,]
#access sub matrices
mat2[c(1,2),]
## Combine two column vectors in a matrix
mat3=cbind(vec1, vec2)
mat3
## Combine two row vectors in a matrix
mat4=rbind(vec1, vec2)
mat4

```

### 1.3 Simple *R* exercise

If you further want to practice your coding skills, attempt the following exercises:

1. Write a loop which calculates the running sum of  $x_i = \frac{1}{i^2}$  by saving each element  $\sum_{i=1}^j x_i$  in a vector (where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ ).

If your code is correct, you should get the solution:

```
[1] 1.000000 1.250000 1.361111 1.423611 1.463611 1.491389 1.511797 1.527422
[9] 1.539768 1.549768
```

2. Write a loop which calculates the running sums of  $x_i = \frac{1}{i^2}$  (as in exercise 1) and in addition also  $y_i = \frac{1}{i^3}$ . Combine the results in a matrix.

If your code is correct, you should get the solution:

```
      x      y
[1,] 1.000000 1.000000
[2,] 1.250000 1.125000
[3,] 1.361111 1.162037
[4,] 1.423611 1.177662
[5,] 1.463611 1.185662
[6,] 1.491389 1.190292
[7,] 1.511797 1.193207
[8,] 1.527422 1.195160
[9,] 1.539768 1.196532
[10,] 1.549768 1.197532
```

## 2 How to Simulate Economic Models

### 2.1 Introduction: economic models

Why do we build formal economic models? Because they help us think carefully about the *causal mechanisms* that generate certain economic outcomes (e.g. unemployment). Models are especially useful when the variables of interest are inherently quantitative (e.g. the interest rate and unemployment) and when several of these quantitative variables interact with each other. More specifically, models provide a precise formal representation of a set of *interlinked* causal mechanisms that are often difficult to analyse informally.

Every economic model essentially consist of three things:

1. a set of  $N$  equations
2. a set of  $N$  endogenous variables
3. a set of exogenous or fixed coefficients ('parameters') and exogenous variables

The solution to the model, its 'equilibrium', will pin down values for the endogenous variables of the model for a given set of parameters and exogenous variables. Thus, the endogenous variables, e.g. unemployment, are determined within the system, while exogenous variables are determined outside of the system and often reflect policy variables, such as the central bank interest rate. The equations connect the variables of the system. They typically express:

- economic (accounting) identities (e.g. that in a closed economy without government, saving is income that is not consumed:  $S = Y - C$ )
- budget constraints (e.g. that business investment can be financed out of retained profits and new debt,  $I = \Pi + \Delta D$ )
- behavioural functions (e.g. that households consume a constant proportion of their income,  $C = c_1 Y$ ), which often contain key parameters of the model (e.g. the marginal propensity to consume  $c_1$ )
- equilibrium conditions (e.g. that demand must be equal to supply)

Equations may be linear or nonlinear. If a model contains nonlinear relationships between the endogenous variables, it may admit more than one solution (often called multiple equilibria).

Economic models can be either static or dynamic. In a static model, time plays no role and all endogenous variables are determined simultaneously. In a dynamic model, time matters and the endogenous variables adjust gradually over time.

The endogenous variables are typically interrelated: e.g.  $x$  determines  $y$ , but  $y$  also determines  $x$ . These interrelationships can be:

- simultaneous:  $x$  and  $y$  determine each other simultaneously (within the same period)
- recursive:  $x$  affects  $y$  only in  $t + 1$  (or vice versa)

Unlike static models, dynamic models describe what happens out of equilibrium.<sup>1</sup> Note that dynamic models may contain both simultaneous and recursive relationships.

Whether the relationships between the variables is simultaneous or recursive has implications for how the model can be solved. In general, simple economic models can often be solved analytically without a computer. If the model contains simultaneous relationships, it needs to be solved as a simultaneous system by solving for the endogenous variables through repeated substitution. This means going from the so-called ‘structural form’, i.e. the full set of equations, to the so-called ‘reduced form’, where the right-hand side of the equations only contains exogenous variables and parameters. If the system is linear, techniques from linear algebra such as matrix inversion or Cramer’s rule can be used (see Chiang and Wainwright (2005), chaps. 4-5). If the system contains recursive relationships, the equilibrium solution can be found by setting  $x_{t+i} = x_{t-i} = x_t$  for all  $x$  and then solving the resulting simultaneous system (more on this Chapter 8).

However, often a complete analytical solution is difficult to come by. Common challenges are:

- a model has more than 3 dimensions ( $N > 3$ ): then it’s very tedious to compute analytical solutions
- a model has nonlinearities that preclude the computation of analytical solutions
- a model is dynamic and you want to examine the dynamic adjustment of the endogenous variables (which is tedious to do analytically)

In these cases, numerical solution by means of computer simulation becomes useful. A key advantage is that it allows you to study much more complex models than the analytical approach does. A key disadvantage is that numerical solution requires the choice of a (possibly arbitrary) set of numerical values for the models’ parameters. It is thus less general than

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<sup>1</sup>That raises the question of whether an equilibrium is stable or unstable, which is discussed in Chapter 8.

analytical solution – a limitation which should be borne in mind. We think that both analytical and numerical approaches are useful. Correspondingly, we supplement the numerical simulations with analytical model solutions where possible.

## 2.2 Solving economic models numerically

If a (dynamic) model exclusively contains recursive relationships, it can be solved iteratively by sequentially updating the endogenous variables from (arbitrarily set) initial conditions. This is easy to do with a computer. By contrast, if interrelationships are simultaneous, solving the system for the endogenous variables as described above is less trivial for a computer (finding the solution for  $x$  requires the solution of  $y$ , but the latter requires in turn the solution for  $x$ ). One approach is to use linear algebra: cast the system in matrix form ( $b = Ax$ ) and let the computer find  $x^* = A^{-1}b$  through some algorithm (e.g. [the Gauss-Seidel method](#)).

We will use an approach that is simpler and based on *iteration*:

- choose a set of numerical parameter values (e.g.  $c_1 = 0.8$ )
- choose (arbitrary but non-zero) initial values for the endogenous variables (e.g.  $C_0 = 1$ )
- then solve the system of equations many times using a *for loop*

In this way, the solution gets approximated successively.

A limitation of the method of iteration is that it will only converge to the solution of the simultaneous component of a model if the equilibrium is stable (more on stability in Chapter 8). For most static models, stability is required for the model to be economically meaningful. In that sense, if the iterative approach does not yield a solution, this is a sign that the model and/or parameterisation needs to be reconsidered. In dynamic models, stability is a key question that should be addressed in any case. Therefore, this limitation of the method of iteration may not be too restrictive in practice.

### 2.2.1 Solving economic models numerically: examples

#### 2.2.1.1 A static model

Consider a two-dimensional simultaneous system represented by a simple Keynesian goods market model:

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= C + I_0 \\ C &= c_0 + c_1 Y \end{aligned}$$

In a closed economy without government, aggregate demand is composed of consumption  $C$  and investment  $I$ , with the latter assumed to be exogenous. Goods market equilibrium requires aggregate demand to be equal to aggregate income  $Y$ . Consumption is assumed to be determined by an autonomous component  $c_0$  and a marginal propensity to consume out of income  $c_1$ .

Suppose the parameters are given by  $c_0 = 3$  and  $c_1 = 0.8$ . You are interested in how a change in investment from  $I_0 = 5$  to  $I_0 = 6$  affects the solution of the system. Through the method of substitution, we can easily derive that  $Y^* = \frac{c_0 + I_0}{1 - c_1}$ . The code below shows how to find this solution via simulation.

```
### Simulate Keynesian goods market model via iteration

#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of parameterisations that will be considered
S=2

# Set fixed parameter values
c0=3
c1=0.8

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
Y_eq=vector(length=S)
C_eq=vector(length=S)

#Create vector with parameter that will change
I0=vector(length=S)
I0[1]=5
I0[2]=6

# Initialise endogenous variables at arbitrary positive value
Y=C=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){
  for (iteration in 1:1000){
    Y = C + I0[i]
    C = c0 + c1*Y
  } # close iterations loop
```



```

#Save results for different parameterisations in vector
Y_eq[i]=Y
C_eq[i]=C
} # close parameterisations loop

# Display solutions
Y_eq

```

[1] 40 45

```

C_eq

```

[1] 35 39

```

# Verify solutions for Y
(c0+I0[])/(1-c1)

```

[1] 40 45

Let's break this code down a little bit:

- set the number of scenarios  $S$ , define parameter values, and create vectors of length  $S$  in which results for endogenous variables will be stored
- define changes in exogenous variables or parameters (i.e. construct different scenarios)
- initialise the endogenous variables
- write down the equations (solved for the endogenous variables such that every endogenous variable of the system appears on the left-hand side of an equation exactly once)
- place these equations inside a for loop
  - the loop says: repeat the segment of code insights the curly brackets 1000 times
- nest the loop that solves the system in an outer loop that loops through different parameterisations (here for  $I_0$ )
- after the iterations loop is finished, save the results for the current parameterisation

What happens is the following: in the first iteration,  $Y$  and  $C$  are calculated based on the initial values and the parameter values. In the second iteration, the values are then overwritten based on the results from the first iteration. This process continues 1000 times. In this way, the correct solution is successively approximated. If you have an analytical solution, you can compare it with the numerical one to double-check your results.

When does the method of iteration fail to provide a solution? In the following code, everything is the same with the only difference that the marginal propensity to consume is now larger than unity ( $c_1 = 1.2$ ). Now the numerical simulation fails to find the solution. This is because with  $c_1 > 0$ , the so-called Keynesian equilibrium condition is violated and the system happens to be unstable. We will discuss in Chapter 8 the issue of stability and how to analyse it formally. At this point, we simply note that the method of iterations requires static models to be stable to yield equilibrium solutions.

```
### Parameterisation for which method of iteration fails

#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of parameterisations that will be considered
S=2

# Set fixed parameter values
c0=3
c1=1.2

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
Y_eq=vector(length=S)
C_eq=vector(length=S)

#Create vector with parameter that will change
I0=vector(length=S)
I0[1]=5
I0[2]=6

# Initialise endogenous variables at arbitrary positive value
Y=C=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){
  for (iteration in 1:1000){
    Y = C + I0[i]
```

```

    C = c0 + c1*Y
  } # close iterations loop

#Save results for different parameterisations in vector
Y_eq[i]=Y
C_eq[i]=C
} # close parameterisations loop

# Display solutions
Y_eq

```

```
[1] 5.818655e+80 8.832196e+159
```

```

# Verify solutions for Y
(c0+I0[])/(1-c1)

```

```
[1] -40 -45
```

### 2.2.1.2 A dynamic model (in discrete time)

Consider now a dynamic version of the Keynesian goods market model that was proposed by Paul Samuelson (1939). In this model, investment ( $I$ ) becomes endogenous and reacts to the change in consumption. Aggregate demand now also contains government spending ( $G$ ), which is assumed to be exogenous. Consumption ( $C$ ) responds to changes in income ( $Y$ ) with a lag:

$$Y_t = C_t + I_t + G_0$$

$$I_t = \beta(C_t - C_{t-1})$$

$$C_t = c_1 Y_{t-1}.$$

This is a dynamic model, in which the endogenous variables adjust gradually over time. However, the model is not purely recursive as investment reacts to consumption in the same period (and output to consumption and investment). By shifting  $Y_t = C_t + I_t + G_0$  one period back, substitution into the consumption, and then investment function, the system can be reduced to two equations that are fully recursive:

$$C_t = c_1(C_{t-1} + I_{t-1} + G_0)$$

$$I_t = \beta[c_1(C_{t-1} + I_{t-1} + G_0) - C_{t-1}]$$

We can find the solution for output analytically by setting  $x_t = x_{t-1}$  for all variables and then applying the method of substitution. This yields  $Y^* = \frac{G_0}{1-c_1}$ . The code below shows how to find this solution through simulation.

```
### Simulate Samuelson 1939

#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of periods for which you want to simulate
T=100

# Set number of parameterisations that will be considered
S=2

# Set period in which shock or shift in an will occur
s=15

# Set fixed parameter values
c1=0.8
beta=0.6

# Construct matrices in which values for different periods will be stored; initialise at 1
C=matrix(data=1, nrow=S, ncol=T)
I=matrix(data=1, nrow=S, ncol=T)

#Construct matrices for exogenous variable or parameter that will change over time to capture
G0=matrix(data=5, nrow=S, ncol=T)

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
G0[2,s:T]=6      # scenario: permanent increase in government spending from I0=5 to I0=6 fr

#Solve this system recursively based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){
  for (t in 2:T){
    C[i,t] = c1*(C[i,t-1] + I[i,t-1] + G0[i,t-1])
    I[i,t] = beta*(c1*(C[i,t-1] + I[i,t-1] + G0[i,t-1]) - C[i,t-1])
  } # close time loop
}   # close scenarios loop

# Calculate output
Y=C+G0+I
```

```
# Display solution
Y[,T]
```

```
[1] 25 30
```

```
# Verify solutions for Y
(G0[,T])/(1-c1)
```

```
[1] 25 30
```

The code solves the recursive system numerically through iteration. Let's again break down what the code does:

- set the number of periods for which we want to simulate the model (here  $T = 100$ ), set the number of scenarios  $S$  and the period  $s$  in which a change in the scenario should occur
- set the parameter values and create  $(s \times T)$  matrices in which results for endogenous variables will be stored, such that the columns represent time and the rows represent different scenarios; initialise the endogenous variables
- define changes in exogenous variables or parameters (i.e. construct different scenarios)
- write down the equations (solved for the endogenous variables such that every endogenous variable of the system appears on the left-hand side of an equation exactly once)
- place these equations inside a for loop that runs from  $t = 2$  to  $T$ 
  - the loop says: repeat the segment of code insights the curly brackets, each time with the index number  $t$  shifted by  $+1$  until  $t = T$
- nest the loop that solves the system in an outer loop that loops through different parameterisations (here for  $G_0$ )

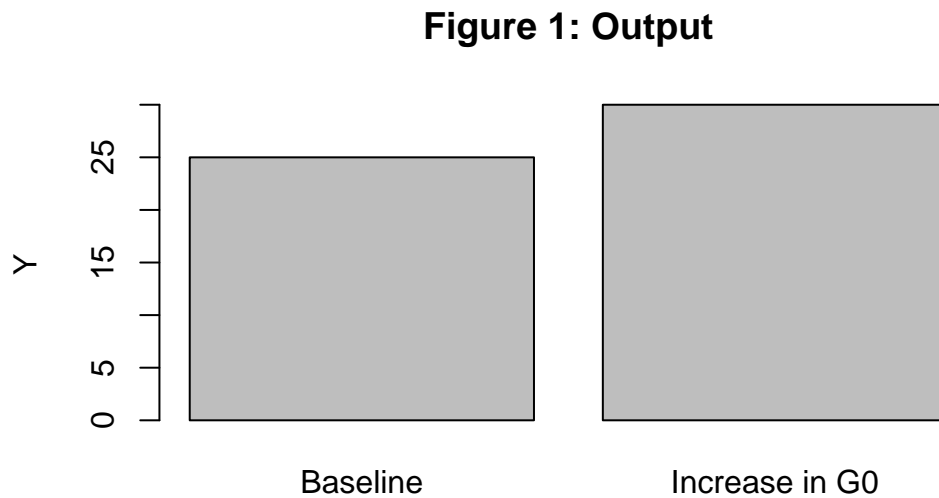
Note that due to the exclusive presence of recursive equations, no loop is needed that iterates the equations within every period. However, many dynamic models contain both simultaneous and recursive equations. In this case, a third loop inside the time loop is needed that iterates the equations within each period so as to solve the simultaneous equations. Otherwise, the approach to solving dynamic systems is not fundamentally different from the one for static systems.

At the end of the simulation run, we can again compare the results from the numerical simulation with the analytical solution. However, what is perhaps more interesting is to trace the dynamic adjustment of the endogenous variables towards equilibrium. The best way to examine this is by plotting the results.

## 2.3 How to plot the results of a model

We will consider two main ways to plot model outputs: bar charts for static models and time series charts for dynamic models. Bar charts compare the equilibrium values of  $Y_t$  for different parameterisations:

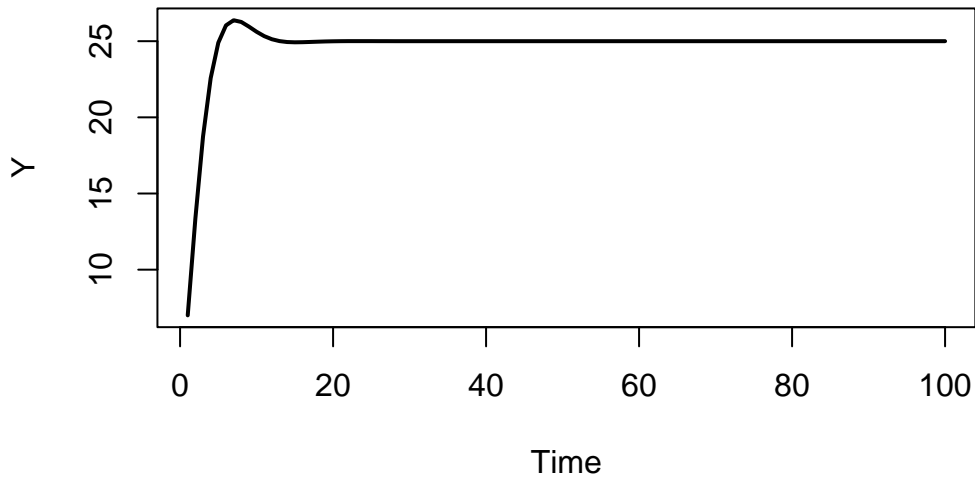
```
# Bar chart of different equilibrium solutions of Samuelson (1939) model
barplot(Y[,T], ylab="Y", main="Figure 1: Output", names.arg=c("Baseline", "Increase in G0"))
```



Next, we show a basic version of a time series chart that displays the dynamics of  $Y_t$ :

```
# Time series chart of output dynamics in Samuelson (1939) model
plot(Y[1, 1:100], type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Time", ylab="Y")
title(main="Figure 2: Output", cex=0.8)
```

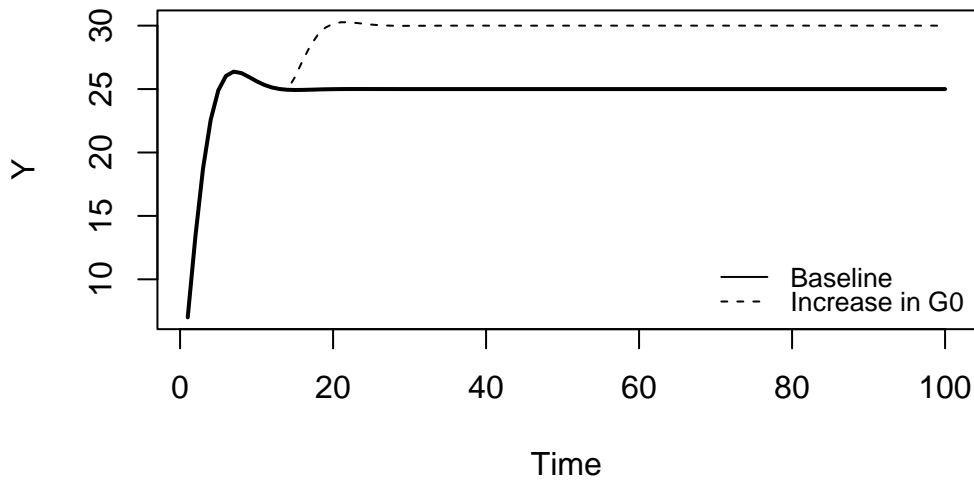
**Figure 2: Output**



As you can see, there are many settings you can fiddle around with to adjust the appearance of the graph to your liking (run ‘?plot’ to find information about the different options.) If we want to plot the dynamics for the two different parameterisations, we can do the following:

```
# Time series chart of output dynamics for different scenarios in Samuelson (1939) model
plot(Y[1, 1:100],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Time", ylab="Y", ylim=range(min(Y[1,
title(main="Figure 3: Output under different scenarios", cex=0.8)
lines(Y[2, 1:100],lty=2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("Baseline", "Increase in G0"),
      lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

**Figure 3: Output under different scenarios**



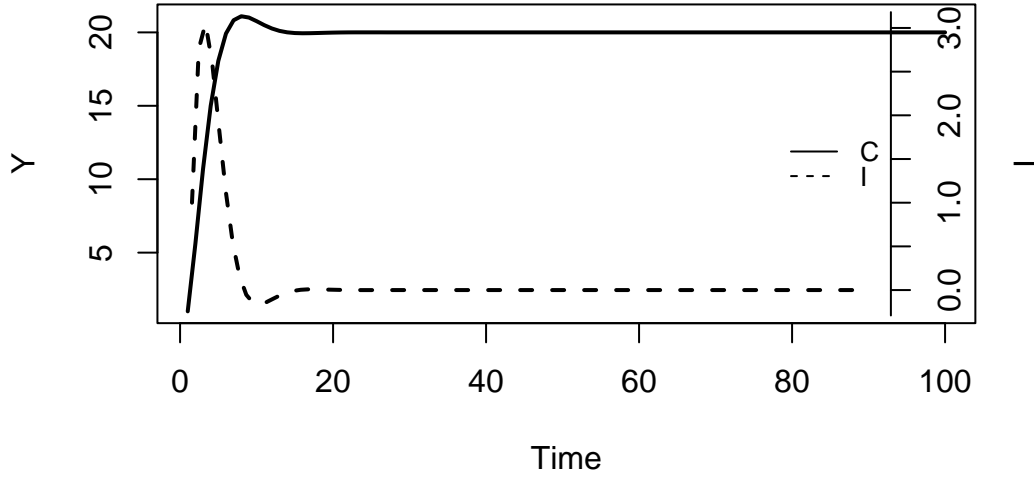
Note that we have adjusted the range of the y-axis to make sure the graph captures the minimum and maximum values from both parameterisations.

Finally, consider a plot for  $C_t$  and  $I_t$  with two separate axes:

```
# Time series chart of Samuelson (1939) model with separate axes for consumption and investment
plot(C[1, 1:100], type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Time", ylab="Y")
title(main="Figure 3: Consumption and Investment", cex=0.8)
par(mar = c(5, 4, 4, 4) + 0.3)
par(new = TRUE)
plot(I[1, 1:100], type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=2, font.main=1, cex.main=1, ylab = '', axes=F,
     xlab = '', ylim = range(I[1, 1:100]), cex=0.8)
axis(side = 4, at=pretty(range(I[1, 1:100])))
mtext("I", side = 4, line = 3)
legend("right", legend=c("C", "I"),
      lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```



**Figure 3: Consumption and Investment**



## 2.4 How to create a directed graph of a model

Another perspective on a model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

The directed graph can be derived from the model's Jacobian matrix.<sup>2</sup> Let  $x$  be the vector containing the model's endogenous variables and  $f(x)$  the system of equations making up the model. The Jacobian matrix is then given by  $J = \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x}$ . As we often also want to display exogenous variables in the directed graph, it can be useful to expand the Jacobian matrix by adding rows and columns for those exogenous variables.

Next, construct an 'auxiliary' Jacobian matrix  $M$  in which all the non-zero elements of the Jacobian are replaced by ones, whereas zero elements remain unchanged, i.e.

$$M_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } J_{ij} \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

<sup>2</sup>See Fennell et al. (2015) for a neat exposition.

Finally, taking the transpose of this ‘auxiliary’ Jacobian matrix yields the *adjacency matrix*  $A = M^T$ , which is a binary matrix whose elements ( $A_{ji}$ ) indicate whether there is a directed edge from a node  $x_j$  to node  $x_i$ . From the adjacency matrix, the directed graph is constructed.

The code below shows this for the example of the Samuelson (1939) model.

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 4 variables:
# endogenous: (1) Y, (2) C, (3) I
# exogenous: (4) G0
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged

      #1 2 3 4
M_mat=matrix(c(0,1,1,1, #1
              1,0,0,0, #2
              0,1,0,0, #3
              0,0,0,0), #4
            4, 4, byrow=TRUE)

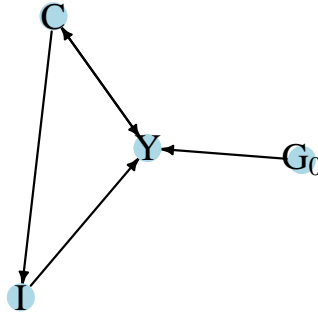
# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)

# Create directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg=graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)

# Define node labels
V(dg)$name=c("Y", "C", "I", expression(G[0]))

# Plot directed graph matrix
plot(dg, main="Figure 4: Directed graph of Samuelson model", vertex.size=20, vertex.color=
      vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.3, edge.width=1.1, edge.size=1.2,
      edge.arrow.width=1.2, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2,
      vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=-0.05)
```

**Figure 4: Directed graph of Samuelson model**



Broadly speaking, three types of nodes are possible:

1. nodes from which arrows only point away represent exogenous variables ( $G_0$  in Figure 4)
2. nodes to which arrows point but from which arrows also point away represent endogenous variables that also have a causal impact on other variables ( $Y$ ,  $C$ , and  $I$  in Figure 4)
3. nodes to arrows only point towards represent endogenous variables that are residuals (not present in Figure 4)

It can thus be seen that the key exogenous variable in the Samuelson (1939) model is government spending  $G_0$ , which determines aggregate income, which in turn feeds into consumption. Consumption then feeds into investment, which feeds back into income yielding the multiplier-accelerator effect.

## 2.5 Appendix: How to simulate dynamic model in continuous time

Sometimes, dynamic economic models are written in continuous time where the time increment is assumed to be infinitesimally small. Consider, for example, a continuous-time version of the Keynesian goods market model:

$$\dot{Y} = k(C + I_0 - Y)$$

$$C = c_0 + c_1 Y,$$

where  $\dot{Y} = \frac{dY}{dt}$ . To simulate this model, we have to approximate the differential equation for  $\dot{Y}$  by a difference equation for  $Y_t$  and let the time increment  $\Delta t$  become very small. More specifically, we write:

$$Y(t + \Delta t) = Y_t + \dot{Y}\Delta t = Y_t + [k(C + I_0 - Y)]\Delta t.$$

This approach is also called the *Euler forward method*. The code below shows to implement that method. We use  $\Delta t = 0.01$ . Note that we need to raise the time horizon  $T$  and set the adjustment speed  $k$  relatively high to make sure that the system has effectively converged to the equilibrium by  $T$ .

```
### Simulate continuous time version of Keynesian goods market model

#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of periods for which you want to simulate
T=800

# Set number of parameterisations that will be considered
S=1

# Set fixed parameter values
c0=3
c1=0.8
k=8
delta=0.01

# Construct matrices in which values for different periods will be stored; initialise at 1
Y=matrix(data=1, nrow=S, ncol=T)
C=matrix(data=1, nrow=S, ncol=T)

#Construct matrices for exogenous variable
I0=matrix(data=5, nrow=S, ncol=T)

#Solve this system recursively based on the initialisation
for (t in 2:T){
  for (iterations in 1:1000){
    Y[1,t] = Y[1,t-1] + delta*(k*(C[1,t-1] + I0[1,t-1] - Y[1,t-1]))
    C[1,t] = c0 + c1*Y[1,t]
```

```
    } # close within-period loop  
  } # close time loop
```

```
# Verify solutions for Y  
(c0+I0[1,T])/(1-c1)
```

```
[1] 40
```

```
Y[1,T]
```

```
[1] 39.9999
```

## 2.6 References

# **Part I**

## **Static Models**

## 3 A Neoclassical Macro Model

### 3.1 Overview

This model captures some key features of neoclassical macroeconomics. The model is based on the optimising behaviour of firms and households that interact in perfect markets. Households choose between labour and leisure as well as current and future consumption. They form (rational) expectations about their future income that impact their consumption decisions today. Firms are owned by households and maximise profits using a constant returns to scale technology (with diminishing marginal returns to factors of production). Markets are competitive and clear instantaneously through flexible prices. The most important market is the labour market, in which the equilibrium between firms' demand and households' supply of labour is established by a flexible real wage. The level of employment established on the labour market then determines aggregate supply via the production function. Aggregate demand always accommodates to aggregate supply via a flexible real interest rate that establishes an equilibrium between investment and saving (often interpreted as the market for loanable funds). The money supply is exogenous in this model and only impacts the price level but not the real economy – the so-called *Classical Dichotomy* (or neutrality of money). Government expenditures do influence the real economy but they crowd out private expenditures (through a mechanism called *Ricardian Equivalence*).

In this short- to medium-run version of the model, prices are flexible but the capital stock is fixed. The focus is thus on goods market equilibrium rather than economic growth. As all endogenous variables adjust instantaneously, the model is thus static. However, expectations about future income and government spending will impact current consumption of households that intertemporally maximise utility. The model is adapted from Garín, Lester, and Sims (2021).

### 3.2 The Model

$$Y = AK^aN^{1-a}, \quad a \in (0, 1) \tag{3.1}$$

$$w = (1 - a)AK^aN^{-a} \tag{3.2}$$

$$N = 1 - \frac{b_1 C}{w}, \quad b_1 > 0 \quad (3.3)$$

$$C = \left( \frac{1}{1 + b_2 + b_3} \right) \left( Y - G + \frac{Y^f - G^f}{1 + r} \right), \quad b_2 \in (0, 1), b_3 > 0 \quad (3.4)$$

$$I = \left( \frac{aAN^{1-a}}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} \quad (3.5)$$

$$G = G_0 \quad (3.6)$$

$$Y = C(r) + I(r) + G \quad (3.7)$$

$$r_n = r + \pi^f \quad (3.8)$$

$$M_s = M_0 \quad (3.9)$$

$$M_d = \frac{b_3(1 + r_n)PC}{r_n} \quad (3.10)$$

$$M = M_d(P) = M_s \quad (3.11)$$

where  $Y$ ,  $K$ ,  $N$ ,  $w$ ,  $C$ ,  $G$ ,  $r$ ,  $I$ ,  $r_n$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $M_s$ ,  $M_d$ , and  $P_t$  are real output, the capital stock, employment, the real wage, consumption, government expenditures, the real interest rate, investment, the nominal interest rate, inflation, the money supply, money demand, and the price level, respectively. The  $f$ -superscript denotes (expected) future values. For simplicity, expected future variables will be treated as exogenous.

By Equation 6.1, output is determined by a Cobb-Douglass production function with constant returns to scale and diminishing marginal returns to each factor (capital and labour). Equation 6.11 is the labour demand of firms solved for the real wage. Profit maximising firms will hire workers until the real wage is equal to the marginal product of labour ( $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial N} = (1-a)AK^aN^{-a}$ ).<sup>1</sup> Equation 6.12 specifies households' labour supply, which is positively related to the real wage. By Equation 5.2, consumption is positively related to current and

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<sup>1</sup>See the analytical discussion below for a derivation of equations Equation 6.11 -Equation 5.3 and Equation 3.10 from optimising microfoundations.



(expected) future income,<sup>2</sup> and negatively related to the real interest rate. This implies that for a higher real interest rate, households increase their saving (the supply of loanable funds). Furthermore, consumption is negatively related to current and future government expenditures. This is an implication of Ricardian Equivalence: as households know that governments will have to repay its debts in the future through higher taxes, an increase in government expenditures today is perceived as an increase in taxes (regardless of whether the government finances its current expenditures through taxes or debt).<sup>3</sup> Equation 5.3 specifies investment as a negative function of the real interest rate and a positive function of productivity. By Equation 3.6, government expenditures are exogenous. Equation 3.7 is the goods market equilibrium condition, which pins down the equilibrium real interest rate through the market for loanable funds. Equation 3.8 specifies the nominal interest rate using the well-known Fisher equation. Equation 3.9 says that the money supply is exogenous. By Equation 3.10, households' money demand is negatively related to the nominal interest rate and positively related to consumption (capturing the transaction demand for money). Finally, Equation 5.6 is the equilibrium condition for the money market, which pins down the price level.

## 3.3 Simulation

### 3.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), five further scenarios will be considered. Scenarios 2 and 3 are a monetary expansion (increase in the exogenous money supply  $M_0$ ) and fiscal expansion (increase in  $G_0$ ), respectively. Scenario 4 is an improvement in total factor productivity ( $A$ ) and scenario 5 a fall in expected future income ( $Y^f$ ). Finally, scenario 6 is a shift in household preferences towards more leisure ( $b_1$ ).

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$A$	$a$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$G_0$	$Y^f$	$M_0$	$K$	$\pi_f$
1: base-line	2	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	1	1	5	5	0.02

<sup>2</sup>Households are assumed to form rational expectations. In a deterministic setting, this implies perfect foresight so that expected and actual future income coincide.

<sup>3</sup>See the analytical discussion below for more details on Ricardian Equivalence.

Scenario $A$		$a$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$G_0$	$Y^f$	$M_0$	$K$	$\pi_f$
2: mone- tary ex- pan- sion ( $M_0$ )	2	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	1	1	6	5	0.02
3: fiscal ex- pan- sion ( $G_0$ )	2	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	2	1	6	5	0.02
4: pro- duc- tivity boost ( $A$ )	2.5	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	1	1	5	5	0.02
5: lower ex- pected future in- come ( $Y^f$ )	2	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	1	0.2	5	5	0.02
6: in- creased prefer- ence for leisure ( $b_1$ )	2	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.6	1	1	5	5	0.02

### 3.3.2 Simulation code

```
# Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=6

# Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
Y_star=vector(length=S) # Income/output
w_star=vector(length=S) # Real wage
C_star=vector(length=S) # Consumption
I_star=vector(length=S) # Investment
r_star=vector(length=S) # Real interest rate
rn_star=vector(length=S) # Nominal interest rate
N_star=vector(length=S) # Employment
P_star=vector(length=S) # Price level

# Create and parameterise exogenous variables/parameters that will be shifted
M0=vector(length=S) # money supply
G0=vector(length=S) # government expenditures
A=vector(length=S) # productivity
Yf=vector(length=S) # expected future income
b1=vector(length=S) # household preference for leisure
M0[]=5
G0[]=1
A[]=2
Yf[]=1
b1[]=0.4

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
M0[2]=6 # scenario 2: monetary expansion
G0[3]=2 # scenario 3: fiscal expansion
A[4]=2.5 # scenario 4: productivity boost
Yf[5]=0.2 # scenario 5: lower expected future income
b1[6]=0.8 # scenario 6: increased preference for leisure

# Set constant parameter values
a=0.3 # Capital elasticity of output
b2=0.9 # discount rate
b3=0.6 # household preference for money
```

```

K=5      # Exogenous capital stock
pe=0.02  # Expected rate of inflation
Gf=1     # Future government spending

# Initialise endogenous variables at arbitrary positive value
w=1
C=1
I=1
Y=C+I
r=0.3
N=1.3
P=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){

for (iterations in 1:1000){

  #Model equations

  #(1) Cobb-Douglass production function
  Y = A[i]*(K^a)*N^(1-a)

  #(2) Labour demand
  w = A[i]*(1-a)*(K^a)*N^(-a)

  #(3) Labour supply
  N = 1 - (b1[i]*C)/w

  #(4) Consumption demand
  C = (1/(1+b2+b3))*(Y - G0[i] + (Yf[i]-Gf)/(1+r))

  #(5) Investment demand, solved for r
  r=(I^(a-1))*a*A[i]*N^(1-a)

  #(6) Goods market equilibrium condition, solved for I
  I = Y - C - G0[i]

  #(7) Nominal interest rate
  rn = r + pe

```

```

    # (8) Price level
    P = (M0[i]*rn)/((1+rn)*b3*C)

}

# Save results for different parameterisations in vector
Y_star[i]=Y
w_star[i]=w
C_star[i]=C
I_star[i]=I
r_star[i]=r
N_star[i]=N
P_star[i]=P
rn_star[i]=rn
}

```

### 3.3.3 Plots

Figures Figure 3.1 - Figure 3.2 depicts the model economy's real activity under different scenarios. Monetary expansions (scenario 2) have no effects on output and employment, capturing the idea of money neutrality (Classical Dichotomy). However, the monetary expansion raises the price level (see Figure 3.6), capturing the key idea of the Quantity Theory of Money that inflation is driven by a growing money supply.

```

barplot(Y_star, ylab="Y", names.arg=c("1: Baseline", "2: Increase in M0", "3: Increase in
                                     "5: Decrease in Yf", "6: Increase in b1"))

```

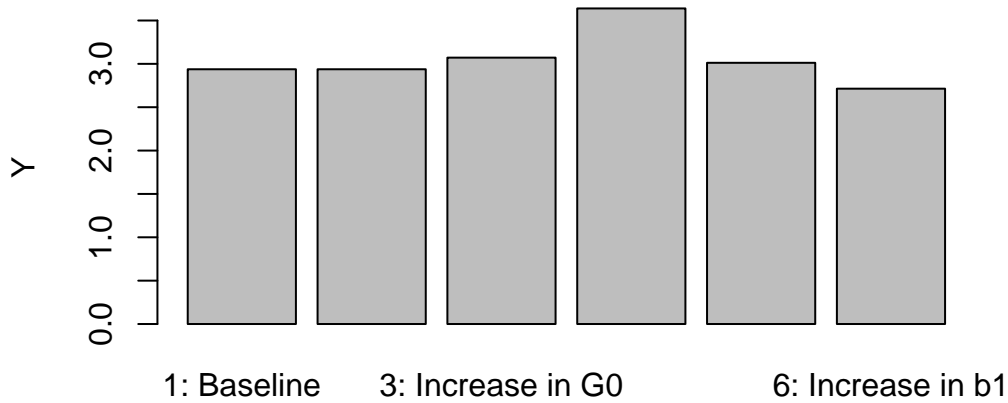


Figure 3.1: Output

An increase in government spending (by one unit) in scenario 3 does raise employment and real output,<sup>4</sup> but by less than the initial stimulus (i.e. the fiscal multiplier is smaller than one). Looking at Figures Figure 3.2 - Figure 3.4 , it can be seen that government spending crowds out private spending (consumption and investment). The decrease in consumption is a result of Ricardian Equivalence: the household anticipates higher taxes in the future and reduces current consumption to smooth out the impact. The increase in government expenditures also raises demand for loanable funds, which pushes up the real interest rate (see Figure 3.5) and reduces investment (Figure 3.4). There is also an inflationary effect linked to the higher real interest rate, which raises the nominal rate and reduces the demand for money.

```
barplot(N_star, ylab="N", names.arg=c("1: Baseline", "2: Increase in M0", "3: Increase in
                                     "5: Decrease in Yf", "6: Increase in b1"))
```

<sup>4</sup>The increase in output and employment arises because as households reduce consumption, they increase the labour supply. This result stems from the use of a separable utility function (see analytical discussion below). With a non-separable utility function, this effect would disappear (see Garín, Lester, and Sims (2021), pp.284-289).

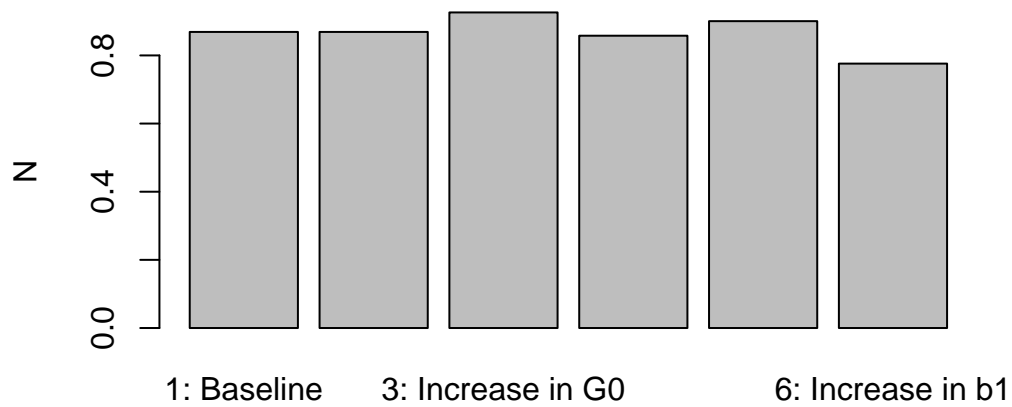


Figure 3.2: Employment

Improvements to the supply-side are captured by an increase in productivity (scenario 4), which raises real output, employment, and aggregate demand. In contrast to expansionary government policy, the price level falls.

```
barplot(C_star, ylab="C", names.arg=c("1: Baseline", "2: Increase in M0", "3: Increase in
                                         "5: Decrease in Yf", "6: Increase in b1"))
```

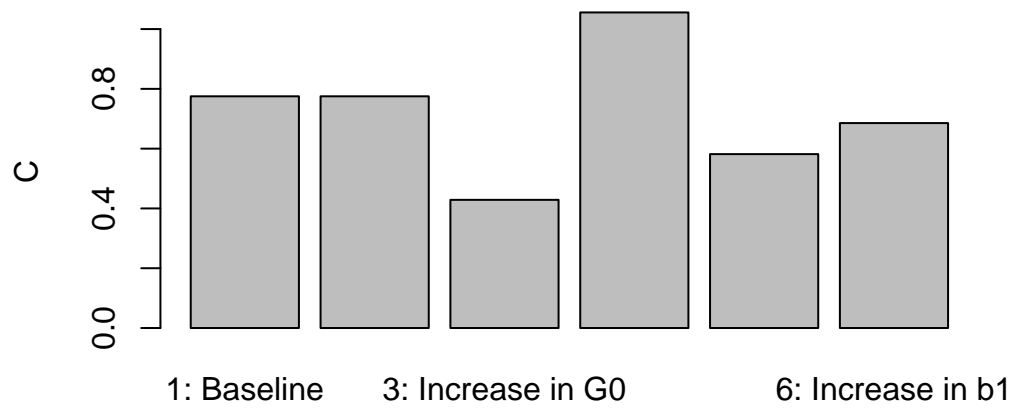


Figure 3.3: Consumption

```
barplot(I_star, ylab="I", names.arg=c("1: Baseline", "2: Increase in M0", "3: Increase in
                                         "5: Decrease in Yf", "6: Increase in b1"))
```



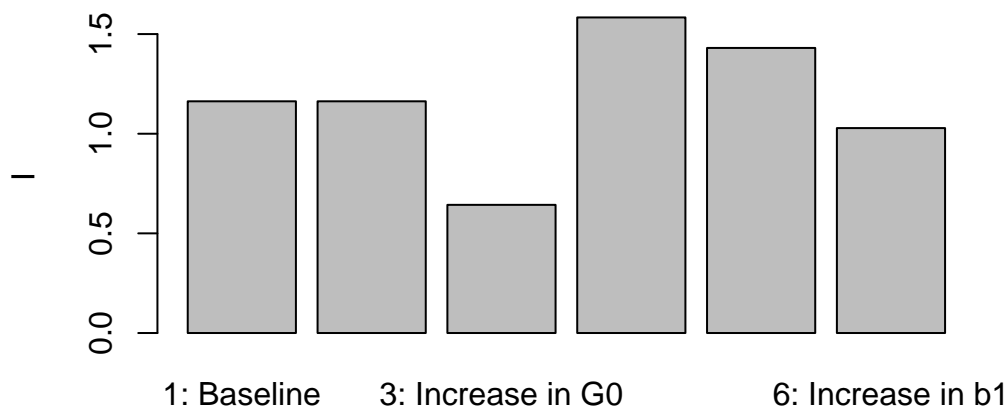


Figure 3.4: Investment

A decrease in expected future income (scenario 5) has a small expansionary effect on aggregate output. This is because households will reduce some of their current consumption (see Figure 3.3 ) and supply more labour to smooth their consumption over time. The increase in saving reduces the real interest rate (see Figure 3.5 ) and is compensated by an increase in investment (see Figure 3.4 ).

```
barplot(r_star, ylab="r", names.arg=c("1: Baseline", "2: Increase in M0", "3: Increase in  
"5: Decrease in Yf", "6: Increase in b1"))
```

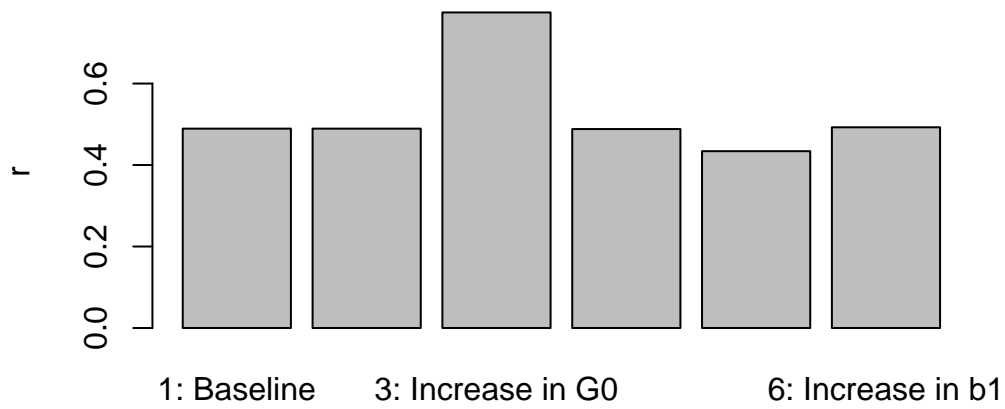


Figure 3.5: Interest rate

Finally, an increase in the preference for leisure (scenario 6) reduces labour supply and thereby output.

```
barplot(P_star, ylab="P", names.arg=c("1: Baseline", "2: Increase in M0", "3: Increase in M1", "4: Increase in M2", "5: Decrease in Yf", "6: Increase in b1"))
```

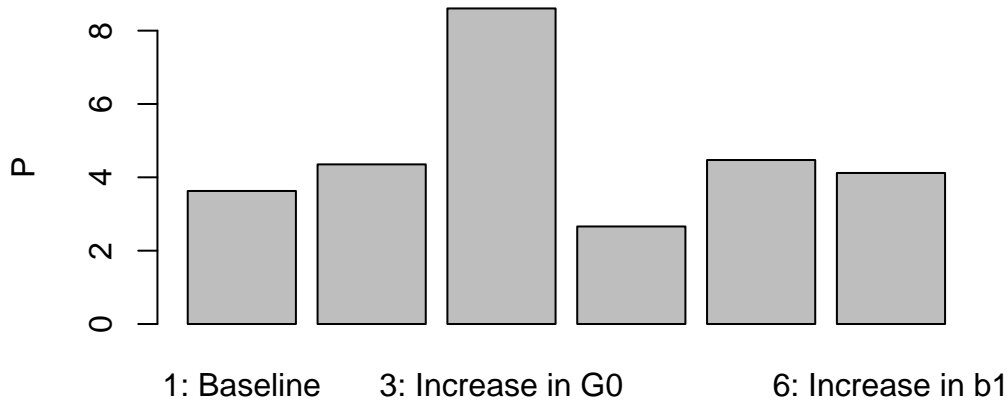


Figure 3.6: Price level

### 3.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 13 variables: Y w N C I r P rn M0
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged

M_mat=matrix(c(0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,
               0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,
               0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
```

```

0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0), 13, 13, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)
colnames(A_mat) = c("Y","w","N","C","I","r","P","rn", "M0","G0","A","Yf", "Md")

# Create and plot directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg= graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)
plot(dg, main="", vertex.size=20, vertex.color="lightblue",
     vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.2, edge.width=1,
     edge.arrow.width=0.8, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.5, vertex.frame.color="N

```

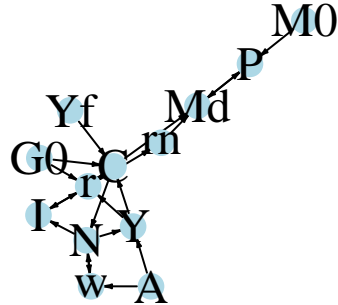


Figure 3.7: Directed graph

In Figure 3.7 , it can be seen that productivity ( $A$ ), future income ( $Y^f$ ), the money supply ( $M_0$ ), and government spending ( $G_0$ ) are the key exogenous variables of the model. All other variables are endogenous, and many of them form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system.

The left part of the graph captures the supply side: the labour market simultaneously pins down the real wage and employment, which together with the exogenously level of productivity determine output. The part in the middle embodies the demand side: aggregate demand (consumption, investment, and government spending) together with a given level of output determine the real interest rate. The right part captures the nominal side of the model given by the money market, which determines the price level. Notably, while the real side of the model feeds into the money market via the nominal interest rate ( $r_n$ ), there is not causal effect from the money market to the real side reflecting the Classical Dichotomy.

## 3.5 Analytical discussion: derivation of behavioural functions

### 3.5.1 The firm's problem: profit maximisation

The firm's profit equation is given by:

$$\Pi = Y - wN - rk \quad (3.12)$$

$$= AK^a N^{1-a} - wN - rk. \quad (3.13)$$

The firm's optimisation problem is to maximise profits using employment and capital as choice variables:<sup>5</sup>

$$\max_{N,K} \Pi = AK^a N^{1-a} - wN - rk. \quad (3.14)$$

The first-order conditions are given by:

$$(1 - a)AK^a N^{-a} - w = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

$$aAK^{a-1} N^{1-a} - r = 0. \quad (3.16)$$

From Equation 3.15, Equation 6.11 for labour demand can be derived. While the capital stock is pre-determined in every period, the firm can adjust the capital stock through investment. We thus use the first-order condition for capital Equation 3.16 to derive Equation 5.3 for investment demand.

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<sup>5</sup>See Garín, Lester, and Sims (2021, chap. 12) for a more elaborate version where the firm maximises its lifetime value. The resulting investment function is very similar.

### 3.5.2 The government's budget constraint: Ricardian Equivalence

The government's current and future budget constraints are given by:

$$G = T + B \quad (3.17)$$

$$G^f = T^f + (1 + r)B \quad (3.18)$$

where  $T$  is tax revenues and  $B$  is government debt.

A crucial assumption here is that the government must repay its debts in the future (it cannot permanently roll over its debts). The underlying assumption is that the government will eventually 'die' and will do so without savings nor debts.

Combining the two budget constraints to an intertemporal budget constraint yields:

$$G + \frac{G^f}{1 + r} = T + \frac{T^f}{1 + r} \quad (3.19)$$

Thus, while the government's budget need not be balanced in every period, it will be balanced over time (in a present value sense).<sup>6</sup>

### 3.5.3 The household's problem: intertemporal utility maximisation

The household derives utility from current consumption, leisure ( $1 - N$ ), future consumption  $C^f$ , and from holding real money balances ( $\frac{M}{P}$ ). We use the following log utility function:

$$U = \ln(C) + b_1 \ln(1 - N) + b_2 \ln(C^f) + b_3 \ln\left(\frac{M}{P}\right) \quad (3.20)$$

The household's current budget constraint is given by:<sup>7</sup>

$$C = Y - T - S - \frac{M}{P} \quad (3.21)$$

The income that is not consumed can either be saved ( $S$ ) at nominal interest rate ( $r_n$ ) or held as money on which no return is earned.

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<sup>6</sup>See Garín, Lester, and Sims (2021, chap. 13) for a more detailed discussion of the government's budget constraints.

<sup>7</sup>See Garín, Lester, and Sims (2021, chap. 14) for a more detailed discussion of the household's budget constraints.

The future budget constraint (assuming that households do not save in the future) is given by:

$$C^f = Y^f - T^f + (1 + r_n) \frac{PS}{P^f} + \frac{M}{P^f}. \quad (3.22)$$

Using the Fisher equation  $(1 + r) = (1 + r_n) \frac{P}{P^f}$ , the future budget constraint can be rewritten as:

$$C^f = Y^f - T^f + (1 + r)S + \frac{(1 + r)M}{(1 + r_n)P} \quad (3.23)$$

Finally, the two budget constraints can be combined to yield an intertemporal budget constraint:

$$C^f = (Y - C - T)(1 + r) + Y^f - T^f - \frac{r_n M}{(1 + r_n)P}. \quad (3.24)$$

Substituting the government's intertemporal budget constraint, the household's intertemporal budget constraint can also be written as:

$$C^f = (Y - C - G)(1 + r) + Y^f - G^f - \frac{r_n M}{(1 + r_n)P} \quad (3.25)$$

The fact that current and future tax payments are now replaced by current and future government spending means that it does not matter for the real economy how government spending is financed: the private sector will react to expenditures that are financed out of debt in the same way it reacts to expenditures financed out of taxation. This result is also known as *Ricardian Equivalence*. Put differently, Ricardian Equivalence means the household behaves as if the government balances its budget in every period.

With these ingredients, the household's optimisation problem can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{C, N, M} \quad & U = \ln(C) + b_1 \ln(1 - N) + b_2 \ln(C^f) + b_3 \ln\left(\frac{M}{P}\right), \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & C^f = (Y - C - G)(1 + r) + Y^f - G^f - \frac{r_n M}{(1 + r_n)P}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the constraint Equation 3.25 for  $C^f$  in the utility function allows to obtain the following first-order conditions:

$$C - \frac{C^f}{b_2(1 + r)} = 0 \quad (3.26)$$

$$N + \frac{b_1 C^f}{b_2(1+r)w} - 1 = 0 \quad (3.27)$$

$$M - \frac{b_3 C^f (1+r_n) P}{b_2(1+r)r_n} = 0. \quad (3.28)$$

Substituting Equation 3.26, which is often also called the *Euler equation*, into Equation 3.27 and Equation 3.28 yields Equation 6.12 for labour supply and Equation 3.10 for money demand, respectively. Finally, using Equation 3.25 and Equation 3.28 in the Euler Equation 3.26 yields the consumption function Equation 5.2.

## References



## 4 An IS-LM Model

### 4.1 Overview

The IS-LM model was developed by John R. Hicks (1937) to formalise some key ideas of John Maynard Keynes' 1936 book [The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money](#). The model contains two equilibrium relationships: a goods market equilibrium between investment and saving (IS) and a money market equilibrium between money demand and money supply (LM). In the goods market, aggregate supply adjusts to the level of aggregate demand given by the expenditure decisions of households, firms, and the government. Households form their consumption demand based on a constant marginal propensity to consume out of income. Firms take investment decisions based on the rate of interest. Money demand is determined by aggregate income (transactions demand) and the interest rate on bonds (speculative demand). The money supply is assumed to be exogenous and under the control of the central bank. The two markets pin down equilibrium output and the interest rate. The goods market equilibrium may well coincide with involuntary unemployment. Adverse shocks to autonomous investment ('animal spirits') or autonomous money demand ('liquidity preference') reduce output and raise unemployment. The government can use monetary policy, fiscal spending, and income taxes to stimulate economic activity and achieve full employment.

In this short-run model, prices and the capital stock are fixed. The focus is thus on goods market equilibrium rather than economic growth. As all endogenous variables adjust instantaneously, the model is static. We consider a version with linear functions, adapted from Blanchard and Johnson (2013, chap. 5).

### 4.2 The Model

$$Y = C + I + G \tag{4.1}$$

$$C = c_0 + c_1(Y - T), \quad c_1 \in (0, 1) \tag{4.2}$$

$$I = i_0 - i_1 r, \quad i_1 > 0 \tag{4.3}$$

$$G = G_0 \quad (4.4)$$

$$T = T_0 \quad (4.5)$$

$$M_s = M_0 \quad (4.6)$$

$$M_d = m_0 + m_1 Y - m_2 r, \quad m_1 > 0 \quad (4.7)$$

$$M = M_d = M_s \quad (4.8)$$

$$N = aY, \quad a > 0 \quad (4.9)$$

$$U = 1 - \frac{N}{N^f} \quad (4.10)$$

where  $Y$ ,  $C$ ,  $I$ ,  $G$ ,  $T$ ,  $r$ ,  $M_d$ ,  $M_s$ ,  $N$ ,  $U$  and  $N^f$  are output, consumption, investment, government spending, taxes, the interest rate on bonds, money demand, money supply, employment, the unemployment rate, and the labour force, respectively. The constant price level has been normalised to unity.

Equation 4.1 is the goods market equilibrium condition. Aggregate supply ( $Y$ ) accommodates to the level of aggregate demand which is the sum of consumption, investment, and government spending. Equation 4.2 is the consumption function consisting of autonomous consumption demand ( $c_0$ ) and a marginal propensity to consume ( $c_1$ ) out of disposable income ( $Y - T$ ). Investment demand in Equation 4.3 has an autonomous component ( $i_0$ ) capturing Keynesian animal spirits and a component that is negatively related to the rate of interest on bonds. By equations Equation 4.4 and Equation 4.5, government spending and taxation are exogenous. Similarly, the money supply in Equation 4.6 is assumed to be exogenous. By Equation 4.7, households' money demand is positively related to income (capturing the transaction demand for money) and negatively related to the interest rate on bonds (capturing speculative demand). There is also an autonomous term ( $m_0$ ) capturing Keynesian liquidity preference. Equation 4.9 is a fixed-coefficient production function through which employment is determined. In conjunction with an exogenously given labour force ( $N^f$ ), the level of employment can be used to obtain an unemployment rate in Equation 4.10.

## 4.3 Simulation

### 4.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), five further scenarios will be considered. Scenarios 2 and 3 model a switch towards pessimistic sentiments: a fall in animal spirits ( $i_0$ ) and an increase in liquidity preference ( $m_0$ ). Scenarios 4 to 6 consider three different government policies to stimulate the economy: a monetary expansion ( $M_0$ ), a tax cut ( $T_0$ ), and a fiscal expansion ( $G_0$ ).

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$\sigma_0$	$c_1$	$i_0$	$i_1$	$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$M_0$	$T_0$	$G_0$	$a$	$N^f$
1: base-line	2	0.6	2	0.1	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	1.5	18
2: fall in animal spirits ( $i_0$ )	2	0.6	1	0.1	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	1.5	18
3: increased liquidity preference ( $m_0$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	7	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	1.5	18
4: monetary expansion ( $M_0$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	6	0.2	0.4	6	1	1	1.5	18

Scenario	$\sigma_0$	$c_1$	$i_0$	$i_1$	$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$M_0$	$T_0$	$G_0$	$a$	$N^f$
5: tax cut ( $T_0$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	6	0.2	0.4	5	0	1	1.5	18
6: fis- cal ex- pan- sion ( $G_0$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	2	1.5	18

### 4.3.2 Simulation code

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=6

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
Y_star=vector(length=S) # Income/output
C_star=vector(length=S) # Consumption
I_star=vector(length=S) # Investment
r_star=vector(length=S) # Real interest rate
N_star=vector(length=S) # Employment
U_star=vector(length=S) # Unemployment rate

# Set exogenous variables that will be shifted
i0=vector(length=S) # autonomous investment
m0=vector(length=S) # Autonomous demand for money
M0=vector(length=S) # money supply
G0=vector(length=S) # government spending
T0=vector(length=S) # taxes
i0[]=2
m0[]=6
M0[]=5
G0[]=1
T0[]=1
```

```

## Construct scenarios
# scenario 2: fall in animal spirits
i0[2]=1

#scenario 3: increase in liquidity preference
m0[3]=7

# scenario 4: monetary expansion
M0[4]=6

# scenario 5: reduction in tax rate
T0[5]=0

# scenario 6: fiscal expansion
G0[6]=2

#Set constant parameter values
c0=2 # Autonomous consumption
c1=0.6 # Sensitivity of consumption with respect to the income (marginal propensity to consume)
i1=0.1 # Sensitivity of investment with respect to the interest rate
m1=0.2 # Sensitivity of money demand with respect to income
m2=0.4 # Sensitivity of money demand with respect to interest rate
a=1.5 # labour coefficient
Nf=18 # Full employment/labour force

# Initialise endogenous variables at some arbitrary positive value
Y=1
C=1
I=1
r=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){

  for (iterations in 1:1000){

    #Model equations

    # Goods market equilibrium

```

```

Y = C + I + G0[i]

# Consumption demand
C = c0 + c1*(Y-T0[i])

# Investment demand
I = i0[i] - i1*r

# Money market, solved for interest rate
r = (m0[i] - M0[i])/m2 + m1*Y/m2

# Employment
N = a*Y

#Unemployment rate
U = (1 - N/Nf)

}
#Save results for different parameterisations in vector
Y_star[i]=Y
C_star[i]=C
I_star[i]=I
r_star[i]=r
N_star[i]=N
U_star[i]=U
}

```

### 4.3.3 Plots

Figure 4.1 and Figure 4.2 depict the response of the model's key endogenous variables, output and the interest rate, to various shifts. A fall in animal spirits (scenario 2) and an increase in liquidity preference (scenario 3) both have contractionary effects. While the fall in animal spirits directly reduces aggregate demand and thereby output (despite a fall in the interest rate), the rise in liquidity preference depresses output through its positive effect on the interest rate. Both scenarios raise the unemployment rate (Figure 4.3). Scenarios 4 to 6 assess three different macroeconomic policy tools to stimulate output. It can be seen in Figure 4.1 that fiscal policy is more effective than monetary policy for the parameterisation in Table 1.<sup>1</sup> Direct fiscal stimulus is more effective than tax cuts due to the constant marginal propensity to consume. The effect on output is a multiple of the one-unit stimulus thanks to the multiplier effect.

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<sup>1</sup>The analytical discussion below shows formally that fiscal policy is more effective than monetary policy if  $m_2 > i_2$ .

However, it can also be seen that fiscal policy raises the interest rate, which crowds out some of the expansionary effect.

```
barplot(Y_star, ylab="Y", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise liq.  
"4:Monetary exp.", "5:Tax cut", "6:Fiscal exp."))
```

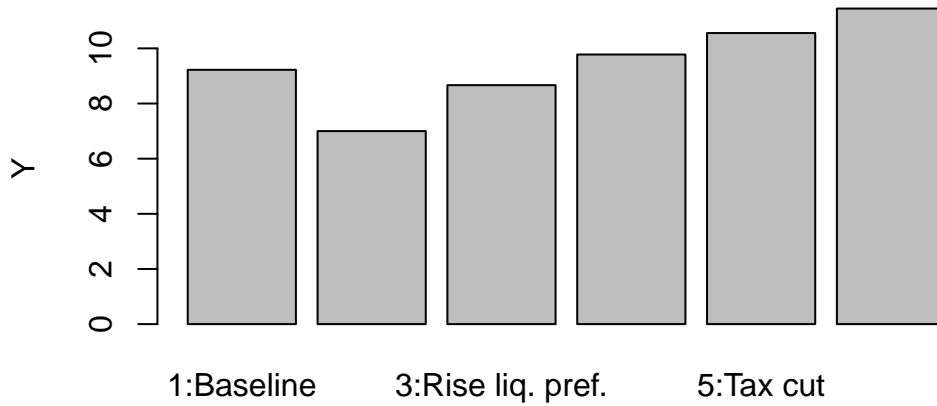


Figure 4.1: Output

```
barplot(r_star, ylab="r", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise liq.  
"4:Monetary exp.", "5:Tax cut", "6:Fiscal exp."))
```

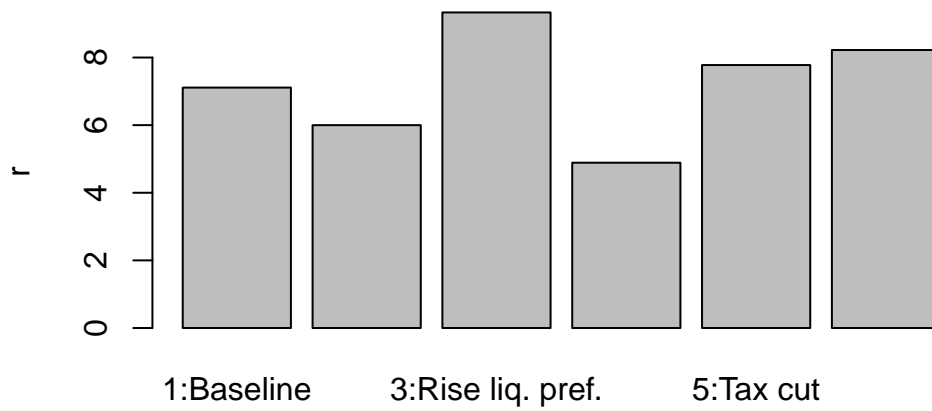


Figure 4.2: Interest rate

```
barplot(U_star*100, ylab="U (%)", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise liq. pref.", "4:Monetary exp.", "5:Tax cut", "6:Fiscal ex."))
```



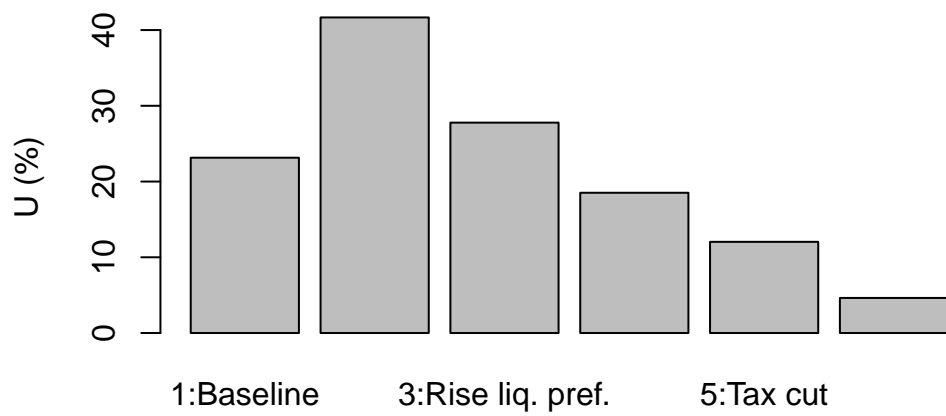


Figure 4.3: Unemployment

Figure 4.4 and Figure 4.5 further show that monetary policy mostly stimulates investment, whereas fiscal policy boost consumption.

```
barplot(I_star, ylab="I", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise liq.  
"4:Monetary exp.", "5:Tax cut", "6:Fiscal exp."))
```

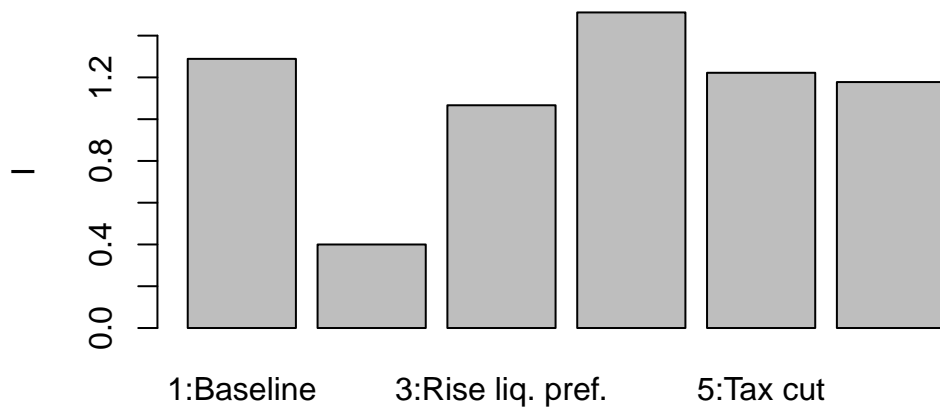


Figure 4.4: Investment

```
barplot(C_star, ylab="C", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise liq.  
"4:Monetary exp.", "5:Tax cut", "6:Fiscal exp."))
```

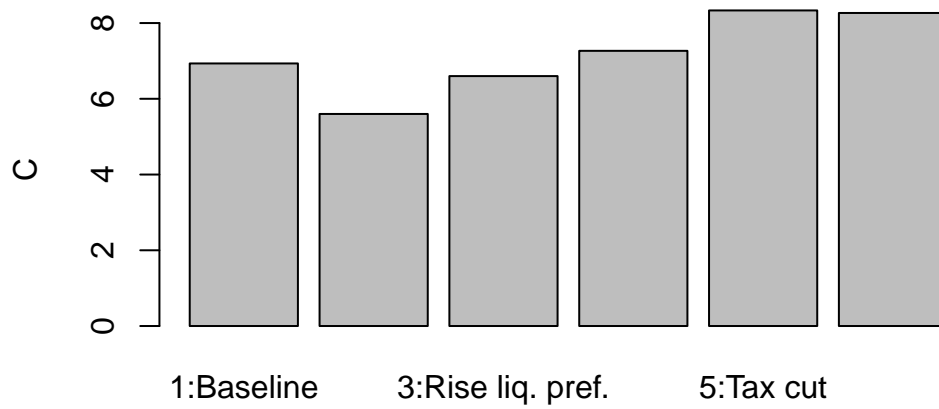


Figure 4.5: Consumption

```
# barplot(N_star, ylab="N", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise liq
#                                     "4:Monetary exp.", "5:Tax cut", "6:Fiscal exp.))
```

#### 4.3.4 Calculate equilibrium fiscal multiplier

```
Y_star[6]-Y_star[1] # numerical approach
```

```
[1] 2.222222
```

```
m2/((1-c1)*m2+i1*m1) # analytical approach
```

```
[1] 2.222222
```

## 4.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 11 variables: Y, C, I, G, T, r, MO, N, iO, mO, Md
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged

M_mat=matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0), 11, 11, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)
colnames(A_mat) = c("Y", "C", "I", "GO", "TO", "r", "MO", "N", "iO", "mO", "Md")

# Create and plot directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg= graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted=NULL)
plot(dg, main="", vertex.size=20, vertex.color="lightblue",
     vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.2, edge.width=1,
     edge.arrow.width=0.8, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.5, vertex.frame.color="N
```

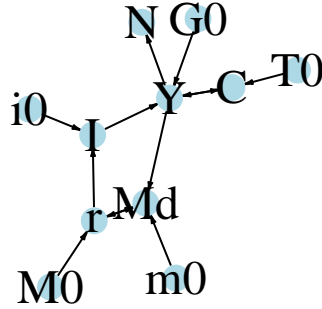


Figure 4.6: Directed graph of IS-LM model

## 4.5 Analytical discussion

To obtain the IS-curve, substitute Equation 4.2 - Equation 4.5 into Equation 4.1 and solve for  $Y$ :

$$Y = \left( \frac{1}{1 - c_1} \right) (c_0 + i_0 + G_0 - i_1 r - c_1 T_0). \quad (4.11)$$

To obtain the LM-curve, substitute Equation 4.6 - Equation 4.7 into Equation 4.8 and solve for  $r$ :

$$r = \left( \frac{1}{m_2} \right) (m_0 - M_0 + m_1 Y). \quad (4.12)$$

Finally, to obtain equilibrium solutions for  $Y$  and  $r$ , substitute Equation 4.12 into Equation 4.11 and vice versa:

$$Y^* = \left[ \frac{m_2}{(1 - c_1)m_2 + i_1 m_1} \right] (c_0 + i_0 + G_0 - c_1 T_0) + \left[ \frac{i_1}{(1 - c_1)m_2 + i_1 m_1} \right] (M_0 - m_0)$$

$$r^* = \left[ \frac{1 - c_1}{(1 - c_1)m_2 + i_1 m_1} \right] (m_0 - M_0) + \left[ \frac{m_1}{(1 - c_1)m_2 + i_1 m_1} \right] (c_0 + i_0 + G_0 - c_1 T_0).$$

From this, the following results can be obtained:

- The equilibrium effects of a change in taxes are smaller than those from a change in government spending (since  $c_1$  is smaller than one).
- Government spending is more effective than monetary expansion if  $m_2 > i_1$  (which is the case for the parameterisation in Table 1).
- The equilibrium multiplier  $\left[ \frac{m_2}{(1 - c_1)m_2 + i_1 m_1} \right]$  is smaller than the aggregate demand multiplier  $\left( \frac{1}{1 - c_1} \right)$  due to the positive effect on the interest rate and the corresponding negative effect investment ( $i_1 m_1$ ). This is the crowding out mechanism.

## References

# 5 A Neoclassical Synthesis Model (IS-LM-AS-AD)

## 5.1 Overview

The Neoclassical Synthesis was developed in the 1940s and 1950s by Franco Modigliani, Paul Samuelson and others. It introduced neoclassical components into the Keynesian IS-LM model that had been proposed by John R. Hicks (1937) to formalise some key ideas of John Maynard Keynes' 1936 book [The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money](#). The IS-LM model, which is analysed in detail in Chapter 4, contains two equilibrium relationships: a goods market equilibrium between investment and saving (IS) and a money market equilibrium between money demand and money supply (LM). In the goods market, aggregate supply adjusts to the level of aggregate demand given by the expenditure decisions of households, firms, and the government. Money demand is determined by aggregate income and the interest rate on bonds. The money supply is assumed to be exogenous. The two markets pin down equilibrium output and the interest rate.

The Neoclassical Synthesis adds a neoclassical labour market with Keynesian frictions to the IS-LM model. Following the discussion in Froyen (2005), chap. 9, we consider a labour market in which firms have perfect information about the real wage, whereas workers need to form expectations about the price level. Price expectations are assumed to be exogenous in the short run. Workers thus suffer from 'money illusion': an increase in the actual price levels reduces the real wage but leaves their labour supply unchanged. This gives rise to an upward-sloping aggregate supply (AS) (or Phillips) curve. By contrast, the aggregate demand (AD) curve is downward-sloping as a higher price level increases the demand for real money balances, which pushes up the interest rate.

In this short-run model, prices are flexible but the capital stock is fixed. The focus is thus on goods market equilibrium rather than economic growth. As all endogenous variables adjust instantaneously, the model is static. We consider a version with a Cobb-Douglass production function and otherwise linear behavioural functions, based on the graphical analysis in Froyen (2005), chap. 9.

## 5.2 The Model

$$Y = C + I + G_0 \quad (5.1)$$

$$C = c_0 + c_1(Y - T_0), \quad c_1 \in (0, 1) \quad (5.2)$$

$$I = i_0 - i_1 r, \quad i_1 > 0 \quad (5.3)$$

$$M_s = M_0 \quad (5.4)$$

$$\frac{M_d}{P} = m_0 + m_1 Y - m_2 r, \quad m_1, m_2 > 0 \quad (5.5)$$

$$M_d(r) = M_s \quad (5.6)$$

$$w = (1 - a)AK^a N^{-a}, \quad a \in (0, 1) \quad (5.7)$$

$$W = \frac{P^e b C}{1 - \frac{N}{N^f}}, \quad b \in (0, 1) \quad (5.8)$$

$$P = \frac{W}{w} \quad (5.9)$$

$$N = \left( \frac{Y}{AK^a} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} \quad (5.10)$$

$$U = 1 - \frac{N}{N^f} \quad (5.11)$$

where  $Y$ ,  $C$ ,  $I$ ,  $G_0$ ,  $T_0$ ,  $r$ ,  $M_s$ ,  $M_d$ ,  $w$ ,  $A$ ,  $K$ ,  $N$ ,  $W$ ,  $P^e$ ,  $N^f$ ,  $P$ , and  $U$  are output, consumption, investment, (exogenous) government spending, (exogenous) taxes, the real interest rate on bonds, nominal money supply, nominal money demand, the real wage, productivity, the capital stock, employment, the nominal wage, the price level expected by workers, the labour force (or total available time for work), the actual price level, and the unemployment rate, respectively.



Equation 6.1 is the goods market equilibrium condition. Aggregate supply ( $Y$ ) accommodates to the level of aggregate demand which is the sum of consumption, investment, and government spending. Equation 5.2 is the consumption function consisting of autonomous consumption demand ( $c_0$ ) and a marginal propensity to consume ( $c_1$ ) out of disposable income ( $Y - T_0$ ). Investment demand in Equation 5.3 has an autonomous component ( $i_0$ ) capturing Keynesian animal spirits and a component that is negatively related to the rate of interest on bonds. Government spending and taxation are exogenous. Similarly, the nominal money supply ( $M_0$ ) in Equation 5.4 is assumed to be exogenous. By Equation 5.5, households' real money demand is positively related to income (capturing the transaction demand for money) and negatively related to the interest rate on bonds (capturing speculative demand). There is also an autonomous term ( $m_0$ ) capturing Keynesian liquidity preference. Equilibrium in the money market Equation 5.6 yields an equation for the interest rate.

In Equation 6.11, the real wage is determined by the marginal product of labour implied by a Cobb-Douglass production function ( $Y = AK^aN^{1-a}$ ). This means the real wage is always consistent with firms' demand for labour based on profit-maximisation.<sup>1</sup> Equation 6.10 specifies the nominal wage as implied by households' labour supply curve. Optimising households supply labour based on their work-leisure trade-off (with the parameter  $b$  capturing their preference for leisure,  $1 - \frac{N}{N^f}$ ). Since they don't have knowledge of the current real wage, they base their decisions on the expected price level  $P^e$ , which is exogenous in the short run. The actual price level is then given by the ratio of the nominal wage to the real wage Equation 6.9. In other words, firms set prices such that the nominal wage they pay to workers are consistent with their own desired real wage. Equation 6.12 pins down employment as implied by the Cobb-Douglass production function. In conjunction with an exogenously given labour force  $N^f$  (or total available labour time), the level of employment can be used to obtain an unemployment rate in Equation 6.13.

## 5.3 Simulation

### 5.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), five further scenarios will be considered. Scenario 2 is a switch towards pessimistic sentiments in the form of a fall in animal spirits ( $i_0$ ). In scenario 3, productivity ( $A$ ) increases. Scenario 4 considers a rise in the price level expected by workers ( $P^e$ ). Scenarios 5 and 6 consider two different government policies to stimulate the economy: a monetary expansion ( $M_0$ ) and a fiscal expansion ( $G_0$ ).

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

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<sup>1</sup>See the notes on the Classical Model ([here](#)) for a formal derivation of the labour demand and supply curves from optimisation. A minor modification is that here we work with a normalisation of the term for leisure in the household's log-utility function,  $\ln(1 - \frac{N}{N^f})$ , to allow  $N$  to be larger than unity.

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Scenario	$c_0$	$c_1$	$i_0$	$i_1$	$A$	$P^e$	$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$M_0$	$G_0$	$T_0$	$N^f$	$a$	$b$
1: baseline	2	0.6	2	0.1	2	1	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	7	0.3	0.4
2: fall in animal spirits ( $i_0$ )	2	0.6	1.5	0.1	2	1	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	7	0.3	0.4
3: rise in productivity ( $A$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	3	1	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	7	0.3	0.4
4: rise in expected price level ( $P^e$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	2	1.5	6	0.2	0.4	5	1	1	7	0.3	0.4
5: monetary expansion ( $M_0$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	2	1	6	0.2	0.4	6	1	1	7	0.3	0.4
6: fiscal expansion ( $G_0$ )	2	0.6	2	0.1	2	1	6	0.2	0.4	5	2	1	7	0.3	0.4

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### 5.3.2 Simulation code

```

#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=6

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
Y_star=vector(length=S) # Income/output
C_star=vector(length=S) # Consumption
I_star=vector(length=S) # Investment
r_star=vector(length=S) # Real interest rate
N_star=vector(length=S) # Employment
U_star=vector(length=S) # Unemployment rate
P_star=vector(length=S) # Price level
w_star=vector(length=S) # Real wage
W_star=vector(length=S) # Nominal wage

# Set exogenous variables that will be shifted
i0=vector(length=S) # autonomous investment (animal spirits)
M0=vector(length=S) # money supply
G0=vector(length=S) # government spending
P0=vector(length=S) # expected price level

```

```

A=vector(length=S) # Exogenous productivity

### Construct different scenarios
# baseline
A[]=2
i0[]=2
M0[]=5
G0[]=1
P0[]=1

# scenario 2: fall in animal spirits
i0[2]=1.5

# scenario 3: increase in productivity
A[3]=3

# scenario 4: increase in expected price level
P0[4]=1.5

# scenario 5: monetary expansion
M0[5]=6

# scenario 6: fiscal expansion
G0[6]=2

#Set constant parameter values
c0=2 # Autonomous consumption
c1=0.6 # Sensitivity of consumption with respect to the income (marginal propensity to consume)
i1=0.1 # Sensitivity of investment with respect to the interest rate
m1=0.2 # Sensitivity of money demand with respect to income
m2=0.4 # Sensitivity of money demand with respect to interest rate
Nf=5 # Full employment/labour force
K=4 # Exogenous capital stock
a=0.3 # Capital elasticity of output
b=0.4 # household preference for leisure
T0=1 # tax revenues
m0=6 # liquidity preference

# Initialise endogenous variables at some arbitrary positive value
Y=1
C=1

```

```

I=1
r=1
P=1
w=1
N=1
W=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){

  for (iterations in 1:1000){

    #Model equations

    # Goods market equilibrium
    Y = C + I + GO[i]

    # Consumption demand
    C = c0 + c1*(Y-T0)

    # Investment demand
    I = i0[i] - i1*r

    # Money market, solved for interest rate
    r = (m0 - (M0[i]/P))/m2 + m1*Y/m2

    #Unemployment rate
    U = (1 - N/Nf)

    #Real wage
    w = A[i]*(1-a)*(K^a)*N^(-a)

    #Nominal wage
    W= (P0[i]*b*C)/(1- (N/Nf))

    #Price level
    P = W/w

    #Employment
    N = (Y/(A[i]*(K^a)))^(1/(1-a))
  }
}

```

```

}

#Save results for different parameterisations in vector
Y_star[i]=Y
C_star[i]=C
I_star[i]=I
r_star[i]=r
N_star[i]=N
U_star[i]=U
P_star[i]=P
w_star[i]=w
W_star[i]=W

}

```

### 5.3.3 Plots

Figures Figure 4.1 - Figure 5.5 depict the response of the model's key endogenous variables to various shifts. A fall in animal spirits (scenario 2) reduces aggregate demand and thereby output and employment (despite a fall in the interest rate). This reduces workers' nominal wage demands and thus the price level. An increase in productivity (scenario 3) has expansionary effects on output but adverse effects on employment. Higher productivity means that fewer workers need to be hired to produce the same level of output. However, the corresponding reduction in employment also reduces the price level, which lowers the (real) demand for money and thus lowers the interest rate. This has expansionary effects on output.

```

barplot(Y_star, ylab="Y", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise produ
      "4:Rise exp. price", "5:Monetary expan.", "6:Fiscal

```

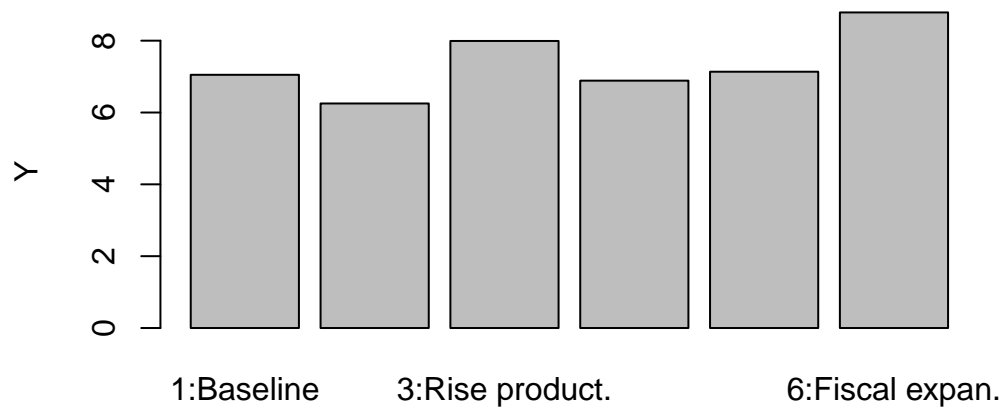


Figure 5.1: Output

```
barplot(P_star, ylab="P", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise produ
      "4:Rise exp. price", "5:Monetary expan.", "6:Fiscal
```

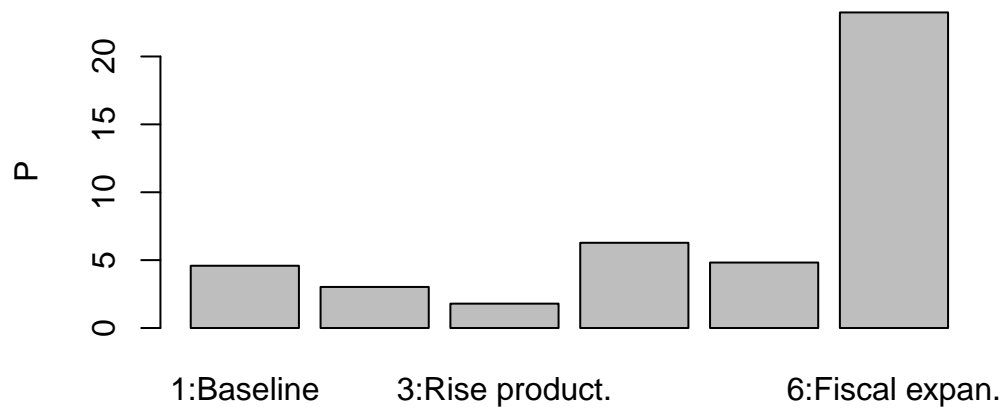


Figure 5.2: Price level

```
barplot(r_star, ylab="r", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise produ
      "4:Rise exp. price", "5:Monetary expan.", "6:Fiscal
```

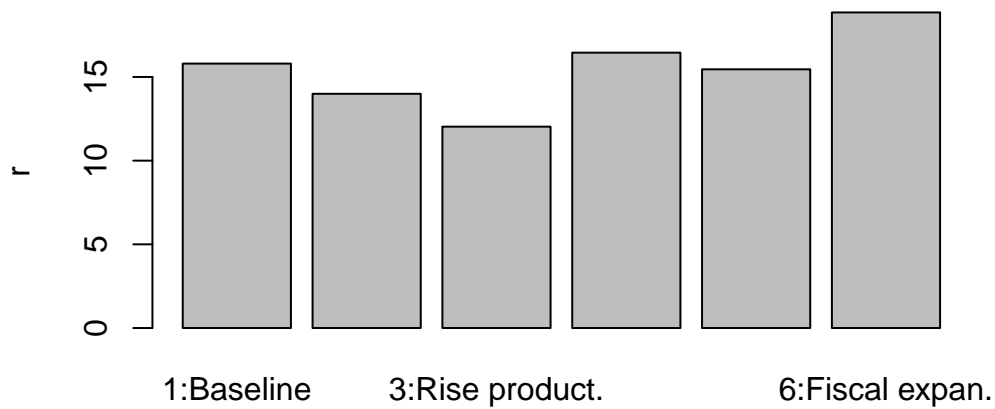


Figure 5.3: Interest rate

A rise in the expected price level (scenario 4) raises nominal wages and thereby the actual price level. This raises the interest rate, which exerts a (small) contractionary effect on output and employment. Scenarios 5 and 6 assess two different macroeconomic policy tools to stimulate output. A monetary expansion lowers the interest rate and increases output but also the price level. Similar results arise for a fiscal expansion. The main difference is that the monetary expansion lowers the interest rate, whereas the fiscal expansion increases it. \

```
barplot(U_star*100, ylab="U (%)", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Ri
"4:Rise exp. price", "5:Monetary expan.", "6
```



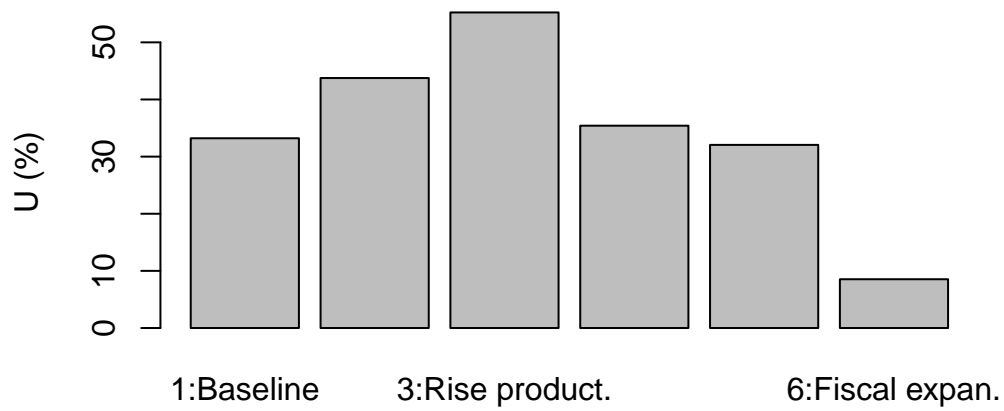


Figure 5.4: Unemployment rate

```
barplot(W_star, ylab="W", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise produ
      "4:Rise exp. price", "5:Monetary expan.", "6:Fiscal
```

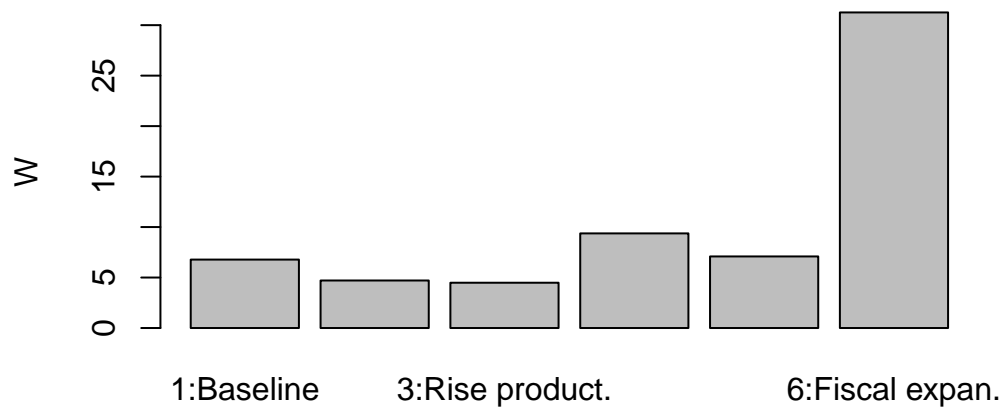


Figure 5.5: Nominal wage

```
barplot(w_star, ylab="w", names.arg=c("1:Baseline", "2:Fall animal spirits", "3:Rise produ
      "4:Rise exp. price", "5:Monetary expan.", "6:Fiscal
```

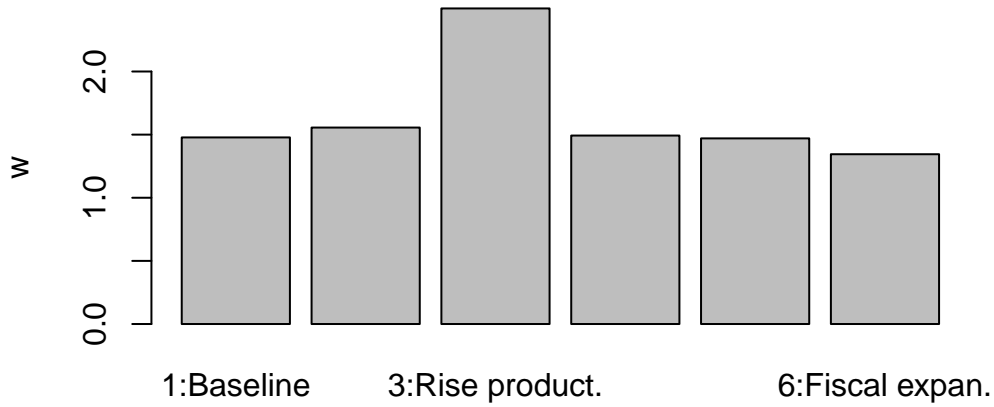


Figure 5.6: Real wage

## 5.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 15 variables: Y, C, I, G, T, r, w, W, P, MO, N,

M_mat=matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
```

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0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0), 15, 15, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)
colnames(A_mat) = c("Y", "C", "I", "G0", "T0", "r", "w", "W", "P", "M0", "N", "i0", "A", "

# Create and plot directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg= graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)
plot(dg, main="", vertex.size=15, vertex.color="lightblue",
     vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.15, edge.width=1,
     edge.arrow.width=0.4, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2, vertex.frame.color="N

```

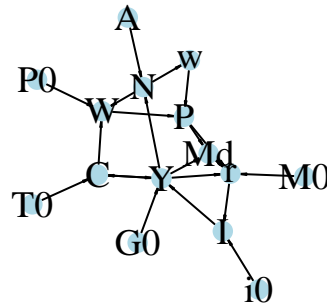


Figure 5.7: Directed graph of Neoclassical Synthesis model

In Figure 5.7, it can be seen that productivity ( $A$ ), taxes ( $T_0$ ), government spending ( $G_0$ ), animal spirits ( $i_0$ ), the money supply ( $M_0$ ), and the expected price level ( $P_0$ ) are the key

exogenous variables of the model. All other variables are endogenous and form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. The lower-left part of the graph captures the goods market (IS): aggregate demand (consumption, investment, and government spending) determines output. The upper part of the graph contains the labour market, which determines the price level. Finally, the lower-right part of the graph represents the money market (LM), which determines the interest rate. There is a two-way feedback between the goods market and the money market as output impacts the demand for money, and the interest rate affects investment. There is also a feedback from output into the labour market through employment. The labour market feeds into the money market via its effect on prices and thus money demand, which then also feeds into the goods market through the interest rate.

## 5.5 Analytical discussion

In the first step, we will reduce the system to three equations: an IS-curve, an LM-curve, and an AS-curve (or Phillips curve). In the second step, the IS-curve and the LM-curve are combined to yield an AD-curve.

To obtain the IS-curve, substitute Equation 5.2 -Equation 5.3 into Equation 6.1 and solve for  $Y$ :

$$Y = \left( \frac{1}{1 - c_1} \right) (c_0 + i_0 + G_0 - i_1 r - c_1 T_0). \quad (5.12)$$

To obtain the LM-curve, substitute Equation 5.4 - Equation 5.5 into Equation 5.6 and solve for  $r$ :

$$r = \left( \frac{1}{m_2} \right) (m_0 - \frac{M_0}{P} + m_1 Y). \quad (5.13)$$

To obtain the AS-curve, substitute Equation 6.11, Equation 6.10, Equation 6.12, and Equation 5.2 into Equation 6.9 :

$$P = \frac{b(c_0 - c_1 T_0) + P^e b c_1 Y}{(1 - a) \left[ (AK^a Y^{-a})^{\frac{1}{1-a}} - \frac{Y}{N^f} \right]}. \quad (5.14)$$

It can readily be seen that the AS-curve is upward-sloping in the  $(Y, P)$ -space (recall that  $a \in (0, 1)$ ).

Finally, to obtain the AD-curve, substitute Equation 4.12 into Equation 4.11 :

$$Y = \left[ \frac{m_2(c_0 + i_0 + G_0 - c_1 T_0) + i_1(\frac{M_0}{P} - m_0)}{(1 - c_1)m_2 + i_1 m_1} \right] \quad (5.15)$$

It can readily be seen that the AD-curve is downward-sloping in the  $(Y, P)$ -space.

## References

## 6 A Post-Keynesian Macro Model with Endogenous Money

### 6.1 Overview

Post-Keynesian Economics is an economic paradigm that was developed in the 1930s and 1940s by Joan Robinson, Nicholas Kaldor and others.<sup>1</sup> The early post-Keynesian economists sought to develop further key ideas of John Maynard Keynes. They were critical of the **Neoclassical Synthesis** that introduced neoclassical elements into the Keynesian framework. Among many other points, post-Keynesians argued that money is created by commercial banks. Money creation is determined by the demand for credit rather than being under the control of the central bank, and should thus be considered endogenous. Post-Keynesians further assigned a key role to financial factors in the determination of economic activity, but also considered finance as a source of instability. They abandoned the neoclassical approach of deriving labour demand and supply from optimising behaviour and instead assumed oligopolistic market structures. Firms set prices by charging a mark-up on costs and workers set nominal wages based on their bargaining power.

Fontana and Setterfield (2009) present a simple model that could be regarded as a post-Keynesian alternative to the Neoclassical Synthesis. The model highlights the endogenous money creation process. Money is being created when commercial banks make loans to accommodate the demand for credit by creditworthy borrowers. The demand for credit is driven by aggregate demand. The interest rate on loans is determined by the base rate, set by the central bank, on which commercial banks charge a mark-up. Although credit creation is demand-driven, some borrowers will be credit constrained. In times of financial crises, banks tighten credit constraints, which can depress economic activity.

In this short-run model, prices are flexible but the capital stock is fixed. The focus is thus on goods market equilibrium rather than economic growth. As all endogenous variables adjust instantaneously, the model is static. We consider a version of the model due to Fontana and Setterfield (2009) with linear functions.

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<sup>1</sup>See Lavoie (2006), chap.1 and [Exploring Economics](#) for introductions. Lavoie (2014) and Hein (2014) provide more advanced treatments.

## 6.2 The Model

$$Y = ND + cD \quad (6.1)$$

$$ND = bY, \quad b \in (0, 1) \quad (6.2)$$

$$D = d_0 - d_1 r, \quad d_1 > 0 \quad (6.3)$$

$$i = i_0 + i_1 P, \quad i_1 > 0 \quad (6.4)$$

$$r = (1 + m)i, \quad m > 0 \quad (6.5)$$

$$dL = cD \quad (6.6)$$

$$dM = dL \quad (6.7)$$

$$dR = kdM, \quad k \in (0, 1) \quad (6.8)$$

$$P = (1 + n)aW, \quad a, n > 0 \quad (6.9)$$

$$W = W_0 - hU, \quad h > 0 \quad (6.10)$$

$$w = \frac{1}{(1 + n)a} \quad (6.11)$$

$$N = aY \quad (6.12)$$

$$U = 1 - \frac{N}{N^f} \quad (6.13)$$

where  $Y$ ,  $ND$ ,  $D$ ,  $r$ ,  $i$ ,  $P$ ,  $dL$ ,  $dM$ ,  $dR$ ,  $W$ ,  $w$ ,  $N$ ,  $U$ , and  $N^f$  are output, the not debt-financed component of aggregate demand, the desired debt-financed component of aggregate demand,



the lending rate, the policy rate, the price level, the change in loans, the change in money (bank deposits), the change in bank reserves, the nominal wage, the real wage, employment, the unemployment rate, and full employment (or total labour supply), respectively.

Equation 6.1 is the goods market equilibrium condition. Aggregate supply ( $Y$ ) accommodates to the level of aggregate demand which is the sum of a not debt-financed component ( $ND$ ) and a (desired) debt-financed component ( $D$ ). The coefficient  $c$  is the proportion of loan applications that are deemed creditworthy and thus captures credit rationing by banks. By Equation 6.2, the not debt-financed component of aggregate demand is a function of current income. In Equation 6.3, the debt-financed component of aggregate demand has an autonomous component ( $d_0$ )<sup>2</sup> and is otherwise negatively related to the lending rate  $r$ . Equation 6.4 specifies the monetary policy rule, where it is assumed that the central bank raises the policy rate  $i$  when the price level increases. [This specification is somewhat unrealistic given that most modern central banks target a positive rate of inflation. However, it allows for an AS-AD representation of the model, which facilitates the comparison with the Neoclassical Synthesis model (Chapter 5)] The lending rate in Equation 7.1 is given by a mark-up  $m$  that banks charge on the policy rate (which is the rate at which they can borrow reserves). The change in loans in Equation 6.6 is equal to the creditworthy demand for loans ( $cD$ ). This captures the demand-driven nature of credit creation. The changes in loans translates one-to-one into a change in money, which are bank deposits in this model (Equation 6.7). This reflects the endogenous money creation process where commercial banks create new deposits when they make new loans. By Equation 6.8, banks obtain new reserves from the central bank to maintain a constant reserve-to-deposit ratio  $k$ . Thus, the causality in this model runs from debt-financed demand to loans, to deposits, and finally to reserves.

By Equation 6.9, the price level is set by firms based on a mark-up ( $n$ ) on unit labour cost (which are the product of the nominal wage  $W$  and the labour coefficient  $a$ ). Nominal wages are set by workers based on their bargaining power, which is declining in the unemployment rate (Equation 6.13). The real wage in Equation 6.11 is derived from the pricing Equation 6.9, i.e. through their price setting power, firms ultimately determine the real wage. The level of employment in Equation 6.12 is determined residually based on economic activity and a constant-coefficient production function ( $Y = \frac{N}{a}$ ). Finally, the level of employment in conjunction with an exogenously given labour force  $N^f$  (or total available labour time) can be used to obtain an unemployment rate in Equation 6.13.

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<sup>2</sup>For simplicity, it is assumed that all autonomous demand is debt-financed, i.e. there is no spending out of wealth.

## 6.3 Simulation

### 6.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), five further scenarios will be considered. Scenario 2 is a rise in credit rationing in the form of a fall in  $c$ . In scenario 3, autonomous credit-financed demand ( $d_0$ ) increases. Scenarios 4 and 5 consider a rise in the interest rate (or bank) mark-up ( $m$ ) and in the price (or firm) mark-up ( $n$ ), respectively. Scenario 6 considers a rise in productivity reflected in a fall of the labour coefficient  $a$ .

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$b$	$c$	$d_0$	$d_1$	$i_0$	$i_1$	$m$	$k$	$n$	$W_0$	$h$	$a$	$N^f$
1: baseline	0.5	0.8	5	0.8	0.01	0.5	0.15	0.3	0.15	2	0.8	0.8	12
2: rise in credit rationing ( $c$ )	0.5	0.4	5	0.8	0.01	0.5	0.15	0.3	0.15	2	0.8	0.8	12
3: rise in autonomous demand ( $d_0$ )	0.5	0.8	10	0.8	0.01	0.5	0.15	0.3	0.15	2	0.8	0.8	12
4: rise in bank mark-up ( $m$ )	0.5	0.8	5	0.8	0.01	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.15	2	0.8	0.8	12
5: rise in firm mark-up ( $n$ )	0.5	0.8	5	0.8	0.01	0.5	0.15	0.3	0.3	2	0.8	0.8	12
6: rise in productivity ( $a$ )	0.5	0.8	5	0.8	0.01	0.5	0.15	0.3	0.15	2	0.8	0.4	12

### 6.3.2 Simulation code

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=6

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
Y_star=vector(length=S) # income/output
D_star=vector(length=S) # (notional) credit-financed aggregate demand
ND_star=vector(length=S) # income-financed aggregate demand
r_star=vector(length=S) # lending rate
N_star=vector(length=S) # employment
```

```

U_star=vector(length=S) # unemployment
P_star=vector(length=S) # price level
w_star=vector(length=S) # real wage
W_star=vector(length=S) # nominal wage
i_star=vector(length=S) # central bank rate
dL_star=vector(length=S) # change in loans
dM_star=vector(length=S) # change in bank deposits
dR_star=vector(length=S) # change in bank reserves

# Set exogenous variables that will be shifted
c=vector(length=S) # share of credit demand that is accommodated
d0=vector(length=S) # autonomous component of debt-financed aggregate demand
m=vector(length=S) # mark-up on lending rate
n=vector(length=S) # mark-up on prices
a=vector(length=S) # productivity

# Baseline parameterisation
c[]=0.8
d0[]=5
m[]=0.15
n[]=0.15
a[]=0.8

## Construct scenarios

# scenario 2: increase in credit rationing
c[2]=0.4

# scenario 3: increase in autonomous demand
d0[3]=10

# scenario 4: increase in interest rate mark-up
m[4]=0.3

# scenario 5: increase in price mark-up
n[5]=0.3

# scenario 6: increase in productivity
a[6]=0.4

```

```

#Set constant parameter values
b=0.5 # propensity to spend out of income
d1=0.8 # sensitivity of demand with respect to the interest rate
i0=0.01 # discretionary component of central bank rate
i1=0.5 # sensitivity of central bank rate with respect to price level
Nf=12 # full employment/labour force
h=0.8 # sensitivity of nominal wage with respect to unemployment
k=0.3 # desired reserve ratio
W0=2 # exogenous component of nominal wage

# Initialise endogenous variables at some arbitrary positive value
Y=1
D=1
ND=1
r=1
N=1
U=1
P=1
w=1
W=1
i=1
dL=1
dM=1
dR=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (j in 1:S){

  for (iterations in 1:1000){

    #Model equations

    # (1) Goods market
    Y = ND + c[j]*D

    # (2) Not-debt financed component of aggregate demand
    ND = b*Y

    # (3) Debt-financed component of aggregate demand
    D= d0[j] - d1*r
  }
}

```

```

# (4) Policy rate
i = i0 + i1*P

# (5) Lending rate
r = (1+m[j])*i

# (6) Change in loans
dL = c[j]*D

# (7) Change in deposits
dM = dL

# (8) Change in reserves
dR = k*dM

# (9) Price level
P = (1+n[j])*a[j]*W

# (10) Nominal wage
W = W0 - h*(U)

# (11) Real wage
w = 1/((1+n[j])*a[j])

# (12) Employment
N = a[j]*Y

# (13) Unemployment rate
U = (Nf - N)/Nf

}

#Save results for different parameterisations in vector
Y_star[j]=Y
D_star[j]=D
ND_star[j]=ND
r_star[j]=r
N_star[j]=N
U_star[j]=U
P_star[j]=P
w_star[j]=w

```

```

W_star[j]=W
i_star[j]=i
dL_star[j]=dL
dM_star[j]=dM
dR_star[j]=dR
}

```

### 6.3.3 Plots

Figures Figure 6.1 - Figure 6.7 depict the response of the model's key endogenous variables to various shifts.

```

barplot(Y_star, ylab="Y", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise AD",
                                         "4:rise bank markup", "5:rise firm markup", "6:rise p

```

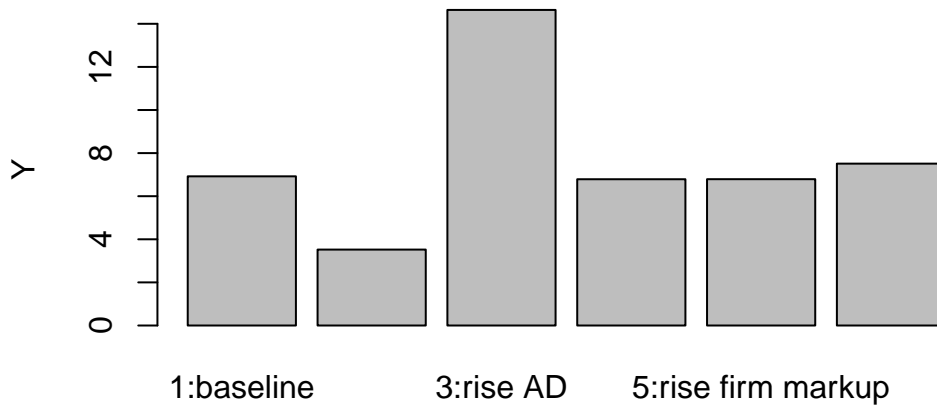


Figure 6.1: Output

An increase in credit rationing (scenario 2) reduces deposit money creation as well as actual (as opposed to desired) aggregate demand. This drags down output and employment. The rise in unemployment reduces workers' nominal wage demands and thus the price level. The lending rate falls as the central bank reduces the policy rate.

```
barplot(P_star, ylab="P", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise AD",
                                       "4:rise bank markup", "5:rise firm markup", "6:rise p
```

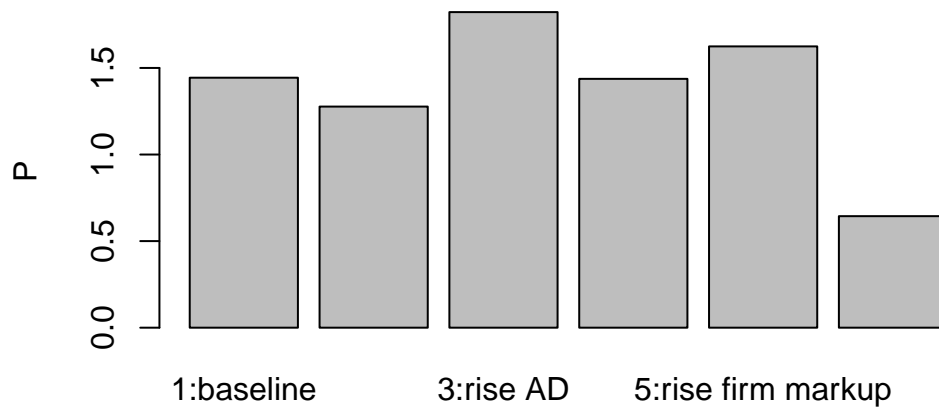


Figure 6.2: Price level

An increase in (debt-financed) autonomous demand (scenario 3) has expansionary effects on output and employment. The money stock accommodates through increased loan creation. The increase in workers' bargaining power leads to higher nominal wages and prices. The central bank reacts by raising the policy rate but this does not completely offset the expansionary effect.

```
barplot(r_star, ylab="r", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise AD",
                                       "4:rise bank markup", "5:rise firm markup", "6:rise p
```

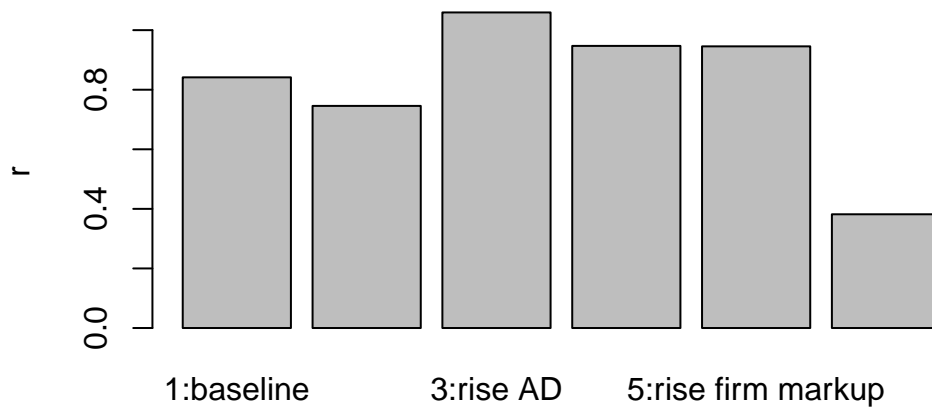


Figure 6.3: Lending rate

```
barplot(dM_star, ylab="dM", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise AD",
                                         "4:rise bank markup", "5:rise firm markup", "6:rise..."))
```



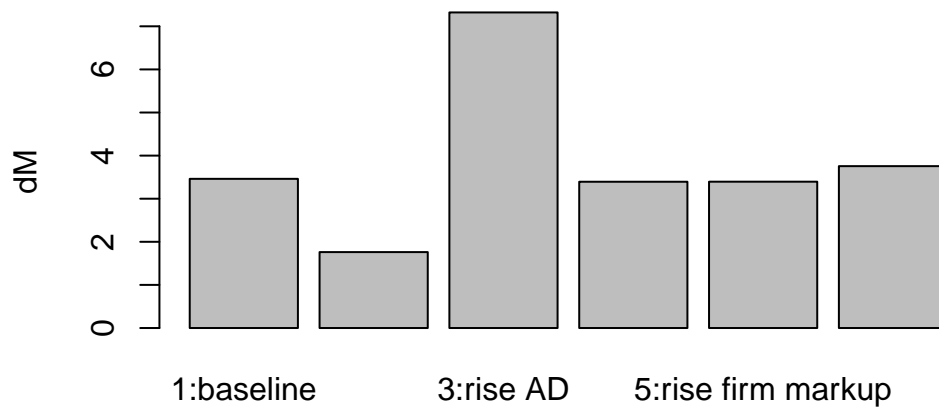


Figure 6.4: Deposit money creation

In scenarios 4 and 5, the interest rate (or bank) mark-up and the price (or firm) mark-up increase, respectively. The increase in the bank mark-up raises the lending rate, which has a contractionary effect. The increase in the firm mark-up raises the price level, which has a contractionary effect through the monetary policy response. Notably, the rise in the price mark-up reduces the real wage.

```
barplot(U_star*100, ylab="U (%)", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise
"4:rise bank markup","5:rise firm markup", "
```

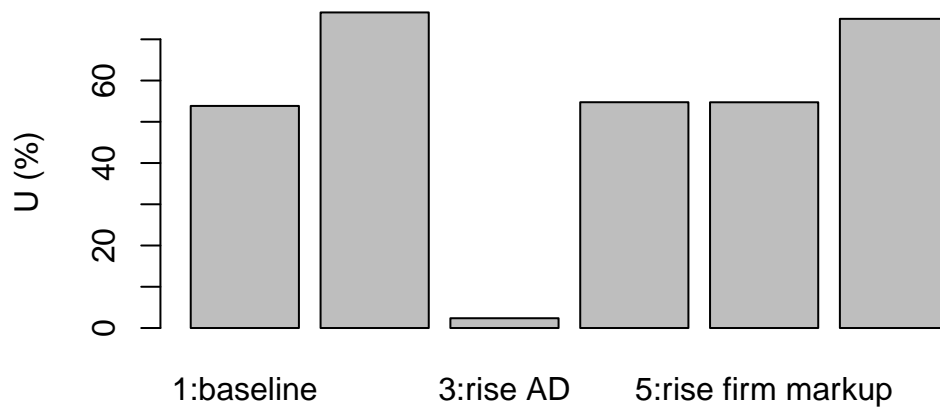


Figure 6.5: Unemployment rate

```
barplot(W_star, ylab="W", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise AD",
                                       "4:rise bank markup","5:rise firm markup", "6:rise p
```

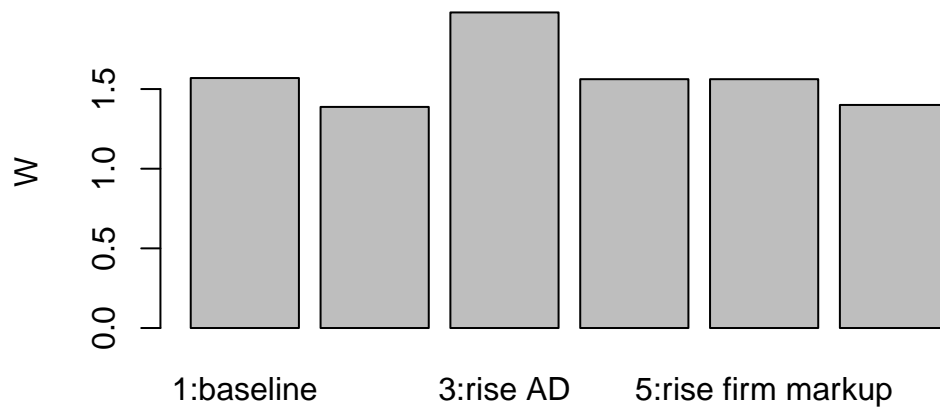


Figure 6.6: Nominal wage

Finally, an increase in productivity (scenario 6) reduces the price level, which induces a lower policy rate, leading to a small expansionary effect. However, it increases the unemployment rate as fewer workers are needed to produce the same level of output. This reduces the nominal wage, but raises the real wage.

```
barplot(w_star, ylab="w", names.arg=c("1:baseline", "2:rise credit rat.", "3:rise AD",
                                     "4:rise bank markup", "5:rise firm markup", "6:rise p"))
```



Figure 6.7: Real wage

## 6.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 18 variables:
# r, Y, ND, D, i, P, W, w, N, U, dl, dM, dR, dO, c, m, a, n

M_mat=matrix(c(0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,
               0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,
```



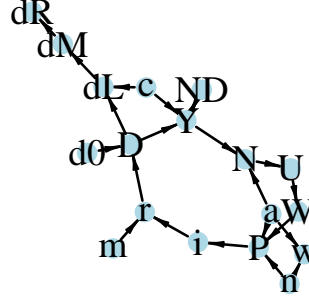


Figure 6.8: Directed graph of post-Keynesian endogenous money model

In Figure Figure 6.8, it can be seen that credit rationing ( $c$ ), productivity ( $a$ ), the price mark-up ( $n$ ), the interest rate mark-up ( $m$ ), and autonomous demand ( $d_0$ ), are the key exogenous variables of the model. All other variables are endogenous, and many of them form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. The lower-right part of the graph captures the goods market: debt- and not debt-financed aggregate demand determine output. The outer right part depicts the endogenous money creation process: creditworthy debt-financed demand determines credit creation, which translates into deposit money creation. Bank reserves are a residual. The lower-left part of the graph represents the labour market. The goods market feeds into the labour market via employment, which determines nominal wages and the price level. The real wage is a residual. The price level feeds into interest rate determination in the upper part of the model, which establishes a causal feedback link from the labour market to the goods market.

## 6.5 Analytical discussion

Like the Neoclassical Synthesis model, the post-Keynesian macro model can be represented as an AS-AD model. First, we will derive an IS and an MP curve in the  $(Y, r)$ -space, the latter representing monetary policy instead of the money market (the conventional LM curve). Then we obtain the AS-AD representation of the model in the  $(Y, P)$ -space. Finally, we obtain equilibrium solutions for  $Y$  and  $P$ .

To obtain the IS-curve, substitute Equation 6.2 - Equation 7.1 into Equation 6.1 and solve for  $Y$ :

$$Y = \left( \frac{1}{1-b} \right) \left[ c(d_0 - d_1 r) \right]. \quad (\text{IS})$$

To obtain the MP-curve, substitute Equation 6.4, Equation 6.9, Equation 6.10, Equation 6.12, and Equation 6.13 into Equation 7.1 :

$$r = (1+m) \left[ i_0 + i_1(1+n)a \left[ W_0 - h \left( 1 - \frac{aY}{N^f} \right) \right] \right]. \quad (\text{MP})$$

It can readily be seen that the IS-curve is downward-sloping and the MP-curve is upward-sloping in the  $(Y, r)$ -space

To obtain the AD-curve, substitute Equation 7.1 and Equation 6.4 into the IS-curve:

$$Y = \left( \frac{1}{1-b} \right) \left[ c(d_0 - d_1(1+m)(i_0 + i_1 P)) \right]. \quad (\text{AD})$$

Finally, to obtain the AS-curve, substitute Equation 6.10 and Equation 6.13 into Equation 6.9:

$$P = (1+n) a \left[ W_0 - h \left( 1 - \frac{aY}{N^f} \right) \right]. \quad (\text{AS})$$

It can readily be seen that the AD-curve is downward-sloping in the  $(Y, P)$ -space, whereas the AS-curve is upward-sloping.

Finally, by substituting the AS and AD curve into each other, we obtain the following equilibrium solutions for output and the price level:

$$Y^* = \frac{c[d_0 - d_1(1+m)(i_1(1+n)a(W_0 - h))]}{1-b + cd_1(1+m)i_1(1+n)a^2h(N^f)^{-1}}$$

$$P^* = \frac{(1+n)a[(1-b)(W_0 - h) + ha(N^f)^{-1}c(d_0 - d_1(1+m)i_0)]}{1-b + cd_1(1+m)i_1(1+n)a^2h(N^f)^{-1}}.$$

## References

# 7 A Post-Kaleckian Distribution and Growth Model

## 7.1 Overview

The post-Kaleckian growth model was developed by Bhaduri and Marglin (1990) and others to synthesise Marxian and Keynesian ideas about the effects of income distribution on economic growth.<sup>1</sup> According to the Marxian view, capital accumulation is driven by profits. By contrast, Michal Kalecki and post-Keynesians such as Nicholas Kaldor argued that a redistribution of income towards profit-earners is likely to reduce consumption, as workers tend to have a higher marginal propensity to consume than capital owners. The post-Kaleckian growth model integrates these two mechanisms in a Keynesian framework in which aggregate demand and growth are demand-determined. It allows for wage-led as well as profit-led demand and growth regimes. In a wage-led regime, a redistribution of income towards workers has expansionary effects on aggregate demand (and possibly growth) as the expansionary effect on consumption outweighs the negative effect on investment. In a profit-led regime, the effect is contradictory as investment falls by more than consumption rises. Whether a regime is wage- or profit-led depends on the relative size of the propensities to consume and the propensity to invest.

This is a model of long-run steady state growth. In the steady state, all endogenous variables grow at the same rate.<sup>2</sup> Changes in parameters or exogenous variables lead to an instantaneous adjustment of the model's variables, so that the model can be analysed like a static one. We consider a version of the model with linear functions based on Hein (2014), chap. 7.2.2.

## 7.2 The Model

$$r = h \frac{u}{v} \tag{7.1}$$

$$s = [s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h] \frac{u}{v}, \quad 0 \leq s_W > s_\Pi \geq 1 \tag{7.2}$$

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<sup>1</sup>See Hein (2014), chap. 7 and Lavoie (2014), chap. 6 for detailed treatments.

<sup>2</sup>All variables are normalised by the capital stock and thus rendered stationary.



$$c = \frac{u}{v} - s \quad (7.3)$$

$$g = g_0 + g_1 u + g_2 h, \quad g_i > 0 \quad (7.4)$$

$$u = v(c + g) \quad (7.5)$$

where  $r$ ,  $s$ ,  $c$ ,  $g$ , and  $u$  are the profit rate, the saving rate, the consumption rate, the investment rate, and the rate of capacity utilisation, respectively.

Equation 7.1 decomposes the profit rate into the product of the profit share  $h$  (total profits over total output), the rate of capacity utilisation (actual output over potential output), and the inverse of  $v$  (the capital-potential output ratio). Let  $Y$  be output,  $K$  be the capital stock, and  $Y^P$  be potential output, the decomposition can also be written as  $r = \frac{\Pi}{K} = \frac{\Pi}{Y} \frac{Y}{Y^P} \frac{Y^P}{K}$ . The profit share and the capital-potential output ratio are taken to be exogenous in this model. Note also that the wage share is given by  $1 - h$ . By Equation 7.2, the economy-wide saving rate is given by the sum of saving out of wages ( $s_W(1 - h)\frac{u}{v}$ ) and saving out of profits ( $s_\Pi h\frac{u}{v}$ ). It is assumed that workers have a higher marginal propensity to consume than capital owners ( $s_W > s_\Pi$ ). Equation 7.3 simply states that consumption is income not saved. According to Equation 7.3, investment is determined by an autonomous component  $g_0$  that may capture Keynesian ‘animal spirits’, by the rate of capacity utilisation, and by the profit share. While the rate of capacity utilisation is a signal of (future) demand, the profit share may stimulate investment as internal funds are typically the cheapest source of finance. Finally, Equation 7.5 is an equilibrium condition that assumes that the rate of capacity utilisation adjusts to clear the goods market.

The key question addressed by this model is a how a change in the profit share affects the rate of capacity utilisation and the rate of growth.<sup>3</sup> As shown formally in the analytical discussion below, there is no unambiguous answer to this question as the model encompasses different regimes. Three main regimes can be identified. First, a regime in which both the rate of utilisation and the rate of growth are negatively affected by an increase in the profit share. We will call this a wage-led demand and growth regime (WLD/WLG). Second, a regime in which the rate of utilisation is negatively affected and the rate of growth is positively affected by an increase in the profit share. We will call this a wage-led demand regime and profit-led growth regime (WLD/PLG). Third, a regime in which both the rate of utilisation and the rate of growth are positively affected by an increase in the profit share. We will call this a profit-led demand and growth regime (PLD/PLG).

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<sup>3</sup>Bhaduri and Marglin (1990) further discuss the effects on the profit rate.

## 7.3 Simulation

### 7.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. We will consider three different parameterisations that represent the three regimes outlined above. For each of these regimes, there is a baseline scenario and a scenario in which the profit share ( $h$ ) rises. This allows to assess the effects on the model's endogenous variables for the different regimes.

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$v$	$s_W$	$s_\Pi$	$g_0$	$g_1$	$g_2$	$h$
1a: baseline WLD/WLG	3	0.3	0.9	0.02	0.1	0.1	0.2
1b: rise in profit share ( $h$ )	3	0.3	0.9	0.02	0.1	0.1	0.3
2a: baseline WLD/PLG	3	0.3	0.9	0.02	0.08	0.1	0.2
2b: rise in profit share ( $h$ )	3	0.3	0.9	0.02	0.08	0.1	0.3
3a: baseline PLD/PLG	3	0.3	0.9	-0.01	0.1	0.1	0.2
3b: rise in profit share ( $h$ )	3	0.3	0.9	-0.01	0.1	0.1	0.3

### 7.3.2 Simulation code

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of scenarios (including baselines)
S=6

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
u_star=vector(length=S) # utilisation rate
g_star=vector(length=S) # growth rate of capital stock
s_star=vector(length=S) # saving rate
c_star=vector(length=S) # consumption rate
r_star=vector(length=S) # profit rate

# Set exogenous variables whose parameterisation changes across regimes
g0=vector(length=S) # animal spirits
sw=vector(length=S) # propensity to save out of wages
h=vector(length=S) # profit share
g1=vector(length=S) # sensitivity of investment with respect to utilisation

### Construct different scenarios across 3 regimes: (1) WLD/WLG, (2) WLD/PLG, (3) PLD/PLG
```

```

# baseline WLD/WLG
g0[1]=0.02
g1[1]=0.1
h[1]=0.2

# increase in profit share in WLD/WLG regime
g0[2]=0.02
g1[2]=0.1
h[2]=0.3

# baseline WLD/PLG
g0[3]=0.02
g1[3]=0.08
h[3]=0.2

# increase in profit share in WLD/PLG regime
g0[4]=0.02
g1[4]=0.08
h[4]=0.3

# baseline PLD/PLG
g0[5]=-0.01
g1[5]=0.1
h[5]=0.2

# increase in profit share in PLD/PLG regime
g0[6]=-0.01
g1[6]=0.1
h[6]=0.3

#Set constant parameter values
v=3    # capital-to-potential output ratio
g2=0.1 # sensitivity of investment with respect to profit share
sp=0.9 # propensity to save out of profits
sw=0.3 # propensity to save out of wages

#Check Keynesian stability condition for all scenarios
for (i in 1:S){
print(((sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])*(1/v) -g1[i])>0)
}

```

```
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
```

```
# Check demand and growth regime for 3 baseline scenarios
for (i in c(1,3,5)){
  print(paste("Parameterisation", i, "yields:"))
  if(g2*(sw/v - g1[i])-g0[i]*(sp-sw)/v<0){
    print("wage-led demand regime")
  } else{
    print("profit-led demand regime")
  }
  if(g1[i]*(g2*(sw/v - g1[i])-g0[i]*(sp-sw)/v)+g2*(((sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])*v^(-1)-g1[i])^2)<0){
    print("wage-led growth regime")
  } else{
    print("profit-led growth regime")
  }
}
```

```
[1] "Parameterisation 1 yields:"
[1] "wage-led demand regime"
[1] "wage-led growth regime"
[1] "Parameterisation 3 yields:"
[1] "wage-led demand regime"
[1] "profit-led growth regime"
[1] "Parameterisation 5 yields:"
[1] "profit-led demand regime"
[1] "profit-led growth regime"
```

```
# Initialise endogenous variables at some arbitrary positive value
g=1
r=1
c=1
u=1
s=1

#Solve this system numerically through 1000 iterations based on the initialisation
for (i in 1:S){
```

```

for (iterations in 1:1000){

  #(1) Profit rate
  r = (h[i]*u)/v

  #(2) Saving
  s = (sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])*(u/v)

  #(3) Consumption
  c= u/v-s

  #(4) Investment
  g = g0[i]+g1[i]*u+g2*h[i]

  #(5) Rate of capacity utilisation
  u = v*(c+g)
}

#Save results for different parameterisations in vector
u_star[i]=u
g_star[i]=g
r_star[i]=r
s_star[i]=s
c_star[i]=c
}

```

### 7.3.3 Plots

Figures Figure 7.1 - Figure 7.4 depict the response of the model's key endogenous variables to changes in the profit share. In the first case of a wage-led demand and growth regime (WLD/WLG), investment is equally sensitive to a change in the rate of capacity utilisation ( $g_1$ ) and a change in the profit share ( $g_2$ ). A rise in the profit share reduces consumption, which reduces the rate of capacity utilisation and the rate of growth. This is despite a positive effect on the profit rate.<sup>4</sup>

```

barplot(u_star, ylab="u", names.arg=c("1a:baseline WLD/WLG", "1b:rise prof share", "2a:bas

```

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<sup>4</sup>If the negative effect on the rate of capacity utilisation was stronger, the profit rate could fall as well. See the analytical discussion for a formal derivation of the condition under which this may happen.

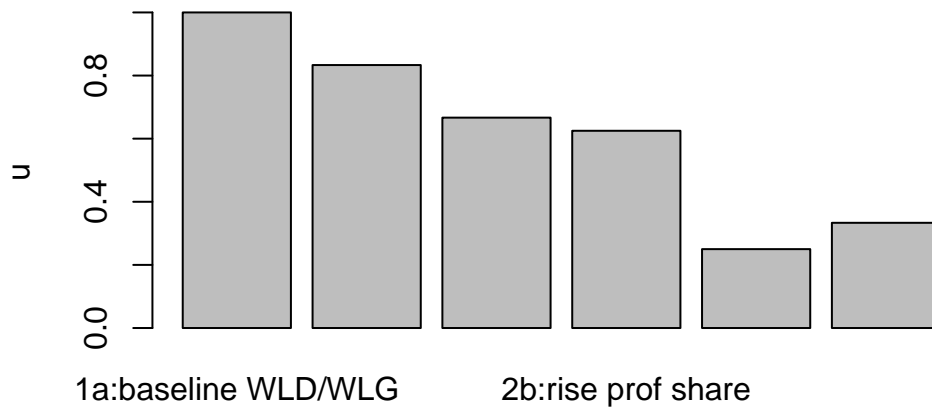


Figure 7.1: Rate of capacity utilisation

In the second case where the demand regime is wage-led but the growth regime is profit-led (WLD/PLG), investment is slightly less sensitive to a change in the rate of capacity utilisation compared to a change in the profit share. The rise in the profit share reduces consumption and the rate of utilisation, but the ultimate effect on investment is positive because investment reacts more strongly to the rise in the profit share than to the fall in demand.

```
barplot(g_star, ylab="g", names.arg=c("1:baseline WLD/WLG", "2:rise prof share", "3:baseline PLD/PLG",
                                     "4:rise prof share",
                                     "5:baseline PLD/PLG", "6: rise prof share"))
```

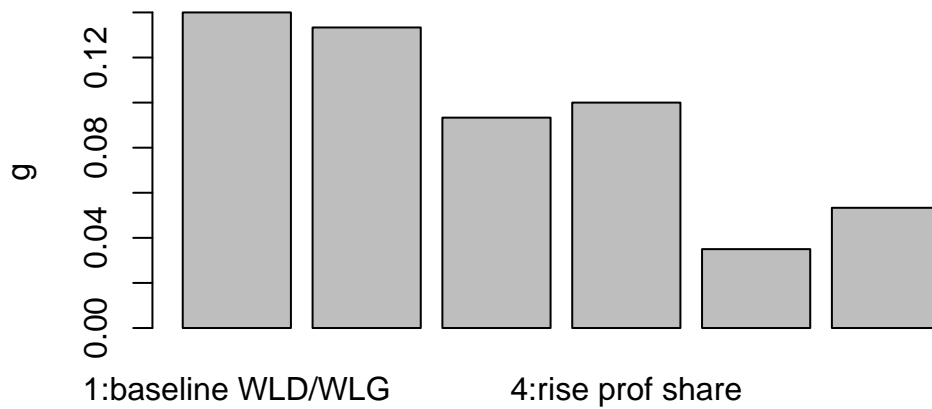


Figure 7.2: Rate of growth

Finally, in the third case where the demand regime and the growth regime are profit-led, investment is again equally sensitive to a change in the rate of capacity utilisation and to a change in the profit share, but now animal spirits are negative. A rise in the profit share now has strong positive effects on investment, which raises the rate of capacity utilisation and consumption.

```
barplot(c_star, ylab="c", names.arg=c("1:baseline WLD/WLG", "2:rise prof share", "3:baseline PLD/PLG", "4:rise prof share", "5:baseline PLD/PLG", "6: rise prof share"))
```

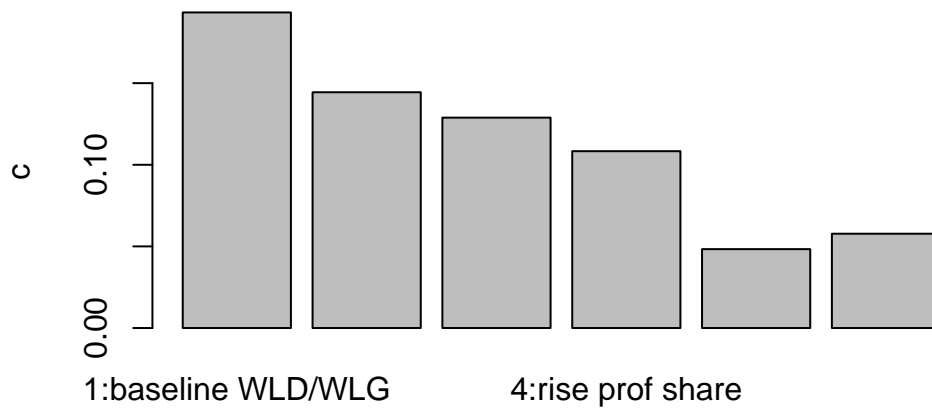


Figure 7.3: Rate of consumption

```
barplot(r_star, ylab="r", names.arg=c("1:baseline WLD/WLG", "2:rise prof share", "3:baseline PLD/PLG",
                                       "4:rise prof share",
                                       "5:baseline PLD/PLG", "6: rise prof share"))
```



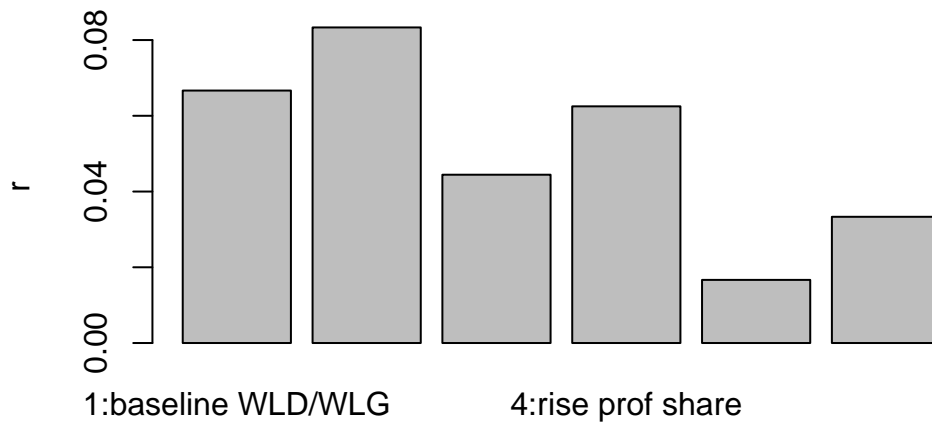


Figure 7.4: Rate of profit

## 7.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 6 variables:
# r, h, u, s, c, g

M_mat=matrix(c(0,1,1,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,1,1,
               0,1,1,0,0,0,
               0,0,1,1,0,0,
               0,1,1,0,0,0), 6, 6, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
```

```

A_mat=t(M_mat)
colnames(A_mat) = c("r", "h", "u", "s", "c", "g")

# Create and plot directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg= graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)
plot(dg, main="", vertex.size=15, vertex.color="lightblue",
     vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.4, edge.width=1.3,
     edge.arrow.width=0.5, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2,
     vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=0.01)

```

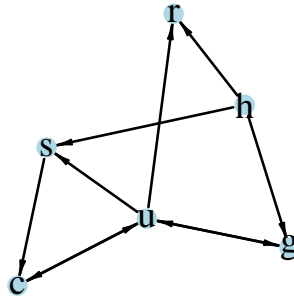


Figure 7.5: Directed graph of post-Kaleckian growth model

In Figure Figure 7.5, it can be seen that the profit share ( $h$ ) is the key exogenous variable of the model.<sup>5</sup> Consumption ( $c$ ), saving ( $s$ ), investment ( $g$ ), and the rate of utilisation ( $u$ ) form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. The profit share affects both saving and investment, which in turn affect consumption and the rate of capacity utilisation. The profit rate is a residual variable (also called a ‘sink’) in this model.

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<sup>5</sup>Other important exogenous variables or parameters that may shift but are not depicted here are animal spirits ( $g_0$ ) or the saving propensities ( $s_W, s_\Pi$ ). See Hein (2014), chap. 7.2.2, for a detailed discussion of their effects.

## 7.5 Calculate analytical solutions

```
# Utilisation rate
for (i in 1:S){
  print((g0[i]+g2*h[i])/((sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])/v-g1[i]))
}
```

```
[1] 1
[1] 0.8333333
[1] 0.6666667
[1] 0.625
[1] 0.25
[1] 0.3333333
```

```
# Growth rate
for (i in 1:S){
  print(((g0[i]+g2*h[i])*(sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])/v)/((sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])/v-g1[i]))
}
```

```
[1] 0.14
[1] 0.1333333
[1] 0.09333333
[1] 0.1
[1] 0.035
[1] 0.05333333
```

```
# Profit rate
for (i in 1:S){
  print((g0[i]+g2*h[i])*(h[i]/v)/((sw+(sp-sw)*h[i])/v-g1[i]))
}
```

```
[1] 0.06666667
[1] 0.08333333
[1] 0.04444444
[1] 0.0625
[1] 0.01666667
[1] 0.03333333
```

## 7.6 Analytical discussion

To find the equilibrium solutions, substitute Equation 7.2 - Equation 7.4 into Equation 7.5 and solve for  $u$ :

$$u^* = \frac{g_0 + g_2 h}{[s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h]v^{-1} - g_1}. \quad (7.6)$$

The equilibrium solution for  $u$  can then be substituted into Equation 7.4 to find:

$$g^* = \frac{(g_0 + g_2 h)[s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h]v^{-1}}{[s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h]v^{-1} - g_1}. \quad (7.7)$$

The Keynesian stability condition requires  $[s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h]v^{-1} - g_1 > 0$ , i.e. saving need to react more strongly to income than investment.

The equilibrium solution for  $r$  can be found by substituting  $u^*$  into Equation 7.1:

$$r^* = \frac{h(g_0 + g_2 h)}{[s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h] - v g_1}. \quad (7.8)$$

To assess whether the demand regime is wage- or profit-led, take the derivative of  $u^*$  with respect to  $h$ :

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial h} = \frac{\frac{s_W}{v}(g_0 + g_2) - (g_0 \frac{s_\Pi}{v} + g_1 g_2)}{[[s_W + (s_\Pi - s_W)h]v^{-1} - g_1]^2}. \quad (7.9)$$

It can be seen that, e.g., a higher propensity to save out of wages or negative animal spirits make the regime more likely to be profit-led.

By the same token, the sign of the derivative of  $g^*$  with respect to  $h$  determines whether the growth regime is wage- or profit-led:

$$\frac{\partial g^*}{\partial h} = g_1 \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial h} + g_2. \quad (7.10)$$

It can be seen that, e.g., a higher sensitivity of investment with respect to the profit share makes the regime more likely to be profit-led.

Finally, the effect on the profit rate will depend on the sign of the derivative:

$$\frac{\partial r^*}{\partial h} = \frac{u^*}{v} + \frac{h}{v} \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial h}, \quad (7.11)$$

which is likely to be positive but can become negative if the demand regime is strongly wage-led.

## References

## **Part II**

# **Dynamic Models**

## 8 An Introduction to the Analysis of Dynamic Models

To build and analyse dynamic models, we need to understand the dynamics of *state variables*, which are a function of their own previous values:  $y_t = h(y_{t-1})$ . The state variables govern the dynamics of the entire model (including the non-state variables). Typically, as model has multiple state variables that interact with each other over time. As briefly shown in Chapter 2, we can simulate dynamic models numerically for a specific parameterisation. However, to study their dynamics in general, we need to mathematically analyse a *system of difference (or differential) equations*. This chapter provides a basic introduction to the mathematical tools to do this. It will help you understand the analytical discussions in the chapters on dynamic models but can be skipped if you are mostly interested in numerical simulation.

### 8.1 Solution of a single first-order linear difference equation

Consider a first-order linear difference equation:<sup>1</sup>

$$y_t = a_0 + a_1 y_{t-1}.$$

One way to find a solution is through (manual) iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} y_0, \\ y_1 &= a_0 + a_1 y_0, \\ y_2 &= a_0 + a_1(a_0 + a_1 y_0) = a_0(a_1 + 1) + a_1^2 y_0, \\ y_3 &= a_0 + a_1[a_0 + a_1(a_0 + a_1 y_0)] = a_0(a_1^2 + a_1 + 1) + a_1^3 y_0 \\ &\dots, \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>We will focus here on difference instead of differential equations, i.e. on dynamics in discrete as opposed to continuous time. Most of the continuous-time counterpart is analogous to the material covered here. Sayama (2015) provides a very accessible and applied introduction to dynamic systems with Python code. An introductory treatment of the underlying mathematics is Chiang and Wainwright (2005), chaps. 15-19. Gandolfo (2009) provides a more advanced treatment of the mathematics as well as many economic examples. A great introduction to linear algebra is Anthony and Harvey (2012).

$$y_t = a_0 \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} a_1^i + a_1^t y_0$$

Of course, this is effectively the same approach we have used before to solve economic models via simulation.

If  $a_1 \neq 1$ , the term  $a_0 \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} a_1^i$  is a convergent geometric series:

$$a_0 \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} a_1^i = a_0 \frac{(1 - a_1^t)}{1 - a_1}.$$

Thus, the solution thus takes the form:

$$y_t = \frac{a_0(1 - a_1^t)}{1 - a_1} + a_1^t y_0 = \frac{a_0}{1 - a_1} + a_1^t \left( y_0 - \frac{a_0}{1 - a_1} \right).$$

From iteration, we thus know that the solution to a difference equation has two parts:

1. a term that captures the long-run equilibrium  $y^*$  (the so-called *particular solution*),
2. a term that captures the dynamics of  $y_t$  (the so-called *complementary function*).

$$y_t = \underbrace{\frac{a_0}{1 - a_1}}_{\text{equilibrium } y^*} + \underbrace{a_1^t \left( y_0 - \frac{a_0}{1 - a_1} \right)}_{\text{dynamics}}.$$

The complementary function tells us about the ‘asymptotic stability’ of the equation: does  $y_t$  converge to  $y^*$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

For the case of a first-order difference equation, we can distinguish the following cases:

- if  $|a_1| < 1$ , then the complementary function will converge to zero and  $y_t$  will approach the particular solution  $y^*$
- if  $|a_1| > 1$ , then the complementary function will grow exponentially or decay, and  $y_t$  will thus never converge to the particular solution  $y^*$
- if  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_0 \neq 0$ , then  $y_t$  will grow linearly
- if  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_0 = 0$ , then  $y_t$  will not grow or fall forever, but it will also not approach a unique equilibrium

To better understand the last two cases, note that if  $a_1 = 1$ , a different (more general) approach to finding the particular solution is required: the so-called *method of undetermined coefficients*. This method consists of substituting a trial solution that contains undetermined coefficients into the difference equation and then attempting to solve for those coefficients. If the trial solution allows to pin down unique values for the coefficients, it constitutes a valid particular solution.

In the case above where  $a_1 \neq 1$ , we could have used the trial solution  $y_t = y_{t-1} = y^*$  and then solve for  $y$  to obtain  $\frac{a_0}{1-a}$  as the particular solution. In the case where  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_0 \neq 0$ , we can use the trial solution  $y^* = kt$ , which is a growing equilibrium. This yields  $y_t = k(t-1) + a_0$ , which solves for  $k = a_0$ , so that we can conclude  $y^* = a_0 t$ . This explains why we obtain linear growth. If  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_0 = 0$ , we have  $y_t = y_{t-1}$ , so that the equilibrium is given by the initial condition  $y_0$ .

## 8.2 Solution of a linear system of difference equations

The solution approach just introduced can be extended to  $N$ -dimensional systems of linear difference equations of the form:

$$y_t = a_0 + Ay_{t-1},$$

where  $y_t$  is a  $1 \times N$  column vector and  $A$  an  $N \times N$  square matrix.

If the inverse  $(I - A)^{-1}$  exists, which requires  $\det(I - A) \neq 0$ , the solution will be of the form:

$$y_t = (I - A)^{-1}a_0 + A^t[y_0 - (I - A)^{-1}a_0].$$

The problem with this generic solution is that it is difficult to assess what is going on: the dynamics of any variable in  $y_t$  will depend on a lengthy combination of the parameters in  $A$  that result from repeated matrix multiplication ( $A^t = A \times A \times A \times A \dots$ ). This makes it impossible to assess whether the system converges to the particular solution. To address this problem, we can use a tool from linear algebra called *matrix diagonalisation*. Under certain conditions, a matrix  $A$  can be decomposed into the product of three matrices in which the matrix in the middle is diagonal. As we will see, this trick has a useful application to our problem.

A matrix  $A$  is diagonalisable if there is a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . A major advantage of this decomposition is the following property:  $A^n = (PDP^{-1})^n = PD^nP^{-1}$ .<sup>2</sup> Thus, the  $n$ th power of the matrix  $A$ , which typically yields

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<sup>2</sup>This is because in the product  $(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1})\dots$ , each  $P$  cancels a  $P^{-1}$ , except for the first  $P$  and last  $P^{-1}$ .



very cumbersome expressions, simplifies to  $PD^nP^{-1}$ , where the  $n$ th power of  $D$  is simply applied to each individual element on the main diagonal thanks to  $D$  being a diagonal matrix. As a result, diagonalisation allows us to write the complementary function in the solution to a system of difference equations as:  $PD^tP^{-1}y_0$ . We can further define a vector of arbitrary constants  $c = P^{-1}y_0$  so that the complementary function becomes  $PD^tc$ . For the first variable in the system, the solution would then take the form:

$$y_{1t} = v_{11}c_1\lambda_1^t + v_{12}c_2\lambda_2^t + \dots + y_1^*,$$

where  $v_j$  are the column vectors of  $P$  and  $\lambda_i$  are the elements on the main diagonal of  $D$ . The  $v_j$  are called the *eigenvectors* of the matrix  $A$  and the  $\lambda_i$  are its *eigenvalues* (more about them in a second). From this representation of the solution, the nature of the dynamics can easily be determined by looking at the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  that is largest in absolute terms. This is also called the ‘dominant eigenvalue’. Only if the dominant eigenvalue is  $|\lambda| < 1$  will the system converge to  $y^*$ . The elements  $v_{ij}$  of the eigenvectors act as multipliers on the eigenvalues and can thus switch off certain eigenvalues (if they happen to be zero) or amplify their dynamics both into the positive and negative domain (depending on their algebraic sign).

How can the diagonal matrix  $D$  be found? Notice that  $AP = PD$  can also be written as  $Av = \lambda v$ . We can then write  $v(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . We want to find the solutions of this linear system other than  $v = 0$  (we don’t want the eigenvectors to be zero vectors, otherwise the solution to the dynamic system presented above wouldn’t work). This requires the determinant of the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  to become zero, i.e.  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . Note that then there will be an infinite number of solutions for the eigenvectors.

Let’s consider an example. Let  $a_0 = 0$  for simplicity, so that the dynamic system is  $y_t = Ay_{t-1}$ . Let the matrix  $A$  be given by:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -15 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 7 - \lambda & -15 \\ 2 & -4 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (7 - \lambda)(-4 - \lambda) + 30 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0.$$

This second-order polynomial solves for  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , which will be the elements on the diagonal of  $D$ .

To find  $v_j$ , substitute the  $\lambda_i$  into  $v_j(A - \lambda_i I) = 0$ . For  $\lambda_1 = 2$ , we get  $5v_{11} - 15v_{21} = 0$  and  $2v_{11} - 6v_{21} = 0$ , yielding the eigenvector  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . However, any scalar multiple of this eigenvector (other than zero) is admissible. It is thus common to normalise the eigenvectors by dividing through one of its elements. Dividing through by the first element yields the normalised eigenvector  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , this yields  $6v_{12} - 15v_{22} = 0$  and  $2v_{12} - 5v_{22} = 0$  from which we can deduce that  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . The normalised eigenvector is  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Of course, you can also perform these calculations in *R*:

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

## Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix
# Define matrix
J=matrix(c(7, -15,
          2, -4), 2, 2, byrow=TRUE)

# Obtain eigenvalues and eigenvectors
ev=eigen(J)
(evals = ev$values)
```

```
[1] 2 1
```

```
(evecs = ev$vector)
```

```
      [,1]      [,2]
[1,] 0.9486833 0.9284767
[2,] 0.3162278 0.3713907
```

```
# Normalise eigenvectors by dividing through by the first element
evecs_norm=evecs
for (i in 1:2){
  evecs_norm[,i]=evecs[,i]/evecs[1,i]
}
evecs_norm
```

```

      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1.0000000 1.0
[2,] 0.3333333 0.4

```

We can now use this solution for the eigenvectors and eigenvalues to write the solution of the dynamic system as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{1t} \\ y_{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} y_{10} \\ y_{20} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^t \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Multiplying the matrices out yields:

$$y_{1t} = c_1 2^t + c_2 1^t$$

$$y_{2t} = \frac{1}{3} c_1 2^t + 0.4 c_2 1^t.$$

Before comparing these analytical results with those from a numerical simulation, let's summarise the information we gain from the eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and arbitrary constants about the dynamics of the system:

- since the dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 2$  is larger than one, we know that the system is unstable
- since both elements in the dominant eigenvector  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$  are non-zero, both variables in the system will be driven by that dominant eigenvalue
- since both elements in the dominant eigenvector are positive but the arbitrary constant  $c_1$  is negative for positive initial conditions (see below), both variables will decay
- since both variables will decay at the same rate, their ratio will be constant as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and will approach a value that is given by the ratio of the elements in the dominant eigenvector

To see the last point, observe that in  $\frac{y_{2t}}{y_{1t}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}c_1 2^t + 0.4c_2 1^t}{c_1 2^t + c_2 1^t}$  the first terms in the numerator and denominator, respectively, quickly dominate the second terms as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  (you can show this formally using [L'Hopital's rule](#)). Thus,  $\frac{y_{2t}}{y_{1t}}$  will approach  $\frac{1}{3}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let us simulate the system and compare the results for, say,  $t = 10$  with the analytical solution:

```

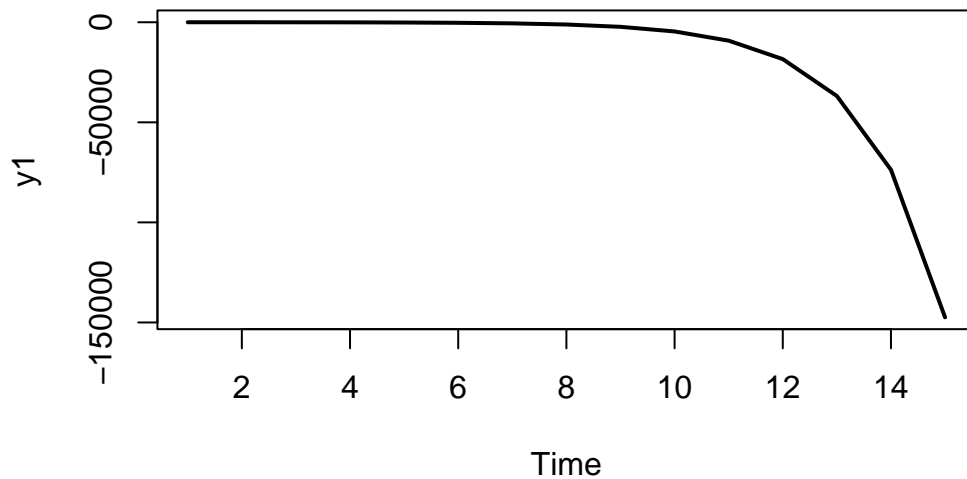
# Set number of periods for which you want to simulate
T=100

# Construct matrices in which values for different periods will be stored; initialise at 1
y1=matrix(data=1, nrow=1, ncol=T)
y2=matrix(data=1, nrow=1, ncol=T)

#Solve this system recursively based on the initialisation
for (t in 2:T){
  y1[,t] = J[1,1]*y1[, t-1] + J[1,2]*y2[, t-1]
  y2[,t] = J[2,1]*y1[, t-1] + J[2,2]*y2[, t-1]
} # close time loop

# Plot dynamics of y1
plot(y1[1, 1:15],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Time", ylab="y1")
title(main="", cex=0.8)

```



```

# Find arbitrary constants: c=(P^-1)*y0
library(matlib)
y0=c(y1[1,1],y2[1,1]) # create vector with initial conditions y0
c=inv(evecs_norm)%*%y0

```

```
c
```

```
      [,1]  
[1,]   -9  
[2,]   10
```

```
## Compute solution manually for y2 at t=10 and compare with simulated solution
```

```
t=10
```

```
evecs_norm[2,1]*c[1,1]*evals[1]^t + evecs_norm[2,1]*c[2,1]*evals[2]^t # analytical solution
```

```
[1] -3068.667
```

```
y2[,t+1] # simulated solution
```

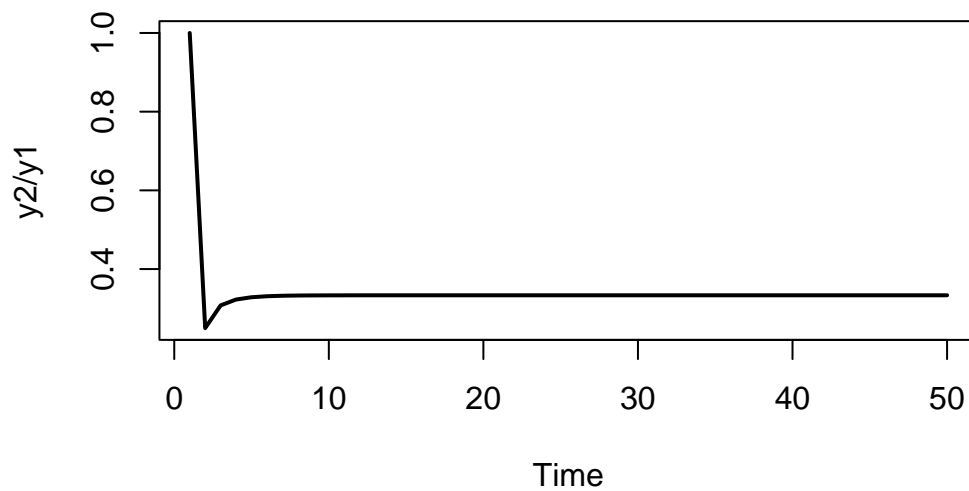
```
[1] -3068
```

```
# Plot dynamics of y2/y1
```

```
y2_y1=y2/y1
```

```
plot(y2_y1[, 1:50],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Time", ylab="y2/y1")
```

```
title(main="", cex=0.8)
```



```
# Compare y2/y1 with normalised dominant eigenvector
y2_y1[:,T]
```

```
[1] 0.3333333
```

```
evecs_norm[2,1]
```

```
[1] 0.3333333
```

It can be seen that the simulated results are equivalent to the results we obtained analytically. The key takeaway is that by deriving information about the eigenvalues (and possibly eigenvectors) of the Jacobian matrix of the system, we are able to deduce knowledge of the dynamic properties of the system even without numerical simulation. However, the more complex the dynamic system, the more difficult this will be, thereby rendering numerical simulation a key tool to supplement formal analysis.

### 8.3 Complex eigenvalues and cycles

So far, we have discussed the case where the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  are real numbers. However, what if the polynomial  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  does not yield real numbers? Recall that in the case of a second-order polynomial  $\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$ , the two roots are given by  $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}$ . If the term under the root  $\Delta = b^2 - 4c$ , also called discriminant, becomes negative, the solution will be a *complex number*. More specifically, we can write:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{4c - b^2} \sqrt{-1}}{2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{4c - b^2} i}{2},$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  is the imaginary number. The expression can also be written as:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = h \pm mi,$$

which is a pair of conjugate complex numbers containing a real part given by  $h$  and an imaginary part given by  $m$ .

Consider the model by Samuelson (1939) discussed in Chapter 2:

$$C_t = c_1(C_{t-1} + I_{t-1} + G_0)$$

$$I_t = \beta[c_1(C_{t-1} + I_{t-1} + G_0) - C_{t-1}]$$

The Jacobian matrix of this model is given by:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_1 \\ \beta(c_1 - 1) & \beta c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial yielding the eigenvalues of the Jacobian is

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda c_1(1 + \beta) + \beta c_1 = 0.$$

Thus we have

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{c_1(1 + \beta) \pm \sqrt{[c_1(1 + \beta)]^2 - 4\beta c_1}}{2}.$$

Thus, the two eigenvalues will be a pair of complex conjugates if  $[c_1(1 + \beta)]^2 - 4\beta c_1 < 0$ . Suppose we have  $c_1 = 0.4$  and  $\beta = 2$ . Then the discriminant will be negative and the eigenvalues will be complex:

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set parameter values
c1=0.4
beta=2

# Check if discriminant is negative
(c1*(1+beta))^2-4*c1*beta
```

```
[1] -1.76
```

```
## Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix
# Define matrix
J=matrix(c(c1, c1,
           beta*(c1-1), beta*c1),
         2, 2, byrow=TRUE)

# Obtain eigenvalues and eigenvectors
ev=eigen(J)
```

```
(evals = ev$values)
```

```
[1] 0.6+0.663325i 0.6-0.663325i
```

Another way of understanding the logic behind complex numbers is through a so-called *Argand diagram* that plots the real part of the eigenvalue on the horizontal and the imaginary part on the vertical axis. By Pythagoras' theorem, the distance of the eigenvalue from the origin will then be given by  $R = \sqrt{h^2 + m^2}$ . The value of  $R$  (which is always real-valued and positive) is called the *modulus* (or absolute value) of the complex eigenvalue and will contain important information about the dynamic stability of economic models that exhibit complex eigenvalues.

```
### Draw Argand diagram

# Save real and imaginary part of complex eigenvalue
re=Re(evals[1])
im=Im(evals[1])

# Plot complex eigenvalue
par(bty="l")
plot(re,im, type="o", xlim=c(0, 1), ylim=c(0, 1), lwd=2, xlab="h", ylab="m", main="Argand")

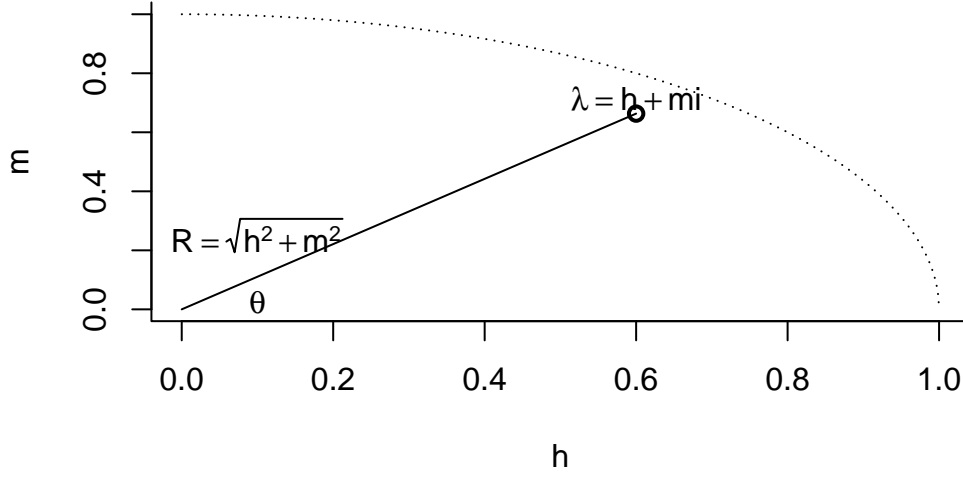
# Plot unit circle
X=seq(0, 1, by=0.001)
Y = sqrt(1 - X^2)
lines(X,Y, type="l", lty="dotted")

# Plot a ray from the origin to eigenvalue
segments(0,0,re,im, lty='solid')

# Add labels
text(0.1, 0.025, expression(theta), cex=1)
text(0.1, 0.25, expression(R==sqrt(h^2+m^2)), cex=1)
text(re, im+0.05, expression(lambda==h+mi), cex=1)
```



## Argand diagram of complex eigenvalue



The angle  $\theta$  of the line that connects the origin and the complex eigenvalue and the x-axis of the Argand diagram also contains information about the dynamics. To see this, note that the geometry of the complex number represented in the Argand diagram can also be expressed in trigonometric form:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{m}{R}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{h}{R},$$

where  $\theta = \arcsin(\frac{m}{R}) = \arccos(\frac{h}{R}) = \arctan(\frac{m}{h})$

Thus, we can write the complex eigenvalue also as:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = R(\cos \theta \pm \sin \theta \times i).$$

By De Moivre's theorem, we have  $(\cos \theta \pm \sin \theta \times i)^t = (\cos \theta t \pm \sin \theta t \times i)$ . Thus, the solution to a dynamic system that exhibits complex eigenvalues will be of the form:

$$y_{1t} = v_{11}c_1R_1^t(\cos \theta_1 t \pm \sin \theta_1 t \times i) + \dots + y_1^*.$$

From this solution we can again deduce key information about the dynamics of the system based on the (complex) eigenvalues:

- stability will depend on the modulus: for  $R < 1$  the system will be stable, for  $R > 1$  it will be unstable
- from the nature of the trigonometric functions  $\sin(\theta t)$  and  $\cos(\theta t)$ , we know that system will exhibit periodic cyclical dynamics as  $t$  increases
- the length of the cycles will be given by  $L = \frac{2\pi}{\theta}$  and the frequency by  $F = 1/L = \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$
- the amplitude of the cycles will depend on the elements of the eigenvectors, the initial conditions, and  $R$ .

Let us simulate the Samuelson model with the parameterisation that yields complex eigenvalues to illustrate these results:

```
# Calculate modulus
mod=Mod(evals[1])
mod
```

```
[1] 0.8944272
```

```
# Calculate cycle length
L=(2*pi)/(acos(re/mod))
L
```

```
[1] 7.520433
```

```
# Set number of periods for which you want to simulate
T=100

# Set number of parameterisations that will be considered
S=1

# Construct matrices in which values for different periods will be stored; initialise at 1
C=matrix(data=1, nrow=S, ncol=T)
I=matrix(data=1, nrow=S, ncol=T)

#Construct matrices for exogenous variable
G0=matrix(data=5, nrow=S, ncol=T)

#Solve this system recursively based on the initialisation
for (t in 2:T){
  C[1,t] = c1*(C[1,t-1] + I[1,t-1] + G0[1,t-1])
  I[1,t] = beta*(c1*(C[1,t-1] + I[1,t-1] + G0[1,t-1]) - C[1,t-1])
}
```

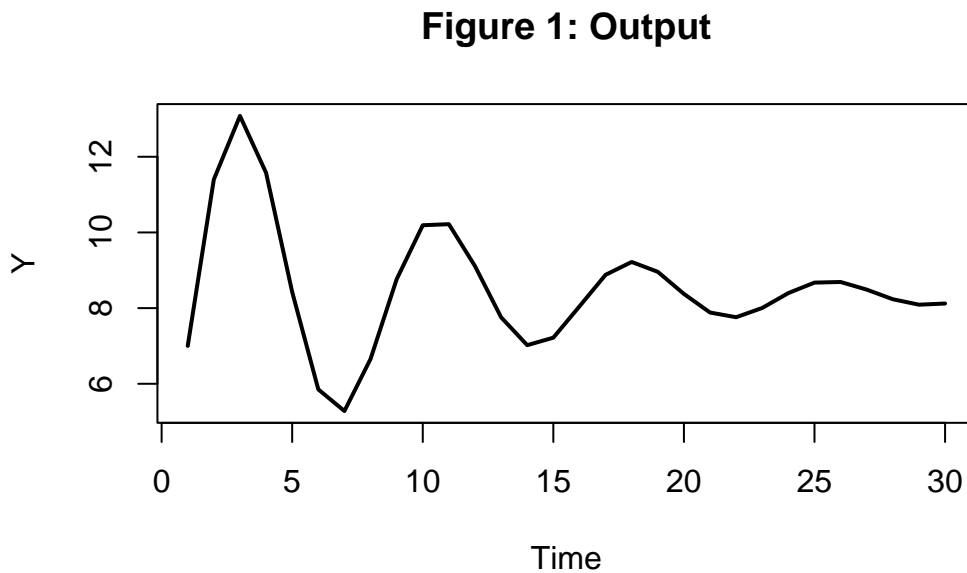
```

    } # close time loop

# Calculate output
Y=C+G0+I

# Time series chart of output dynamics in Samuelson (1939) model
plot(Y[1, 1:30],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Time", ylab="Y")
title(main="Figure 1: Output", cex=0.8)

```



You can see that the model generates cycles with a length (from peak/trough to peak/trough) of around 7.5 periods. Since the modulus is  $R < 1$ , the system is stable and eventually converges to the equilibrium.

## 8.4 Nonlinear systems

So far, we have analysed dynamic systems that are linear. However, in the more general case, a dynamic system may be nonlinear and of the form:

$$y_t = f(y_{t-1}).$$

An  $n$ -dimensional nonlinear system may have multiple equilibria  $y^*$ . To analyse the dynamic properties of such a system, we normally conduct a linear approximation in the neighbourhood of one of the equilibria. In that sense, the stability analysis of a nonlinear system has only local as opposed to global validity.

Mathematically, linearisation around an equilibrium point can be done by conducting a first-order Taylor expansion around that equilibrium:

$$y_t = f^i(y^*) + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f^i(y^*)}{\partial y_{jt-1}} (y_{jt-1} - y_j^*),$$

where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

This yields a linear version of the system that can be written as:

$$y_t = Ay_{t-1} + B,$$

where  $A_{11} = \frac{\partial f^1(y^*)}{\partial y_{1t-1}}$  and so forth. Thus,  $A$  is simply the Jacobian matrix of  $f(y_{t-1})$  evaluated at  $y^*$ .

In practice, this means that to analyse the local stability of a nonlinear system, one needs to:

- find the equilibrium solution  $y^*$  whose neighbourhood you want to analyse
- compute the Jacobian matrix of  $f(y_{t-1})$
- substitute  $y^*$  into  $f(y_{t-1})$  and analyse the resulting matrix.

An example for the stability analysis of a simple nonlinear system can be found in [Chapter 11](#).

## 8.5 Key takeaways

- dynamic models are systems of difference (or differential) equations
- the stability of a system depends on (a combination of) its coefficients
- more generally, the system's dynamic properties (including stability) are encapsulated in the Jacobian matrix
- the (dominant) eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix indicate whether a system is
  - stable ( $\lambda < 1$ ) or unstable ( $\lambda > 1$ )
  - acyclical ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ) or cyclical ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ )
- the (dominant) eigenvectors mediate the impact of the eigenvalues in the dynamics
- nonlinear systems are analysed locally around one of its equilibria

## 8.6 References

## 9 A New Keynesian 3-Equation Model

### 9.1 Overview

New Keynesian dynamic general equilibrium models were developed in the 1990s and 2000s to guide monetary policy.<sup>1</sup> They build on real business cycle models with rational expectations but introduce Keynesian frictions such as imperfect competition and nominal rigidities. While the structural forms of these models are typically complex as behavioural functions are derived from the intertemporal optimisation, the reduced-form of the benchmark models can be represented by three main equations: (i) an IS curve, (ii) a Phillips curve, (iii) and an interest rate rule.

The IS curve establishes a negative relationship between real income and the real interest rate. For a higher real interest rate, households will save more and thus consume less. The Phillips curve models inflation as a function of the output gap. A positive output gap (an economic expansion) leads to higher inflation. The monetary policy rule specifies how the central bank reacts to deviations of actual inflation from a politically determined inflation target.

The simplified version of the 3-equation model we consider here is directly taken from chapter 4 of Carlin and Soskice (2014). This is a short-run model in which prices are flexible but the capital stock is fixed. The focus is thus on goods market equilibrium rather than economic growth. In the Carlin-Soskice version, inflation expectations are assumed to be adaptive and the response of aggregate demand to a change in the interest rate is sluggish. This renders the model dynamic.<sup>2</sup>

### 9.2 The Model

$$y_t = A - a_1 r_{t-1} \quad (9.1)$$

$$\pi_t = \pi_{t-1} + a_2(y_t - y_e) \quad (9.2)$$

---

<sup>1</sup>See Galí (2018) for an overview.

<sup>2</sup>Note that this is quite different from conventional New Keynesian dynamic general equilibrium models in which the dynamic element stems from agents with rational expectations that react to serially correlated shocks.

$$r_s = \frac{(A - y_e)}{a_1} \quad (9.3)$$

$$r_t = r_s + a_3(\pi_t - \pi^T) \quad (9.4)$$

where  $y$ ,  $A$ ,  $r$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $y_e$ ,  $r_s$ , and  $\pi^T$  are real output, autonomous demand (times the multiplier), the real interest rate, inflation, equilibrium output, the stabilising real interest rate, and the inflation target, respectively.

Equation 9.1 is the IS curve or goods market equilibrium condition. Aggregate output adjusts to the level of aggregate demand, which is given by autonomous demand (times the multiplier) and a component that is negatively related to the (lagged) real interest rate via households' saving ( $a_1 > 0$ ). Equation 9.2 is the Phillips curve. It is assumed that inflation is driven by adaptive expectations ( $E[\pi_{t+1}] = \pi_{t-1}$ ) and positively related to the output gap ( $y_t - y_e$ ), i.e.  $a_2 > 0$ . By Equation 9.3, the stabilising real interest rate is that real interest rate that is consistent with equilibrium output ( $y_e = A - a_1 r_s$ ). Finally, the interest rate rule in Equation 9.4 specifies the real interest rate the central bank needs to set to minimise its loss function (see Section 9.5 below for a derivation). The parameter  $a_3$  is a composite one given by  $a_3 = \frac{1}{a_1(\frac{1}{a_2 b} + a_2)} > 0$ . Although the central bank only sets the nominal interest rate  $\bar{i} = r + E[\pi_{t+1}]$  directly, the fact that expected inflation is predetermined in every period allows it to indirectly control the real interest rate.

## 9.3 Simulation

### 9.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. For all parameterisations, the system is initialised at the equilibrium  $(y^*, \pi^*, r^*) = (y_e, \pi^T, r_s)$ . Three scenarios will then be considered. In scenario 1, there is an increase in autonomous aggregate demand ( $A$ ). In scenario 2, the central bank sets a higher inflation target ( $\pi^T$ ). Scenario 3 considers a rise in equilibrium output ( $y_e$ ).

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$a_1$	$a_2$	$b$	$A$	$\pi^T$	$y_e$
1: rise in aggregate demand ( $A$ )	0.3	0.7	1	12	2	5

Scenario	$a_1$	$a_2$	$b$	$A$	$\pi^T$	$y_e$
2: higher inflation target ( $\pi^T$ )	0.3	0.7	1	10	2.5	5
3: rise in equilibrium output ( $y_e$ )	0.3	0.7	1	10	2	7

### 9.3.2 Simulation code

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of periods
T=50

# Set number of scenarios
S=3

# Set period in which shock/shift will occur
s=5

# Create (S x T)-matrices that will contain the simulated data
y=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Income/output
p=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Inflation rate
r=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Real interest rate
rs=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Stabilising interest rate

# Set constant parameter values
a1=0.3 # Sensitivity of inflation with respect to output gap
a2=0.7 # Sensitivity of output with respect to interest rate
b=1    # Sensitivity of central bank to inflation gap
a3=(a1*(1/(b*a2) + a2))^(-1)

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
A=matrix(data=10,nrow=S,ncol=T) # autonomous spending
pt=matrix(data=2,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Inflation target
```



```

ye=matrix(data=5,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Potential output

A[1,s:T]=12 # scenario 1: AD boost
pt[2,s:T]=3 # scenario 2: higher inflation target
ye[3,s:T]=7 # scenario 3: higher potential output

# Initialise endogenous variables at equilibrium values
y[,1]=ye[,1]
p[,1]=pt[,1]
rs[,1]=(A[,1] - ye[,1])/a1
r[,1]=rs[,1]

# Simulate the model by looping over T time periods for S different scenarios
for (i in 1:S){

  for (t in 2:T){

    #(1) IS curve
    y[i,t] = A[i,t] - a1*r[i,t-1]

    #(2) Phillips Curve
    p[i,t] = p[i,t-1] +a2*(y[i,t]-ye[i,t])

    #(3) Stabilising interest rate
    rs[i,t] = (A[i,t] - ye[i,t])/a1

    #(4) Monetary policy rule, solved for r
    r[i,t] = rs[i,t] + a3*(p[i,t]-pt[i,t])

  } # close time loop
} # close scenarios loop

```

### 9.3.3 Plots

Figures 1-3 depict the response of the model's key endogenous variables to various shifts. A permanent rise in aggregate demand (scenario 1) has an instantaneous expansionary effect on output, but also pushes inflation above the target. This induces the central bank to raise the interest rate, which brings down output below equilibrium in the next period. The central bank then gradually lowers the policy rate towards its new higher equilibrium value, where inflation is again stabilised at its target level.

```
### Plot results
```

```
### Plots
```

```
# Set maximum period for plots
```

```
Tmax=15
```

```
# Output under different scenarios
```

```
plot(y[1, 1:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="", xlim=range(2:(Tmax)), ylab="")
```

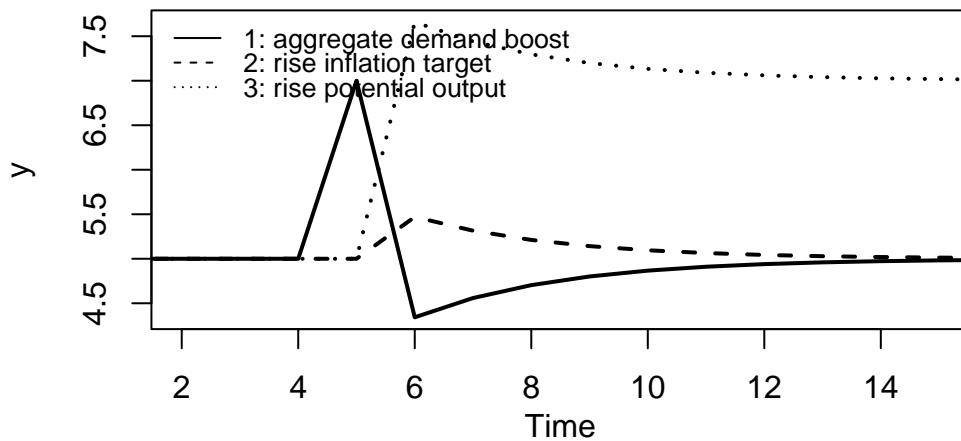
```
title(main="Figure 1: Output under different scenarios", xlab = "Time",cex=0.8 ,line=2)
```

```
lines(y[2, 1:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
```

```
lines(y[3, 1:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
```

```
legend("topleft", legend=c("1: aggregate demand boost", "2: rise inflation target", "3: ri
```

**Figure 1: Output under different scenarios**



```
# Inflation under different scenarios
```

```
plot(p[1, 1:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="", xlim=range(2:(Tmax)), ylab="")
```

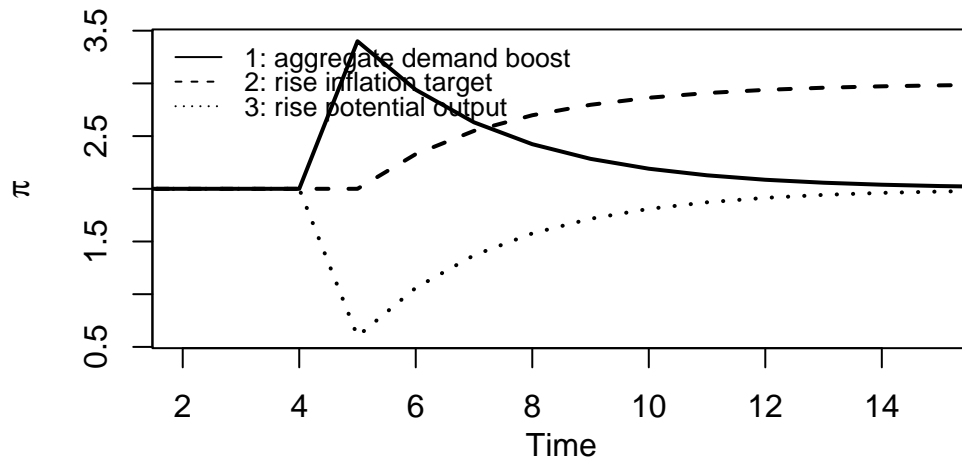
```
title(main="Figure 2: Inflation under different scenarios", xlab = "Time",cex=0.8 ,line=2)
```

```
lines(p[2, 1:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
```

```
lines(p[3, 1:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
```

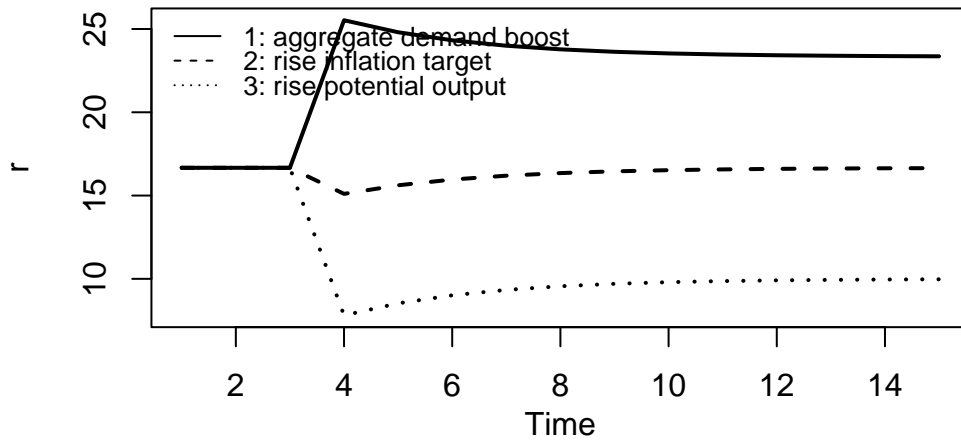
```
legend("topleft", legend=c("1: aggregate demand boost", "2: rise inflation target", "3: ri
```

**Figure 2: Inflation under different scenarios**



```
# Policy rate under different scenarios
plot(r[1, 2:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="", xlim=range(1:(Tmax)), ylab="
title(main="Figure 3: Policy rate under different scenarios", xlab = "Time",cex=0.8 ,line=
lines(r[2, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
lines(r[3, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
legend("topleft", legend=c("1: aggregate demand boost", "2: rise inflation target", "3: ri
```

**Figure 3: Policy rate under different scenarios**



An increase in the central bank's inflation target (scenario 2) gradually raises the inflation rate to a new level. During the adjustment period, the interest rate falls, which temporarily allows for a higher level of output. However, there is no permanent expansionary effect.

By contrast, an increase in potential or equilibrium output (scenario 3) allows for a permanently higher level of output and a lower real interest rate.

## 9.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 7 variables: y, p, r, A, ye, rs, pt
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged

M_mat=matrix(c(0,0,1,1,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,1,0,0,0,1,1,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
```

```

0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,1,1,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0),7,7, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)

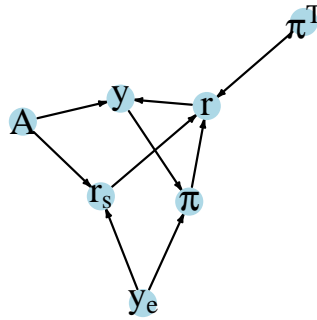
# Create directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg=graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted=NULL)

# Define node labels
V(dg)$name=c("y", expression(pi), "r", "A", expression(y[e]),expression(r[s]), expression(

# Plot directed graph
plot(dg, main="Figure 4: Directed graph of 3-Equation model", vertex.size=20, vertex.color=
vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.2, edge.width=1.1, edge.size=1.2,
edge.arrow.width=1, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2,
vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=-0.05)

```

**Figure 4: Directed graph of 3–Equation model**



In Figure 4, it can be seen that aggregate demand ( $A$ ), equilibrium output ( $y_e$ ), and the inflation target ( $\pi^T$ ) are the key exogenous variables of the model. All other variables are

endogenous and form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. The upper-right side of the graph represents the supply side, given by the equilibrium level of output and its effect on inflation. The upper-left side captures the demand side and its effect on actual output. The key endogenous variables, output, inflation, and the interest rate form the centre of the graph, where they stand in a triangular relationship to each other. Output drives inflation, which in turn impacts the real interest rate. The latter then feeds back into output. Structural changes in the relationship between demand and supply (e.g. excess demand) also impact the system through their effect on the stabilising interest rate ( $r_s$ ).

## 9.5 Analytical discussion

### 9.5.1 Derivation of core equations

#### 9.5.1.1 IS curve

The IS curve in Equation 9.1 is loosely based on the consumption Euler equation introduced in Chapter 3. Suppose there are two periods and the household maximises its utility function  $U = \ln(C_t) + \beta \ln(C_{t+1})$  subject to the intertemporal budget constraint  $C_t + \frac{C_{t+1}}{1+r} = Y_t + \frac{Y_{t+1}}{1+r}$ . Substituting the constraint into the objective function and differentiating with respect to  $C_t$  yields the first-order condition:

$$C_t = \frac{C_{t+1}}{\beta(1+r)}.$$

This consumption Euler equation establishes the negative relationship between the real interest rate and expenditures in Equation 9.1.

#### 9.5.1.2 PC curve

The Phillips curve Equation 9.2 is derived from wage- and price-setting in imperfect labour markets.<sup>3</sup> Consider the following wage- and price-setting functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{W}{P^E} &= B + \alpha(y_t - y_e) + z_w \\ P &= (1 + \mu) \frac{W}{\lambda}, \end{aligned} \tag{9.5}$$

i.e. the nominal wage  $W$ , adjusted for the expected price level, is increasing in the output gap, a factor  $B$  capturing unemployment benefits and the disutility of work as well as a vector  $z_w$  of wage-push factors. Prices are set based on a constant mark-up ( $\mu$ ) on unit labour cost ( $\frac{W}{\lambda}$ ).

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<sup>3</sup>See chapter 2 of Carlin and Soskice (2014) for details.

In equilibrium, the real wage is given by:  $w_e = B + z_w$ . In a dynamic setting, wage setters will raise the expected real wage by  $\left(\frac{W_t}{P_t^E}\right) - \left(\frac{W_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right) = \alpha(y_t - y_e)$ . Together with adaptive expectations for prices  $\hat{P}_t^E = \hat{P}_{t-1}$  and the approximation  $\hat{W}_t - \hat{P}_{t-1} \approx \left(\frac{W_t}{P_t^E}\right) - \left(\frac{W_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right)$ , this yields the following equation for wage inflation:

$$\hat{W}_t = \hat{P}_{t-1} + \alpha(y_t - y_e). \quad (9.6)$$

Transforming equation Equation 9.5 into growth rates ( $\hat{P} = \hat{W}$ ) and combining it with the wage-inflation equation Equation 9.6 yields the Phillips curve Equation 9.2.

### 9.5.1.3 Monetary policy rule

Finally, to derive the interest rate rule, start from the following central bank loss function:<sup>4</sup>

$$L = (y_t - y_e)^2 + b(\pi_t - \pi^T)^2.$$

Substituting the Phillips curve (Equation 9.2) into the loss function, differentiating with respect to  $y_t$ , and simplifying yields the first-order condition:

$$y_t - y_e = -a_2 b(\pi_t - \pi^T),$$

which can also be regarded as a monetary policy rule. Next, substitute the Phillips curve (Equation 9.2), the IS-curve (Equation 9.1), and the stabilising interest rate (Equation 9.3) into the monetary policy rule and define  $a_3 = \frac{1}{a_1(\frac{1}{a_2 b} + a_2)}$ , which yields the interest rate rule (Equation 9.4).

## 9.5.2 Equilibrium solutions and stability analysis

By definition, in the steady state we have  $y^* = y_e$ . This implies that  $r^* = r_s$ . From this, it follows that  $\pi^* = \pi^T$ .

To analyse the dynamic stability of the model, we rewrite it as a system of first-order difference equations. To this end, substitute Equation 9.1 into Equation 9.2, which yields:

$$\pi_t = \pi_{t-1} + a_2(A - a_1 r_{t-1} - y_e) \quad (9.7)$$

Substitute this equation into Equation 9.4, which yields:

$$r_t = r_s + a_3[\pi_{t-1} + a_2(A - a_1 r_{t-1} - y_e) - \pi^T]. \quad (9.8)$$

---

<sup>4</sup>See chapter 2 of Carlin and Soskice (2014) for details.

The Jacobian matrix of the system in Equation 9.1, Equation 9.7, and Equation 9.8 is given by:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -a_1 a_2 \\ 0 & a_3 & -a_1 a_2 a_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of the Jacobian can be obtained from the characteristic polynomial  $\lambda^3 - Tr(J)\lambda^2 + [Det(J_1) + Det(J_2) + Det(J_3)]\lambda - Det(J) = 0$ , where  $Tr(J)$  and  $Det(J)$  are the trace and determinant, respectively, and  $Det(J_i)$  refers to the  $i_{th}$  principal minor of the matrix. As there is a column in the Jacobian that only contains zeros, it follows that the matrix is singular and will have a zero determinant. In addition, all principal minors turn out to be zero. The characteristic polynomial thus reduces to  $\lambda^2[\lambda - Tr(J)] = 0$ . From this, it is immediate that  $\lambda_{1,2} = 0$  and  $\lambda_3 = Tr(J)$ , where  $Tr(J) = 1 - a_1 a_2 a_3 = \frac{1}{1+a_2^2 b}$ . Stability requires the single real eigenvalue to be smaller than unity (in absolute terms). With  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{1+a_2^2 b}$ , stability thus only requires  $a_2 \neq 0$  and  $b > 0$ , i.e. the output gap needs to impact inflation (otherwise the key channel through which interest rate policy brings inflation back on target is blocked) and the central bank needs to assign a (non-negative) loss to deviations of actual inflation from its target.<sup>5</sup>

We can verify these analytical solutions by comparing them with the results from the numerical solution:

```
# Construct Jacobian matrix
J=matrix(c(0,0,-a1,
           0,1,-a1*a2,
           0,a3,-a1*a2*a3), 3, 3, byrow=TRUE)

# Obtain eigenvalues
ev=eigen(J)
(values <- ev$values)
```

```
[1] 0.6711409 0.0000000 0.0000000
```

```
# Obtain determinant and trace
det(J)      # determinant
```

---

<sup>5</sup>As mentioned in footnote 2, this property of the Carlin-Soskice model is very different from conventional New Keynesian models with rational expectations. In these models, variables such as output and inflation are driven by the ‘forward-looking’ behaviour of rational agents, i.e. they depend on expectational terms for their current values rather than lagged values. To ensure what is called ‘determinacy’, these forward-looking variables must adjust fast (or ‘jump’) to bring the economy back onto a path that is consistent with the optimising equilibrium. This requires the number of jump variables to be matched by an equal number of unstable roots (i.e. being outside the unit circle).



```
[1] 0
```

```
sum(diag(J)) # trace
```

```
[1] 0.6711409
```

## 9.6 References

# 10 A Sraffian Supermultiplier Model

## 10.1 Overview

The Sraffian supermultiplier model was proposed by Serrano (1995) to integrate a Sraffian long-run equilibrium into a post-Keynesian growth model.<sup>1</sup> The model requires the long-run rate of capacity utilisation to settle on an exogenously given normal rate. This requires investment to fully adjust to any changes in economic activity so as to bring back actual utilisation to the desired normal rate. As a result, investment expenditures (in the long-run) are assumed to be free of any idiosyncratic components such as Keynesian ‘animal spirits’. Long-run growth is then driven by those components of autonomous demand that do not create productive capacity – autonomous consumption in the simplest version of the model. An increase in the growth rate of autonomous consumption will stimulate economic activity and induce firms to adjust their expectations about long-run growth towards the new rate given by autonomous demand growth.

Income distribution is exogenous in this model. An increase in the wage share has an expansionary effect on economic activity and growth in the short-run as it increases consumption (investment is assumed to be independent of income distribution). However, this expansionary effect is only temporary as economic activity will eventually settle back on the normal rate of capacity utilisation, and the growth rate towards the rate given by autonomous demand growth. The absence of long-run effects of income distribution on output and growth constitutes a key difference between the Sraffian supermultiplier model and the post-Kaleckian model, in which there is no normal rate of capacity utilisation and no autonomous (non-capacity creating) demand.

This is a model of long-run steady state growth. In the steady state, all endogenous variables grow at the same rate.<sup>2</sup> The model contains two state variables that determine the model’s dynamics: the ratio of autonomous demand to the capital stock (which changes during adjustment periods where the growth rate has not yet settled on the rate given by autonomous demand growth) and the expected growth rate of the capital stock, which sluggishly adjusts to the rate given by autonomous demand growth. We consider a continuous-time version of the model presented in chapter 6.5.8 of Lavoie (2022).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See chapter 7 in Blecker and Setterfield (2019), Dutt (2018), and chapter 6 in Lavoie (2022) for useful introductions. Note that contrary to what the name may suggest, this is a one-sector model.

<sup>2</sup>All variables are normalised by the capital stock and thus rendered stationary.

<sup>3</sup>Section 2.5 explains how continuous time models can be solved numerically.

## 10.2 The Model

The following equations describe the model:

$$r_t = \pi u_t \quad (10.1)$$

$$s_t = -z_t + s_r r_t \quad (10.2)$$

$$c_t = u_t - s_t \quad (10.3)$$

$$g_t = g_t^0 + g_1(u_t - u_n) \quad (10.4)$$

$$u_t = c_t + g_t \quad (10.5)$$

$$\dot{g}_t^0 = \mu(g_t - g_t^0) \quad (10.6)$$

$$\dot{z}_t = z_t(g_z - g_t), \quad (10.7)$$

where  $r$ ,  $s$ ,  $c$ ,  $g$ ,  $u$ ,  $g^0$ , and  $z$  are the profit rate, the saving rate, the consumption rate, the investment rate, the rate of capacity utilisation, the expected growth rate, and the rate of autonomous demand, respectively. A dot over a variable represents the derivative with respect to time ( $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$ ).

Equation 10.1 decomposes the profit rate (total profits over capital stock) into the product of the profit share  $\pi$  (total profits over total output) and the rate of capacity utilisation (actual output over capital stock).<sup>4</sup> Note that the wage share is given by  $1 - \pi$ . By Equation 10.2, the economy-wide saving rate is given by the negative of the rate of autonomous demand ( $z$ ), which in this version of the model is autonomous consumption, i.e. dissaving, and saving out of profits ( $s_r$ ). It is assumed that workers do not save. Equation 10.3 simply states that consumption is income not saved. According to Equation 10.4, investment is determined by an autonomous component  $g_0$  that will be specified below and by the deviation of capacity utilisation from its normal rate  $u_n$ . In other words, firms expand capacity whenever the actual rate of utilisation exceeds the desired normal rate. Equation 10.5 is the goods market equilibrium condition assuming that the rate of capacity utilisation adjusts to clear the goods market in the short run. Equation 10.6 is a key equation in the Sraffian supermultiplier approach, which posits that firms (sluggishly) adjust the expected growth rate to the actual growth rate. Finally, Equation 10.7 is an identity that traces changes in the rate of autonomous demand that stem from (temporary) mismatches between the exogenously given growth rate of autonomous demand ( $g_z$ ) and the actual growth rate.

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<sup>4</sup>For simplicity, it is assumed that the capital-potential output ratio is equal to unity. This implies that the ratio of actual output to potential output is equal to the ratio of actual output to the capital stock, so that the latter can be taken as a measure of the rate of capacity utilisation.

## 10.3 Simulation

### 10.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation used in the simulation. Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), three further scenarios will be considered. In scenario 2, the growth rate of autonomous demand  $g_z$  increases. In scenario 3, the profit share  $\pi$  rises. In scenario 4, the normal rate of capacity utilisation  $u_n$  increases. The model is initialised at the equilibrium of the baseline parameterisation and the various shifts then occur in period 50.

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$\pi$	$s_r$	$g_1$	$u_n$	$\mu$	$g_z$
1: baseline	0.35	0.8	0.2	0.75	0.08	0.02
2: rise in autonomous demand growth ( $g_z$ )	0.35	0.8	0.2	0.75	0.08	0.03
3: rise in profit share ( $\pi$ )	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.75	0.08	0.02
4: rise in normal rate of capacity utilisation ( $u_n$ )	0.35	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.08	0.02

### 10.3.2 Simulation code

```
#Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

#Set number of periods
T = 1000

# Set number of scenarios (including baselines)
S=4

# Set period in which exogenous shift will occur
q=50

#Create vector in which equilibrium solutions from different parameterisations will be stored
u=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # rate of capacity utilisation
g=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # growth rate of capital stock
s=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # saving rate
c=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # consumption rate
r=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # profit rate
g0=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # expected growth rate of capital stock
```

```

z=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # autonomous demand rate

#Set constant parameter values
g1=0.2 # Sensitivity of investment with respect to utilisation
sr=0.8 # propensity to save out of profits
mu=0.08 # adjustment speed of expected growth rate
d=0.1 # time increment

# Set and initialise exogenous variables/parameters that will be shifted
pi=matrix(data=0.35,nrow=S,ncol=T) # profit share
gz=matrix(data=0.02,nrow=S,ncol=T) # growth rate of autonomous demand
un=matrix(data=0.75,nrow=S,ncol=T) # normal rate of capacity utilisation

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
gz[2,q:T]=0.03 # scenario 2: rise in autonomous demand growth
pi[3,q:T]=0.4 # scenario 3: rise in profit share
un[4,q:T]=0.8 # scenario 4: rise in normal rate of utilisation

# Initialise endogenous variables at equilibrium values
u[,1]=un[,1]
g[,1]=gz[,1]
s[,1]=g[,1]
c[,1]=un[,1]-s[,1]
g0[,1]=gz[,1]
z[,1]=sr*pi[,1]*un[,1]-gz[,1]
r[,1]=pi[,1]*un[,1]

# Simulate the model by looping over T time periods for S different scenarios
for (i in 1:S){

  for (t in 2:T){

    for (iterations in 1:1000){ # iterate the model 1000-times in each period

      #(1) Profit rate
      r[i,t] =pi[i,t]*u[i,t]

      #(2) Saving
      s[i,t] = -z[i,t] + sr*r[i,t]

      #(3) Consumption

```

```

c[i,t] = u[i,t] - s[i,t]

#(4) Investment
g[i,t] = g0[i,t] + g1*(u[i,t] - un[i,t])

#(5) Capacity utilisation
u[i,t] = c[i,t] + g[i,t]

#(6) Dynamic adjustment of expected growth rate of capital stock
g0[i,t] = g0[i,t-1] + mu*(g[i,t-1]-g0[i,t-1])*d

#(7) Dynamic adjustment of autonomous demand
z[i,t] = z[i,t-1] + z[i,t-1]*(gz[i,t-1] - g[i,t-1])*d

} # close iterations loop
} # close time loop
} # close scenarios loop

```

### 10.3.3 Plots

Figures 1-3 depict the response of the three main endogenous variables to changes in the exogenous variables. In the second scenario (solid line), the growth rate of autonomous demand increases from 2% to 3%. As a result, the rate of capacity temporarily increases but then returns to the level given by the normal rate, as the rate of autonomous demand falls due to the increase in the capital stock. By contrast, the growth rate permanently settles to the new rate given by the autonomous rate.

In the third scenario (dashed line), the profit share rises, which initially has a contractionary effect on the rate of utilisation and growth. Both variables then briefly overshoot due to the increase in the autonomous demand rate and then return to their previous values.

```

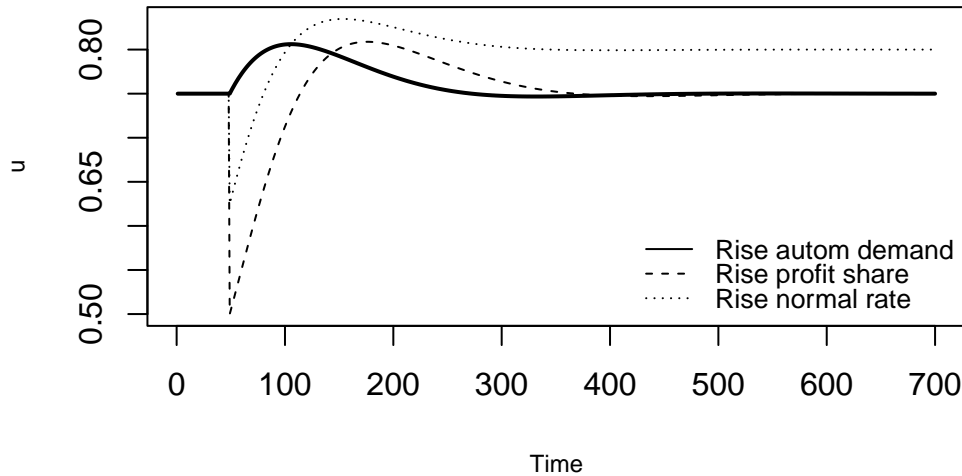
# Set maximum period for plots
Tmax=700

# Capacity utilisation
plot(u[2, 2:(Tmax+1)], type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, font.main=1,cex.main=1,
      ylab = 'u',xlab = 'Time',ylim=range(max(u[, 2:Tmax]),min(u[, 2:Tmax])),cex.axis=1,cex
title(main="Figure 1: Rate of capacity utilisation under different scenarios",cex=0.8 ,lin
lines(u[3, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=2)
lines(u[4, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=3)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("Rise autom demand", "Rise profit share", "Rise normal rate

```

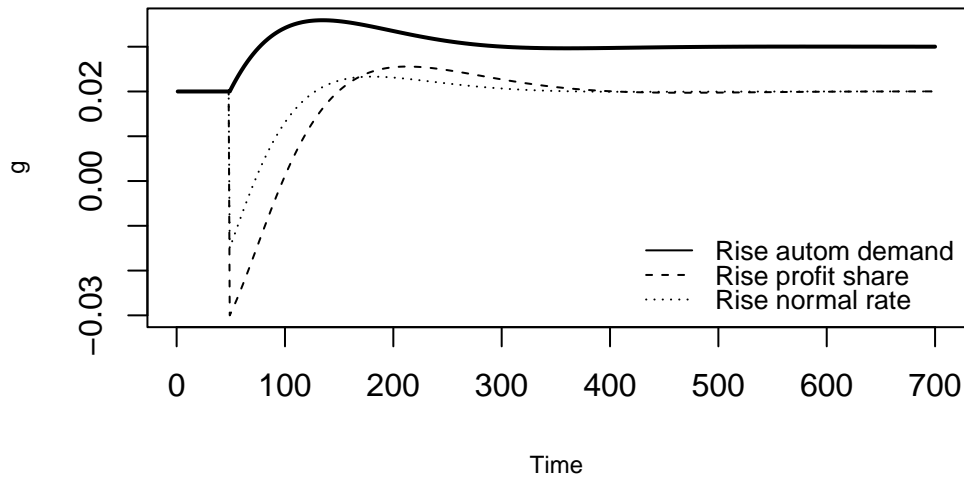
```
lty=1:3, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

**Figure 1: Rate of capacity utilisation under different scenar**



```
# Growth
plot(g[2, 2:(Tmax+1)], type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, font.main=1,cex.main=1,
     ylab = 'g',xlab = 'Time',ylim=range(max(g[, 2:Tmax]),min(g[, 2:Tmax])),cex.axis=1,cex
title(main="Figure 2: Growth rate under different scenarios",cex=0.8 ,line=2)
lines(g[3, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=2)
lines(g[4, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=3)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("Rise autom demand", "Rise profit share", "Rise normal rate",
                                "Rise normal rate"),
      lty=1:3, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

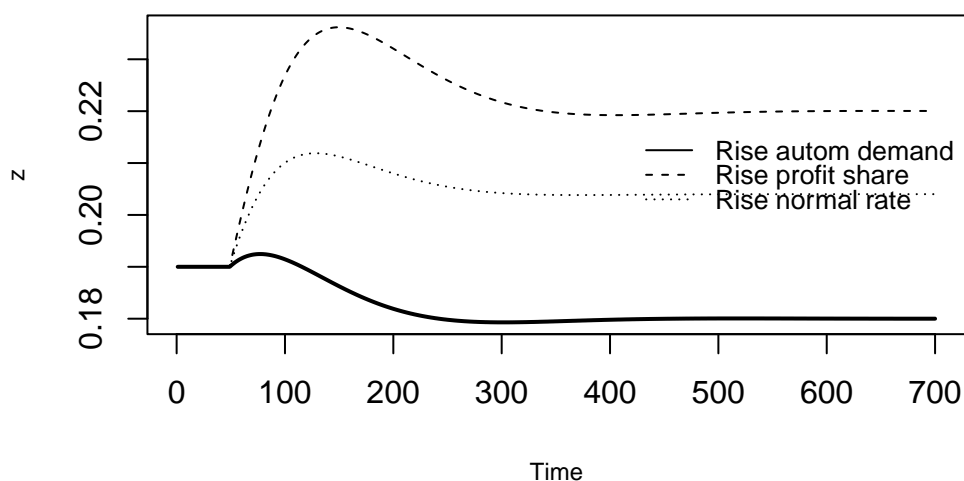
**Figure 2: Growth rate under different scenarios**



```
# Autonomous demand rate
plot(z[2, 2:(Tmax+1)], type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, font.main=1, cex.main=1,
     ylab = 'z', xlab = 'Time', ylim=range(max(z[, 2:Tmax]), min(z[, 2:Tmax])), cex.axis=1, cex.lab=1,
     title(main="Figure 3: Rate of autonomous demand under different scenarios", cex=0.8, line=2),
     lines(z[3, 2:(Tmax+1)], lty=2)
     lines(z[4, 2:(Tmax+1)], lty=3)
legend("right", legend=c("Rise autom demand", "Rise profit share", "Rise normal rate"),
      lty=1:3, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```



**Figure 3: Rate of autonomous demand under different scenar**



Finally, a rise in the normal rate (dotted line) initially has contractionary effects on utilisation and growth but eventually raises utilisation to a permanently higher level. The growth rate returns to its previous value.

## 10.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 9 variables:
# r, c, g, u, g0, z, pi, gz, un

M_mat=matrix(c(0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,
               1,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,1,
               0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
```

```

0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0), 9, 9, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)

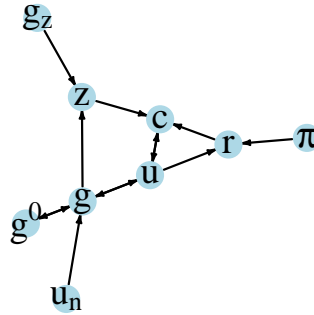
# Create directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg=graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted=NULL)

# Define node labels
V(dg)$name=c("r", "c", "g", "u", expression(g^0), "z", expression(pi), expression(g[z]), e

# Plot directed graph
plot(dg, main="Figure 4: Directed graph of Sraffian Supermultiplier Model", vertex.size=20,
vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.2, edge.width=1.1, edge.size=1.2,
edge.arrow.width=1, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2,
vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=-0.05)

```

**Figure 4: Directed graph of Sraffian Supermultiplier Model**



In Figure 4, it can be seen that the growth rate of autonomous demand ( $g_z$ ), the profit share ( $\pi$ ), and the normal rate of capacity utilisation ( $u_n$ ) are the key exogenous variable of the model. The profit rate ( $r$ ), consumption ( $c$ ), the autonomous demand rate ( $z$ ), investment ( $g$ ), the

rate of utilisation ( $u$ ), and the expected growth rate ( $g_0$ ) form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. For example, an increase in the growth rate of autonomous demand increases consumption, which raises the rate of capacity utilisation, growth, and the expected growth rate. In a second-round effect, the increase in the growth rate then feeds back negatively into the autonomous demand rate, which leads to a return of the rate of capacity utilisation to its previous value.

## 10.5 Analytical discussion

To find the short-run equilibrium solutions for  $u$  and  $g$ , first substitute Equation 10.1-Equation 10.4 into Equation 10.5 and solve for  $u$ :

$$u^* = \frac{g_0 + z - g_1 u_n}{s_r \pi - g_1}.$$

From this, we get:

$$g^* = g_0 + g_1(u^* - u_n).$$

The long-run equilibrium is given by  $u^{**} = u_n$ ,  $g^{**} = g_z$ , and (from Equation 10.7)  $z^{**} = u_n s_r \pi - g_z$ .

The dynamics are governed by Equation 10.6-Equation 10.7. The Jacobian matrix is:

$$J(g^0, z) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mu g_1}{s_r \pi - g_1} & \frac{\mu g_1}{s_r \pi - g_1} \\ -z \left( \frac{g_1}{s_r \pi - g_1} + 1 \right) & \frac{-z g_1}{s_r \pi - g_1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The determinant of the Jacobian matrix evaluated at the long-run equilibrium is:

$$\det(J^*) = \frac{(u_n s_r \pi - g_z) \mu g_1}{s_r \pi - g_1} > 0,$$

which is positive provided  $s_r \pi - g_1$ , i.e. if the Keynesian stability condition holds.

The trace is:

$$\text{tr}(J^*) = \frac{g_1(\mu - u_n s_r \pi + g_z)}{s_r \pi - g_1}.$$

Stability requires a negative trace, yielding a second stability condition:  $\mu < u_n s_r \pi - g_z$ .

We can verify these analytical solutions by comparing them with the results from the numerical solution:

```
# Construct Jacobian matrix at the equilibrium
```

```

J=matrix(c((mu*g1)/(sr*pi[1,T]-g1), (mu*g1)/(sr*pi[1,T]-g1),
          -z[1,T]*(sr*pi[1,T]/(sr*pi[1,T]-g1)), -z[1,T]*(g1/(sr*pi[1,T]-g1))), 2, 2, byrow=TRUE)
J

      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 0.200 0.200
[2,] -0.665 -0.475

# Obtain eigenvalues
ev=eigen(J)
(values <- ev$values)

[1] -0.1375+0.1381801i -0.1375-0.1381801i

# Obtain determinant and trace
det(J) # determinant

[1] 0.038

sum(diag(J)) # trace

[1] -0.275

# Check stability conditions for all scenarios
for (i in 1:S){
  print(paste0("Scenario ", i, ":"))
  print(sr*pi[i,1]>g1) # Keynesian stability condition
  print(mu<sr*un[i,1]*pi[i,1]-gz[i,1])
}

[1] "Scenario 1:"
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 2:"
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE

```

```
[1] "Scenario 3:"  
[1] TRUE  
[1] TRUE  
[1] "Scenario 4:"  
[1] TRUE  
[1] TRUE
```

## 10.6 References

# 11 A Malthusian Model

## 11.1 Overview

This model captures some key feature of Thomas Malthus' theory of population dynamics as developed in his 1798 book [An Essay on the Principle of Population](#). The theory revolves around the interaction between living standards and population growth.<sup>1</sup> It assumes that birth rates increase with rising living standards, while death rates decline. Economic growth thus spurs population growth. However, due to supply constraints in agricultural production, population growth drives up food prices and thereby undermines real income, bringing population growth to a halt. The model is adapted from [Karl Whelan's lecture notes](#).

## 11.2 The Model

The following equations describe the model:

$$N_t = N_{t-1} + B_{t-1} - D_{t-1} \quad (11.1)$$

$$\frac{B_t}{N_t} = b_0 + b_1 Y_t \quad (11.2)$$

$$\frac{D_t}{N_t} = d_0 - d_1 Y_t \quad (11.3)$$

$$Y_t = a_0 - a_1 N_t \quad (11.4)$$

where  $N_t$ ,  $B_t$ ,  $D_t$ , and  $Y_t$  represent population, number of births, number of deaths, and real income, respectively.

Equation Equation 11.1 describes population dynamics as driven by births and deaths. Equations Equation 11.2 and Equation 11.3 the Malthusian hypothesis that birth rates are positively and death rates negatively related to income. Equation Equation 11.4 makes real income a

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<sup>1</sup>See chapter 2 of Foley (2006) for an excellent introduction.

negative function of the population, which captures the idea of supply constraints in agriculture.

## 11.3 Simulation

### 11.3.1 Parameterisation

Table reports the parameterisation and initial values used in the simulation. Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), three further scenarios will be considered. Scenario 2 models what Malthus called preventative checks: a fall in the exogenous component of the birth rate ( $b_0$ ) due to an increased use of contraception, changes in marriage norms etc. Scenario 3 models ‘positive checks’: a rise in the sensitivity of real income with respect to the population ( $a_1$ ), capturing factors such as increased food scarcity. Scenario 4 considers a rise in the exogenous component of real income ( $a_0$ ), which could be interpreted as a productivity boost due to the invention of better fertilisers. All scenarios initialise the population below its steady state value at  $N_0 = 1$  and the other variables at their steady state values.

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$b_0$	$b_1$	$d_0$	$d_1$	$a_0$	$a_1$
1: baseline	0.5	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.5	0.05
2: fall in exog birth rate ( $b_0$ )	0.4	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.5	0.05
3: rise in sensitivity of income ( $a_1$ )	0.5	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.5	0.07
4: productivity boost ( $a_0$ )	0.5	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.6	0.05

### 11.3.2 Simulation code

```
# Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of periods
T=100

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=4

# Set period in which shock/shift will occur
s=5

# Create (S x T)-matrices that will contain the simulated data
```

```

N=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # population
Y=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # real income
B=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # births
D=matrix(data=0,nrow=S,ncol=T) # deaths
N_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium population
Y_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium real income
B_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium births
D_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium deaths

# Set baseline parameter values
b0=matrix(data=0.5,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Exogenous birth rate
b1=0.5 # Sensitivity of births with respect to real income
d0=2.5 # Exogenous death rate
d1=0.5 # Sensitivity of deaths with respect to real income
a0=matrix(data=2.5,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Exogenous component of real income
a1=matrix(data=0.05,nrow=S,ncol=T) #Sensitivity of the real income with respect to populat

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
b0[2,s:T]=0.4 # scenario 2: reduction in birth rate
a1[3,s:T]=0.07 # scenario 3: increase in sensitivity of real income with respect to popula
a0[4,s:T]=2.6 # scenario 4: improvement in productivity

# Initialise
N[,1]=1
Y[,1]=1
B[,1]=1
D[,1]=1

# Simulate the model by looping over T time periods for S different scenarios
for (i in 1:S){

  for (t in 2:T){

    for (iterations in 1:1000){ # run the model 1000-times in each period

      # (1) Population dynamics
      N[i,t] = N[i,t-1] + B[i,t-1] - D[i,t-1]

      # (2) Births
      B[i,t] = (b0[i,t] + b1*Y[i,t])*N[i,t]

```



```

# (3) Deaths
D[i,t] = (d0 - d1*Y[i,t])*N[i,t]

# (4) Real income
Y[i,t] = a0[i,t] - a1[i,t]*N[i,t]

} # close iterations loop
} # close time loop
} # close scenario loop

```

### 11.3.3 Plots

Figure 1 displays population and real income dynamics for the baseline scenario. Starting from a below-equilibrium level of population, the population initially grows rapidly (seemingly exponentially) but then approaches a steady state. During the adjustment phase, real income is driven down to its steady state level (which can be interpreted as the subsistence level). Figure 2 displays the corresponding dynamics of births and deaths.

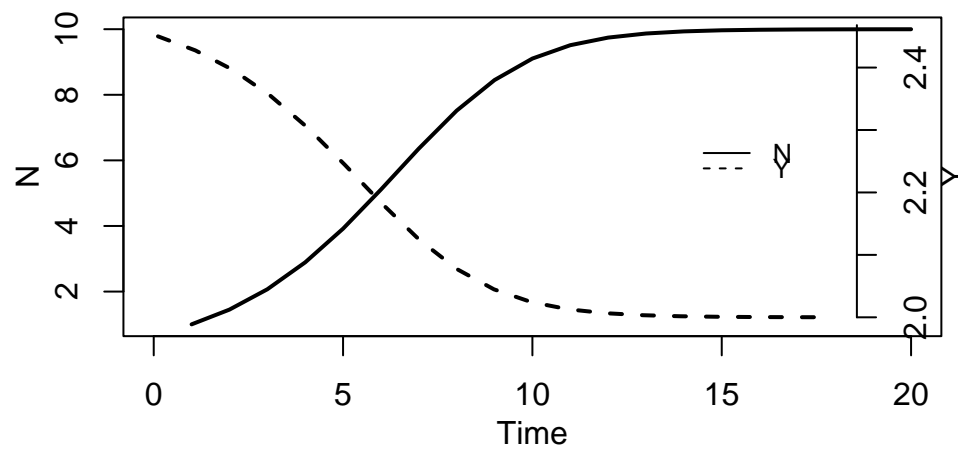
```

# Set maximum period for plots
Tmax=20

## Baseline
#Population and real income
plot(N[1, 2:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylab = '', xlab = '')
title(main="Figure 1: Population and real income, baseline",ylab = 'N', xlab = 'Time',cex=1.2)
par(mar = c(5, 4, 4, 4) + 0.3)
par(new = TRUE)
plot(Y[1, 2:Tmax],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=2, font.main=1,cex.main=1,ylab = '', axes=FALSE)
xlab = '',ylim = range(Y[1, 2:20]),cex=0.8)
axis(side = 4, at = pretty(range(Y[1, 2:Tmax])))
mtext("Y", side = 4, line = 2)
legend(15, 2.3, legend=c("N", "Y"),
      lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.5)

```

**Figure 1: Population and real income, baseline**



```
# Births and deaths
plot(B[1, 2:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="")
title(main="Figure 2: Births and deaths, baseline", xlab = 'Time',cex=0.8,line=2)
lines(D[1, 2:Tmax],lty=2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("B", "D"),
      lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.5)
```

**Figure 2: Births and deaths, baseline**

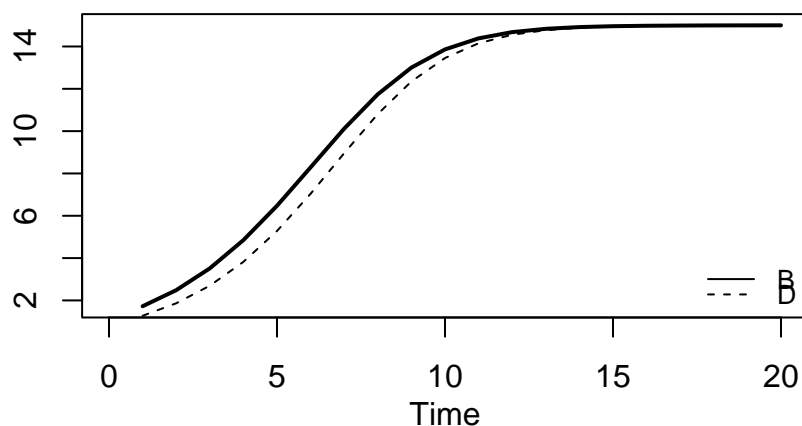
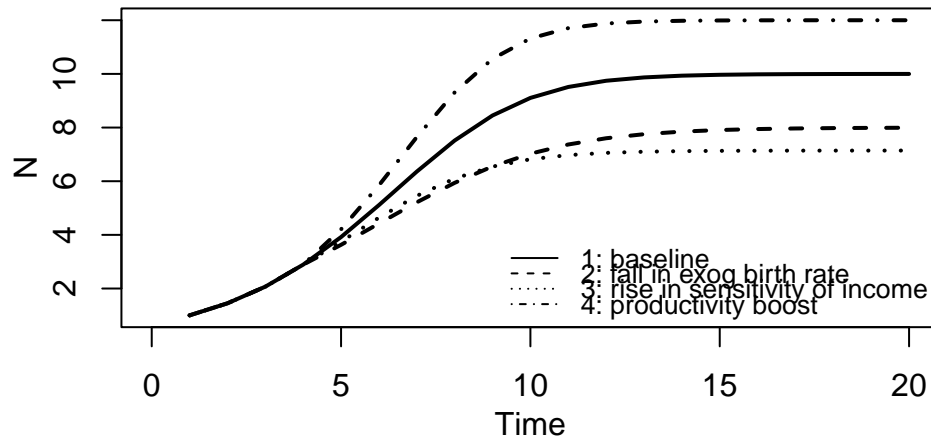


Figure 3 displays population dynamics under the different scenarios described in Table 1. As expected, both preventative and positive checks are effective: a fall in the exogenous component of the birth rate and an increase in the sensitivity of real income slow down population dynamics and lower its steady state value. By contrast, a productivity boost allows for a higher equilibrium level of population.

```
## Population dynamics under different scenarios
plot(N[1, 2:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylim=range(N[4, 2:Tmax+1]),
title(main="Figure 3: Population dynamics under different scenarios",ylab = 'N', xlab = 'Time'),
lines(N[2, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
lines(N[3, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
lines(N[4, 2:(Tmax+1)],lty=4, lwd=2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("1: baseline","2: fall in exog birth rate", "3: rise in sen",
"4: productivity boost"), lty=1:4, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.5)
```

**Figure 3: Population dynamics under different scenarios**



## 11.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 6 variables: N, B, D, Y, b0, a0,
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged

M_mat=matrix(c(0,1,1,0,0,0,
               1,0,0,1,1,0,
               1,0,0,1,0,0,
               1,0,0,0,0,1,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0), 6, 6, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)
```

```

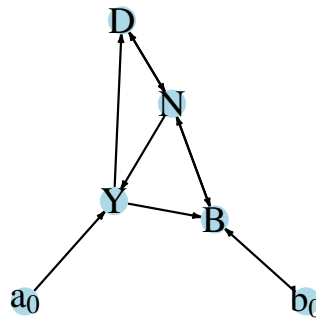
# Create directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg=graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)

# Define node labels
V(dg)$name=c("N", "B", "D", "Y", expression(b[0]), expression(a[0]))

# Plot directed graph matrix
plot(dg, main="Figure 4: Directed graph of Malthusian model", vertex.size=20, vertex.color=
  vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.2, edge.width=1.1, edge.size=1.2,
  edge.arrow.width=1, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2,
  vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=-0.05)

```

**Figure 4: Directed graph of Malthusian model**



In Figure 4, it can be seen that the exogenous birth rate ( $b_0$ ) and productivity ( $a_0$ ) are exogenous variables that impact births and income, respectively. Births, deaths, employment and income are endogenous and form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. Births and deaths affect the population size (with simultaneous feedback from population to births and deaths), and the population affects income. Income, in turn, feeds back into population size.

## 11.5 Analytical discussion

To find the steady state solution for  $N$ , substitute Equation 11.2 - Equation 11.4 into Equation 11.1 and collect terms:

$$N_t = N_{t-1}[1 + b_0 - d_0 + a_0(b_1 + d_1)] - N_{t-1}^2[a_1(b_1 + d_1)]. \quad (11.5)$$

Subtract  $N_{t-1}$  and divide through by  $N_{t-1}$ :

$$\frac{N_t - N_{t-1}}{N_{t-1}} = [b_0 - d_0 + a_0(b_1 + d_1)] - N_{t-1}[a_1(b_1 + d_1)].$$

Set  $\frac{N_t - N_{t-1}}{N_{t-1}} = 0$  and solve for  $N_t$  to find the non-trivial steady state:<sup>2</sup>

$$N^* = \frac{b_0 - d_0 + a_0(b_1 + d_1)}{a_1(b_1 + d_1)}.$$

Substitution of  $N^*$  into Equation 11.4 and simplifying yields:

$$Y^* = \frac{d_0 - b_0}{b_1 + d_1}.$$

Finally, to assess the dynamic stability of the model, differentiate Equation 11.5 with respect to  $N_{t-1}$ :

$$\frac{\partial N_t}{\partial N_{t-1}} = 1 + b_0 - d_0 + a_0(b_1 + d_1) - 2N_{t-1}[a_1(b_1 + d_1)].$$

Due to the non-linearity of the model, stability can only be assessed locally around the steady state. To do this, substitute the steady state solution and simplify:

$$\frac{\partial N_t}{\partial N_{t-1}} = 1 - b_0 + d_0 - a_0(b_1 + d_1).$$

From this, we can conclude that the steady state is stable iff:

$$|1 - b_0 + d_0 - a_0(b_1 + d_1)| < 1.$$

We can verify these analytical solutions by comparing them with the results from the numerical solution:

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<sup>2</sup>A trivial steady state is at  $N^* = 0$ .

```

# Calculate analytical equilibrium solutions
for (i in 1:S){
  N_eq[i]=(b0[i,T]-d0+a0[i,T]*(b1+d1))/(a1[i,T]*(b1+d1))
  Y_eq[i]=(d0-b0[i,T])/(b1+d1)
  B_eq[i]=(b0[i,T] + b1*Y_eq[i])*N_eq[i]
  D_eq[i]=(d0 - d1*Y_eq[i])*N_eq[i]
}

# Compare with numerical solutions (here for the example of Y, scenario1)
Y_eq[1]

```

```
[1] 2
```

```
Y[1,T]
```

```
[1] 2
```

```

# Check stability condition for all scenarios
for (i in 1:S){
  print(paste0("Scenario ", i, ":"))
  print(abs(1-b0[i,T]+d0-a0[i,T]*(b1+d1)) < 1)
}

```

```

[1] "Scenario 1:"
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 2:"
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 3:"
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 4:"
[1] TRUE

```

## 11.6 References

# 12 A Ricardian One-Sector Model

## 12.1 Overview

This model captures some key feature of David Ricardo's theory of growth and distribution as developed in his 1817 book [On the Principles of Political Economy and Taxation](#). The model revolves around the determination of real wages, rents, and profits, and how profitability in turn drives capital accumulation.<sup>1</sup> It assumes a corn economy with a single good (corn) that serves both as an investment and consumption good.<sup>2</sup> Corn production is subject to diminishing marginal returns. Real wages are driven down to a subsistence level and rent is a differential surplus landowners gain based on the fertility of their land relative to the marginal plot of land (the plot of land where fertility is lowest and no rent is earned). Profits are a residual. As employment increases and more land is utilised, marginal productivity falls and differential rents increase. As a result, profits are driven down and capital accumulation comes to a halt. A stationary state is reached. Landowners are the main beneficiaries of this process. The model is adapted from Pasinetti (1960).

## 12.2 The Model

The following equations describe the model:

$$Y_t = AN_t^a \quad (12.1)$$

$$W_t = K_t \quad (12.2)$$

$$w_t = W_t/N_t \quad (12.3)$$

$$MPL_t = \frac{\partial Y_t}{\partial N_t} = aAN_t^{a-1} \quad (12.4)$$

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<sup>1</sup>See chapter 2 of Foley (2006) for an excellent introduction.

<sup>2</sup>A two-sector extension of the model can be found here XXX.



$$R_t = Y_t - N_t MPL_t \quad (12.5)$$

$$P_t = Y_t - R_t - N_t w_t \quad (12.6)$$

$$K_t = K_{t-1} + \beta P_{t-1} \quad (12.7)$$

$$N_t = N_{t-1} + \gamma(w_{t-1} - w^S) \quad (12.8)$$

where  $Y_t$ ,  $A$ ,  $N_t$ ,  $W_t$ ,  $K_t$ ,  $w_t$ ,  $Y_t$ ,  $MPL_t$ ,  $R_t$ ,  $P_t$ , and  $w^S$  are real output (measured in units of corn), productivity, employment, the real wage bill (or wage fund), the capital stock, the real wage rate, the marginal product of labour, rents, profits, and the subsistence wage, respectively.

Equation 12.1 is the production function with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , i.e. exhibiting diminishing marginal returns to labour.<sup>3</sup> By Equation 12.2, the wage fund is defined as the capital stock of this model (reflecting the fact that the production of corn only involves labour). Equation 12.3 defines the real wage rate. Equation 12.3 specifies the marginal product of labour. Equation 12.5 captures the determination of (differential) rents as a negative function of the marginal product of labour.<sup>4</sup> Thus, the lower the productivity on the marginal land, the higher the rents. In Equation 12.6, profits are determined residually. Capital accumulation in Equation 12.7 is driven by the reinvestment of profits (with  $\beta$  determining the proportion of profits that are reinvested). Finally, Equation 12.8 specifies population dynamics, whereby the population increases whenever the actual real wage is above the subsistence wage, echoing the Malthusian population mechanism.

## 12.3 Simulation

### 12.3.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation and initial values used in the simulation. In line with the Classical tradition, it will be assumed that all profits are reinvested, i.e.  $\beta = 1$ . Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), three further scenarios will be considered. Scenarios 2 and 3 model two different forms of technological change: an increase in the productivity parameter  $A$  and an increase in the elasticity of output with respect to labour ( $\alpha$ ). Scenario 4 considers a

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<sup>3</sup>Pasinetti (1960) specifies a generic function  $f(N_t)$  with  $f(0) \geq 0$ ,  $f'(0) > w^*$ , and  $f''(N_t) < 0$ . Equation 12.1 satisfies these conditions.

<sup>4</sup>Equation 12.5 is based on the definition of total rent as the sum of the net gains of the non-marginal landowners. See Pasinetti (1960) for a formal derivation.

higher subsistence wage ( $w^S$ ). In all scenarios the population/employment is initialised below its equilibrium value.

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$A$	$a$	$w^S$
1: baseline	2	0.7	0.5
2: productivity boost I ( $A$ )	3	0.7	0.5
3: productivity boost II ( $a$ )	2	0.75	0.5
4: higher subsistence wage ( $w^S$ )	2	0.7	0.7

### 12.3.2 Simulation code

```
# Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of periods
T=500

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=4

# Set period in which shock/shift will occur
s=20

# Create (S x T)-matrices that will contain the simulated data
Y=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Income/output
R=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Rent
P=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Profits
N=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # employment
w=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # real wage
K=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # capital stock
MPL=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # marginal product of labour
W=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # wage bill
N_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium population
K_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium capital

# Set baseline parameter values
A=matrix(data=2,nrow=S,ncol=T) # productivity
a=matrix(data=0.7,nrow=S,ncol=T) # labour elasticity of output
beta=1 # Sensitivity of investment with respect to profits
```

```

gamma=5 # adjustment speed of population
wS=matrix(data=0.5,nrow=S,ncol=T) # subsistence wage rate

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
A[2,s:T]=3 # scenario 2: productivity boost I
a[3,s:T]=0.75 # scenario 3: productivity boost II
wS[4,s:T]=0.6 # scenario 4: increase in subsistence wage

# Initialise variables such that employment and the capital stock are below the equilibrium
N[,1]=1
K[,1]=1
Y[,1]=A[,1]*N[,1]^(a[,1])
MPL[,1]=a[,1]*A[,1]*(N[,1]^(a[,1]-1))
w[,1]=wS[,1]

# Simulate the model by looping over T time periods for S different scenarios
for (i in 1:S){

  for (t in 2:T){

    for (iterations in 1:1000){ # run the model 1000-times in each period

      #Model equations

      #(1) Output
      Y[i,t] = A[i,t]*N[i,t]^(a[i,t])

      #(2) Wage bill
      W[i,t] = K[i,t]

      #(3) Real wage rate
      w[i,t] = W[i,t]/N[i,t]

      #(4) Marginal product of labour
      MPL[i,t] = a[i,t]*A[i,t]*(N[i,t]^(a[i,t]-1))

      #(5) Rents
      R[i,t] = Y[i,t] - N[i,t]*MPL[i,t]

      #(6) Profits
      P[i,t] = Y[i,t]- R[i,t] - N[i,t]*w[i,t]
    }
  }
}

```

```

# (7) Capital accumulation
K[i,t] = K[i,t-1] + beta*P[i,t-1]

#(8) Employment/population dynamics
N[i,t] = N[i,t-1] + gamma*(w[i,t-1] - wS[i,t-1])

} # close iterations loop
} # close time loop
} # close scenario loop

```

### 12.3.3 Plots

Figure 1 displays employment, capital accumulation, and income for the baseline scenario. Starting from a below-equilibrium level of population, the economy grows in terms of output, capital, and employment but then approaches what Ricardo famously called a ‘stationary state’. Figure 2 shows that during the adjustment phase, the MPL declines reflecting diminishing marginal returns in the production of corn. This captures the idea that a growing economy will have to utilise less fertile lands. The real wage is initially below the MPL, allowing for profits. Over time, the MPL and actual real wage converge to the exogenously given subsistence wage. Figure 3 shows that profits initially increase but are then squeezed to zero as differential rents increase.

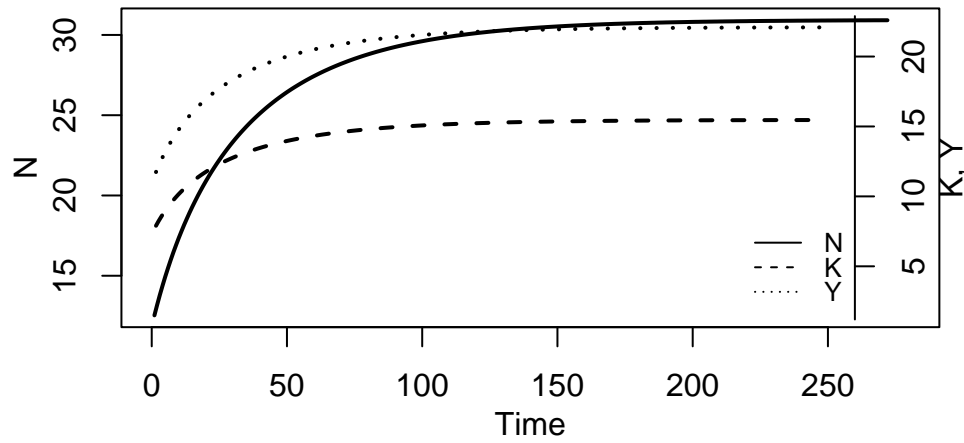
```

# Set start and end periods for plots
Tmax=280
Tmin =10

## Baseline
#Employment, capital accumulation, and income
plot(N[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylab = '', xlab = 'Time',
title(main="Figure 1: Employment, capital accumulation, and income",ylab = 'N', xlab = 'Time'))
par(mar = c(5, 4, 4, 4) + 0.3)
par(new = TRUE)
plot(K[1, Tmin:Tmax],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=2, font.main=1,cex.main=1,ylab = '', axes=FALSE,
xlab = '',ylim = range(Y[1, 2:(Tmax+1)]),cex.axis=1,cex.lab=0.75)
lines(Y[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
axis(side = 4, at = pretty(range(Y[1, 2:(Tmax+1)])))
mtext("K, Y", side = 4, line = 2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("N", "K", "Y"),
lty=1:3, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)

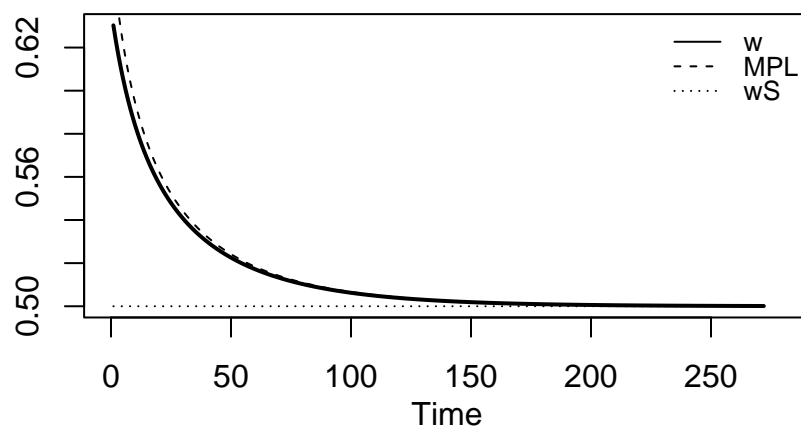
```

**Figure 1: Employment, capital accumulation, and income**



```
# Real wage, subsistence wage, and MPL
plot(w[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="w")
title(main="Figure 2: Real wage, marginal product of labour, and subsistence wage", xlab = "Time", ylab = "w")
lines(MPL[1, Tmin:Tmax],lty=2)
lines(wS[1, Tmin:Tmax],lty=3)
legend("topright", legend=c("w", "MPL", "wS"),
      lty=1:3, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

## Figure 2: Real wage, marginal product of labour, and subsistence



```
# Profits and Rents
plot(P[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="Profits",
     title(main="Figure 3: Profits and rents", xlab = 'Time',cex=0.8,line=2)
par(mar = c(5, 4, 4, 4) + 0.3)
par(new = TRUE)
plot(R[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=2, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="Rents",
     ylim=range(R[1, 3:Tmax]), axes=FALSE)
axis(side = 4, at = pretty(range(R[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)])))
mtext("R", side = 4, line = 2)
legend("right", legend=c("P", "R"), lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

**Figure 3: Profits and rents**

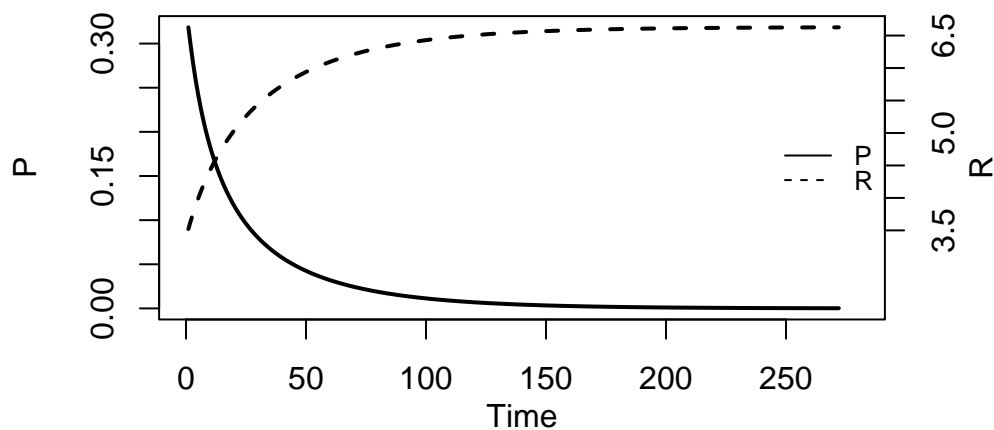
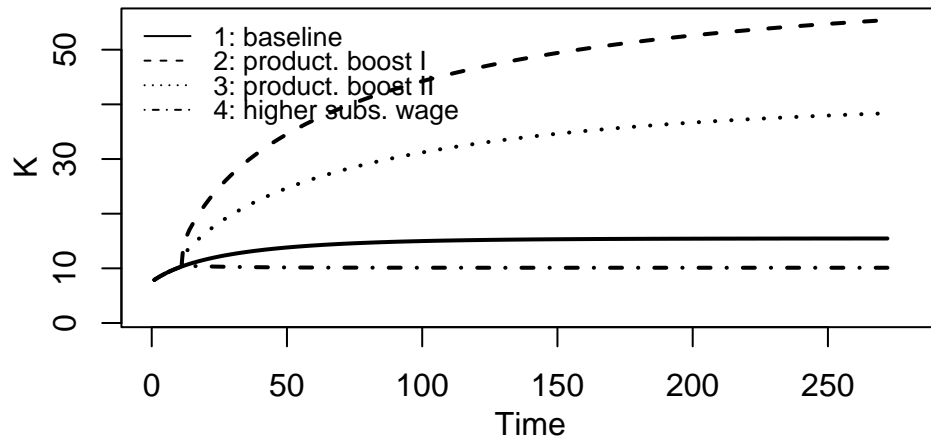


Figure 4 displays capital accumulation under the different scenarios described in Table 1. As expected, both forms of technical change boost both the speed of capital accumulation and the equilibrium level of capital. An increase in the subsistence wage reduces the pace of capital accumulation and leads to a lower equilibrium level of capital.

```
## Different scenarios
# Capital accumulation
plot(K[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylim=range(K[1, 2:Tmax]),
     title(main="Figure 4: Capital accumulation under different scenarios",ylab = 'K', xlab = 'Time'),
     lines(K[2, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
     lines(K[3, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
     lines(K[4, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=4, lwd=2)
legend("topleft", legend=c("1: baseline", "2: product. boost I", "3: product. boost II", "4: product. boost III"),
```

**Figure 4: Capital accumulation under different scenarios**



## 12.4 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 10 variables: Y W w MPL R P K N A wS,
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged
M_mat=matrix(c(0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,
               0,1,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,
               1,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,
               1,0,1,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0), 10,10, byrow=TRUE)
```



```

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian and add column names
A_mat=t(M_mat)

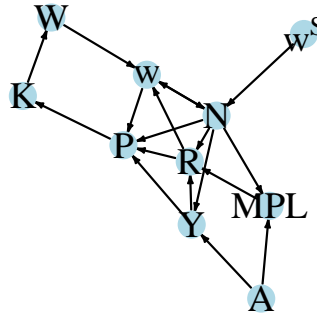
# Create and plot directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg= graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)

# Define node labels
V(dg)$name=c("Y", "W", "w", "MPL", "R", "P", "K", "N", "A", expression(w^S))

# Plot directed graph
plot(dg, main="Figure 5: Directed graph of Ricardian One-Sector Model", vertex.size=20, vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.2, edge.width=1.1, edge.size=1.2, edge.arrow.width=1, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1.2, vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=-0.05)

```

**Figure 5: Directed graph of Ricardian One-Sector Model**



In Figure 5, it can be seen that productivity ( $A$ ) and the subsistence wage ( $w^S$ ) are the key exogenous variables that impact income and the marginal product of labour, and population dynamics, respectively. Most other variables are endogenous and form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. Profits are a residual. The directed graph illustrates the supply-driven nature of the model, where productivity determines employment and distribution, which in turn feed back into income and capital accumulation. At the same time, income distribution

has an exogenous element in the form of the subsistence wage, which feeds into the system.

## 12.5 Analytical discussion

To analyse the dynamics, combine Equation 12.1 to Equation 12.6 and substitute into Equation 12.7. Further use Equation 12.2 and Equation 12.3 in Equation 12.8. This yields the two-dimensional dynamic system in  $K_t$  and  $w_t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} K_t &= (1 - \beta)K_{t-1} + \beta(aAN_{t-1}^a) \\ N_t &= N_{t-1} + \gamma \left( \frac{K_{t-1}}{N_{t-1}} - w^S \right) \end{aligned}$$

The Jacobian matrix is given by:

$$J(K, N) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \beta & \beta a^2 AN^{\alpha-1} \\ \frac{\gamma}{N} & 1 - \frac{\gamma K}{N^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

From equations Equation 12.7 and Equation 12.8, it can readily be seen that an equilibrium is reached when

$$P^* = 0$$

and

$$w^* = w^S.$$

Using  $P^* = 0$  with Equation 12.5 and Equation 12.6, yields  $w^* = w^S = MPL$ . Thus, in equilibrium, profits are zero, and the real wage is equal to the MPL and the subsistence wage. Setting  $K_t = K_{t-1}$  and  $N_t = N_{t-1}$ , we can further derive:

$$K^* = aA \left( \frac{w^S}{aA} \right)^{-\frac{a}{1-a}}$$

and

$$N^* = \left( \frac{w^S}{aA} \right)^{-\frac{1}{1-a}}$$

With this, we can evaluate the Jacobian at the steady state:

$$J(K^*, N^*) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \beta & \beta a w^S \\ \gamma \left( \frac{w^S}{aA} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} & 1 - \gamma a A \left( \frac{w^S}{aA} \right)^{\frac{2-a}{1-a}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For the system to be stable, both eigenvalues of the Jacobian need to be inside the unit circle. This requires the following three conditions to hold:

$$1 + tr(J) + det(J) > 0$$

$$1 + tr(J) - det(J) > 0$$

$$1 - det(J) > 0,$$

where  $tr(J)$  is the trace and  $det(J)$  is the determinant of the Jacobian.

Let us consider the Classical case where  $\beta = 1$ , i.e. all profits are reinvested. Then we have

$$det(J) = -aw^S\gamma \left(\frac{w^S}{aA}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} < 0,$$

so that the third condition is always satisfied and it is the first one that is binding. The first condition then becomes

$$2 - \gamma a \left[ A \left(\frac{w^S}{aA}\right)^{\frac{2-a}{1-a}} + w^S \left(\frac{w^S}{aA}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} \right] > 0$$

We can check the analytical solutions and stability conditions numerically:

```
# Calculate equilibrium solutions
for (i in 1:S){
  N_eq[i]=(wS[i,T]/(a[i,T]*A[i,T]))^(-1/(1-a[i,T]))
  K_eq[i]=a[i,T]*A[i,T]*(wS[i,T]/(a[i,T]*A[i,T]))^(-a[i,T]/(1-a[i,T]))
}

# Compare with numerical solutions (here only for baseline)
N_eq[1]
```

```
[1] 30.94046
```

```
N[1,T]
```

```
[1] 30.94031
```

```
K_eq[1]
```

```
[1] 15.47023
```

```
K[1,T]
```

```
[1] 15.47018
```

```
### Examine model properties (here for the baseline scenario only)
# Construct Jacobian matrix at the equilibrium
J=matrix(c(1-beta, beta*a[1,T]*wS[1,T],
          beta*(wS[1,T]/(a[1,T]*A[1,T]))^(1/(1-a[1,T])),
          1-gamma*a[1,T]*A[1,T]*(wS[1,T]/(a[1,T]*A[1,T]))^((2-a[1,T])/(1-a[1,T]))), 2, 2,

# Obtain eigenvalues
ev=eigen(J)
(values = ev$values)
```

```
[1] 0.93134557 -0.01214592
```

```
# Obtain determinant and trace
det=det(J)      # determinant
tr=sum(diag(J)) # trace

#Check general stability conditions
print(1+tr+det>0)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
print(1-tr+det>0)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
print(1-det>0)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
# Check specific stability condition for the case beta=1
for (i in 1:S){
```

```

print(paste0("Scenario ", i, ":"))
print(2-gamma*a[i,T]*(A[i,T]*(wS[i,T]/(a[i,T]*A[i,T]))^((2-a[i,T])/(1-a[i,T]))
      + wS[i,T]*(wS[i,T]/(a[i,T]*A[i,T]))^(1/(1-a[i,T]))))>0)
}

```

```

[1] "Scenario 1:"
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 2:"
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 3:"
[1] TRUE
[1] "Scenario 4:"
[1] TRUE

```

## 12.6 References

## 13 A Ricardian Two-Sector Model

This model captures some key feature of David Ricardo's theory of growth and distribution as developed in his 1817 book [On the Principles of Political Economy and Taxation](#). The model revolves around the determination of real wages, rents, and profits, and how profitability in turn drives capital accumulation.<sup>1</sup> It assumes an economy with two sectors: an agricultural sector producing corn subject to diminishing marginal returns and a luxury good sector with constant marginal returns.<sup>2</sup> Prices are determined by the quantity of labour required for production. Rent on the land used for agricultural production is a differential surplus landowners gain based on the fertility of their land relative to the marginal plot of land (the plot of land where fertility is lowest and no rent is earned). Real wages are determined by the subsistence level in the long run. Profits in agriculture are a residual and set the economy-wide profit rate. As employment increases and more land is utilised, marginal productivity in agriculture falls and differential rents increase. As a result, profits are driven down to zero and capital accumulation comes to a halt. A 'stationary state' is reached. Landowners are the main beneficiaries of this process. The model is adapted from Pasinetti (1960).

### 13.1 The Model

The following equations describe the model:

$$Y_t = AN_{1t}^{a_1} \quad (13.1)$$

$$MPL_t = \frac{\partial Y_{1t}}{\partial N_{1t}} = a_1 AN_{1t}^{a_1-1} \quad (13.2)$$

$$N_{1t} = N_t - N_{2t} \quad (13.3)$$

$$W_t = K_t \quad (13.4)$$

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<sup>1</sup>See chapter 2 of Foley (2006) for an excellent introduction.

<sup>2</sup>A simpler one-sector version of the model can be found here XXX.

$$w_t = \frac{W_t}{N_t} \quad (13.5)$$

$$R_t = Y_{1t} - N_{1t}MPL_t \quad (13.6)$$

$$P_{1t} = Y_{1t} - R_t - N_{1t}w_t \quad (13.7)$$

$$p_{1t} = \frac{1}{MPL_t} \quad (13.8)$$

$$Y_{2t} = \left( \frac{p_{1t}}{p_2} \right) R_t \quad (13.9)$$

$$N_{2t} = \frac{Y_{2t}}{a_2} \quad (13.10)$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{a_2} \quad (13.11)$$

$$P_{2t} = Y_{2t} - \left( \frac{p_{1t}}{p_2} \right) N_{2t}w_t \quad (13.12)$$

$$P_t = p_{1t}Y_{1t} + p_2Y_{2t} - p_{1t}R_t - p_{1t}W_t \quad (13.13)$$

$$K_t = K_{t-1} + g \left( \frac{P_{t-1}}{p_{1t-1}} \right) \quad (13.14)$$

$$N_t = N_{t-1} + \gamma(w_{t-1} - w^S) \quad (13.15)$$

where  $Y_t$ ,  $A$ ,  $N_t$ ,  $W_t$ ,  $K_t$ ,  $w_t$ ,  $Y_t$ ,  $MPL_t$ ,  $R_t$ ,  $P_t$ ,  $p$ , and  $w^S$  are real output, productivity, employment, the real wage bill (or wage fund), the capital stock (in terms of corn), the real wage rate (in terms of corn), the marginal product of labour (in the corn sector), rents, profits, prices, and the subsistence wage, respectively. The subscripts 1 and 2 denote the corn, i.e. agricultural, sector and the luxury goods sectors, respectively.

Equation 13.1 is the production function with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , i.e. exhibiting diminishing marginal returns to labour.<sup>3</sup> By Equation 13.4, the wage fund is defined as the capital stock of this model

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<sup>3</sup>Pasinetti (1960) specifies a generic function  $f(N_t)$  with  $f(0) \geq 0$ ,  $f'(0) > w^*$ , and  $f''(N_t) < 0$ . Equation 13.1 satisfies these conditions.

(reflecting the fact that the production of corn only involves labour). Equation 13.5 defines the real wage rate. Equation 13.5 specifies the marginal product of labour. By Equation 13.3, employment in agriculture is residually determined after employment in the luxury goods sector has been determined (more on this below) Equation 13.6 captures the determination of (differential) rents as a negative function of the marginal product of labour.<sup>4</sup> Thus, the lower the productivity on the marginal land, the higher the rents. By Equation 13.7, profits in agriculture are determined residually. Equation Equation 13.8 specifies price determination and captures Ricardo's labour theory of value according to which the value of a good (net of rent) is determined by the quantity of labour required to produce it.<sup>5</sup>

Equation 13.9 specifies that the production of the luxury good is demand determined. Only landlords consume luxuries and they spend all their income (rent) on luxuries.<sup>6</sup> With production in sector 2 demand determined, employment in sector 2 as given by Equation 13.10 must accommodate based on the production function  $Y_{2t} = a_2 N_{2t}$ . With employment in sector 2 pinned down in this way and total employment given by the wage fund (Equation 13.4), employment in sector 1 must be the residual (as specified in equation Equation 13.3). From the labour theory of value,  $p_2 Y_2 = N_2$  must hold. Together with the production function  $Y_{2t} = a_2 N_{2t}$  this yields Equation 13.11 for the price of the luxury good. Note that due to the constant marginal returns in this sector, its price is constant too.<sup>7</sup> By Equation 13.12, profits in the luxuries sector are determined residually (note that no rent is paid by this sector).

Equation 13.13 specifies total profits (in nominal terms).<sup>8</sup> Capital accumulation in equation Equation 13.14 is driven by the reinvestment of profits (with  $\beta$  determining the proportion of profits that are reinvested). Finally, Equation 13.15 specifies population dynamics, whereby the population increases whenever the actual real wage is above the subsistence wage, echoing the Malthusian population mechanism.

## 13.2 Simulation

### 13.2.1 Parameterisation

Table 1 reports the parameterisation and initial values used in the simulation. In line with the Classical tradition, it will be assumed that all profits are reinvested, i.e.  $\beta = 1$ . Besides a baseline (labelled as scenario 1), three further scenarios will be considered. Scenarios 2-4 model

<sup>4</sup>Equation 13.6 is based on the definition of total rent as the sum of the net gains of the non-marginal landowners. See Pasinetti (1960) for a formal derivation. Note that by using Equation 13.2, Equation 13.6 can also be written as  $R_t = Y_{1t}(1 - a_1)$ .

<sup>5</sup>To see this, notice that equation Equation 13.8 can be derived from  $p_{t1} Y_{t1} - p_{t1} R_t = N_{t1}$  if combined with equation Equation 13.6.

<sup>6</sup>Output in equation Equation 13.9 is expressed in real terms and can be derived from  $p_2 Y_{2t} = p_{1t} R_t$ .

<sup>7</sup>The luxury good may therefore serve as Ricardo's 'invariable standard of value' in terms of which the value of all commodities could be expressed.

<sup>8</sup>Note that by combining Equation 13.13 with Equation 13.9, total profits can also be written as  $P_t = p_{1t}(Y_{1t} - W_t)$ . In other words, total profits are independent of output in sector 2.



three different forms of technological change: an increase in the productivity parameter  $A$  (scenario 2), an increase in the elasticity  $a_1$  of agricultural output with respect to labour (scenario 3), and an increase in labour productivity  $a_2$  in the luxury good sector (scenario 4). Scenario 5 considers a higher subsistence wage ( $w^S$ ). In all scenarios the population/employment is initialised below its equilibrium value.

**Table 1: Parameterisation**

Scenario	$A$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$w^S$
1: baseline	2	0.7	0.5	0.5
2: productivity boost I ( $A$ )	3	0.7	0.5	0.5
3: productivity boost II ( $a_1$ )	2	0.75	0.5	0.5
4: productivity boost III ( $a_2$ )	2	0.7	0.55	0.5
5: higher subsistence wage ( $w^S$ )	2	0.7	0.5	0.6

### 13.2.2 Simulation code

```
# Clear the environment
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))

# Set number of periods
T=600

# Set number of scenarios (including baseline)
S=5

# Set period in which shock/shift will occur
s=15

# Create (S x T)-matrices that will contain the simulated data
Y1=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Output in sector 1
Y2=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Output in sector 2
R=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Rent
P=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Total profits
P1=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Profits in sector 1
P2=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # Profits in sector 2
N=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # total employment
N1=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # employment in sector 1
N2=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # employment in sector 2
w=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # real wage
wn=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # nominal wage
```

```

K=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # capital stock
MPL=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # marginal product of labour (in sector 1)
r=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # profit rate
p1=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # price of good from sector 1
p2=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # price of good from sector 2
N_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium population
K_eq=vector(length=S)          # equilibrium capital

test=matrix(data=1,nrow=S,ncol=T) # price of good from sector 2

# Set baseline parameter values
A=matrix(data=2,nrow=S,ncol=T) # productivity
a1=matrix(data=0.7,nrow=S,ncol=T) # labour elasticity of output, sector 1
a2=matrix(data=0.5,nrow=S,ncol=T) # labour coefficient, sector 2
gamma=5 # adjustment speed of population
beta=1 # Sensitivity of investment with respect to profits
wS=matrix(data=0.5,nrow=S,ncol=T) # natural wage rate

# Set parameter values for different scenarios
A[2,s:T]=3      # scenario 2: productivity boost I
a1[3,s:T]=0.75  # scenario 3: productivity boost II
a2[4,s:T]=0.55  # scenario 4: productivity boost III
wS[5,s:T]=0.6   # scenario 5: higher subsistence wage

# Initialise variables such that employment and the capital stock are below the equilibrium
N1[,1]=1
N2[,1]=1
N[,1]=N1[,1]+N2[,1]
K[,1]=1
w[,1]=wS[,1]
Y1[,1]=A[,1]*N1[,1]^(a1[,1])
MPL[,1]=a1[,1]*A[,1]*(N1[,1]^(a1[,1]-1))

# Simulate the model by looping over T time periods for S different scenarios
for (i in 1:S){

  for (t in 2:T){

    for (iterations in 1:1000){ # run the model 1000-times in each period

```

#Model equations

#(2) Wage bill (omitted for simplicity)

$W[i,t] = K[i,t]$

#(3) Output sector 1

$Y1[i,t] = A[i,t] * (N1[i,t]^{a1[i,t]})$

#(4) Employment sector 1

$N1[i,t] = N[i,t] - N2[i,t]$

#(5) Marginal product of labour (sector 1)

$MPL[i,t] = a1[i,t] * A[i,t] * (N1[i,t]^{(a1[i,t]-1)})$

#(6) Rent (simplified equation)

$R[i,t] = Y1[i,t] * (1 - a1[i,t])$

#(7) Profits sector 1

$P1[i,t] = Y1[i,t] - R[i,t] - N1[i,t] * w[i,t]$

#(8) Prices sector 1

$p1[i,t] = 1 / (MPL[i,t])$

#(9) Output sector 2

$Y2[i,t] = (p1[i,t] / p2[i,t]) * R[i,t]$

#(3 Real wage rate

$w[i,t] = K[i,t] / N[i,t]$

#(10) Employment sector 2

$N2[i,t] = Y2[i,t] / a2[i,t]$

#(11) Prices

$p2[i,t] = 1 / a2[i,t]$

#(12) Profits sector 2

$P2[i,t] = Y2[i,t] - (p1[i,t] / p2[i,t]) * N2[i,t] * w[i,t]$

#(13) Total profits

$P[i,t] = p1[i,t] * Y1[i,t] + p2[i,t] * Y2[i,t] - p1[i,t] * R[i,t] - p1[i,t] * K[i,t]$

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#(14) Capital accumulation
K[i,t]= K[i,t-1] + beta*(P[i,t-1]/p1[i,t-1])

#(8) Employment/population dynamics
N[i,t] = N[i,t-1] + gamma*(w[i,t-1] - wS[i,t-1])

} # close iterations loop
} # close time loop
} # close scenarios loop

```

### 13.2.3 Plots

Figures 1-4 illustrate the model's dynamics under the baseline parameterisation. Starting from below-equilibrium levels, the economy grows in terms of output, capital, and employment but then approaches what Ricardo famously called a 'stationary state'. Figure 3 shows that during the adjustment phase, the MPL declines, reflecting diminishing marginal returns in agriculture. This captures the idea that a growing economy will have to utilise less fertile lands. The real wage is driven up until it is equal to the MPL. Figure 4 shows that total profits initially increase but are then squeezed to zero as differential rents increase.

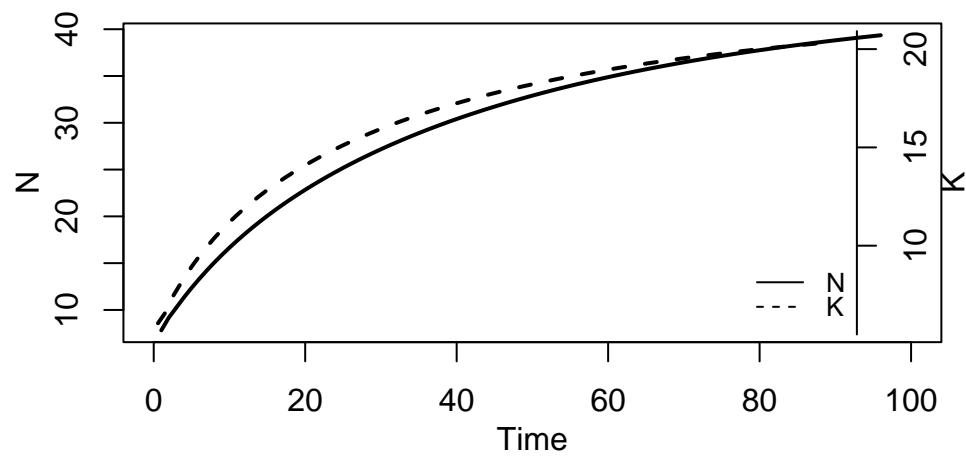
```

# Set start and end periods for plots
Tmax=100
Tmin=6

## Baseline
#Employment and capital accumulation
plot(N[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylab = '', xlab = 'Time',
title(main="Figure 1: Employment and capital accumulation",ylab = 'N', xlab = 'Time', cex=1.2),
par(mar = c(5, 4, 4, 4) + 0.3)
par(new = TRUE)
plot(K[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=2, font.main=1,cex.main=1,ylab = '',
xlab = '',ylim = range(K[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)]), cex=0.8)
axis(side = 4, at = pretty(range(K[1, 2:(Tmax+1)])))
mtext("K", side = 4, line = 2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("N", "K"),
lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)

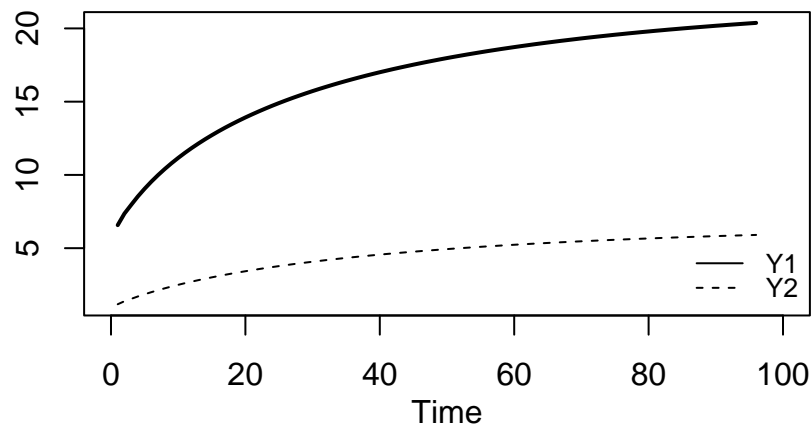
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**Figure 1: Employment and capital accumulation**



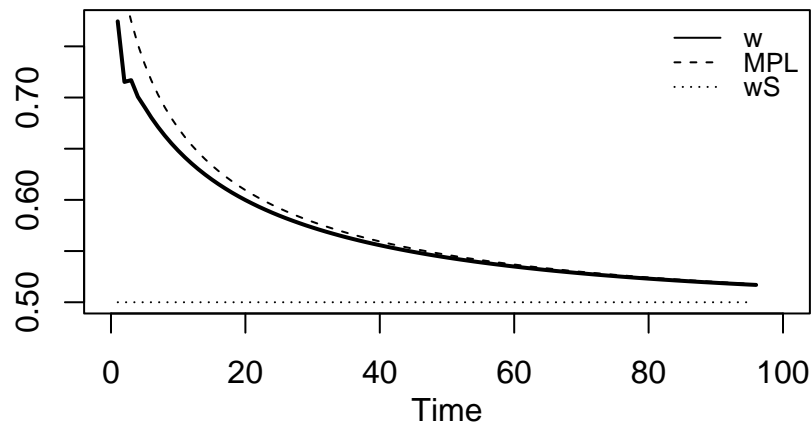
```
#Output in the two sectors
plot(Y1[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="Y1",
     title(main="Figure 2: Output in agriculture and luxuries", xlab = 'Time',cex=0.8 ,line=2)
lines(Y2[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("Y1", "Y2"),
      lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

**Figure 2: Output in agriculture and luxuries**



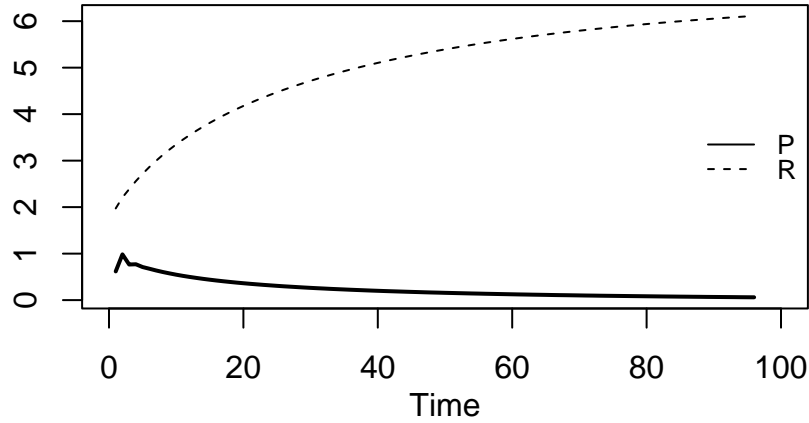
```
# Real wage, MPL, and subsistence wage
plot(w[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="Real wage")
title(main="Figure 3: Real wage, marginal product of labour, and subsistence wage", xlab = "Time")
lines(MPL[1, Tmin:Tmax],lty=2)
lines(wS[1, Tmin:Tmax],lty=3)
legend("topright", legend=c("w", "MPL", "wS"),
      lty=1:3, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

### Figure 3: Real wage, marginal product of labour, and subsistence



```
# Total Profits and Rents
plot(P[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), xlab="", ylab="")
title(main="Figure 4: Total profits and rents", xlab = 'Time',cex=0.8,line=2)
lines(R[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2)
legend("right", legend=c("P", "R"),
      lty=1:2, cex=0.8, bty = "n", y.intersp=0.8)
```

**Figure 4: Total profits and rents**



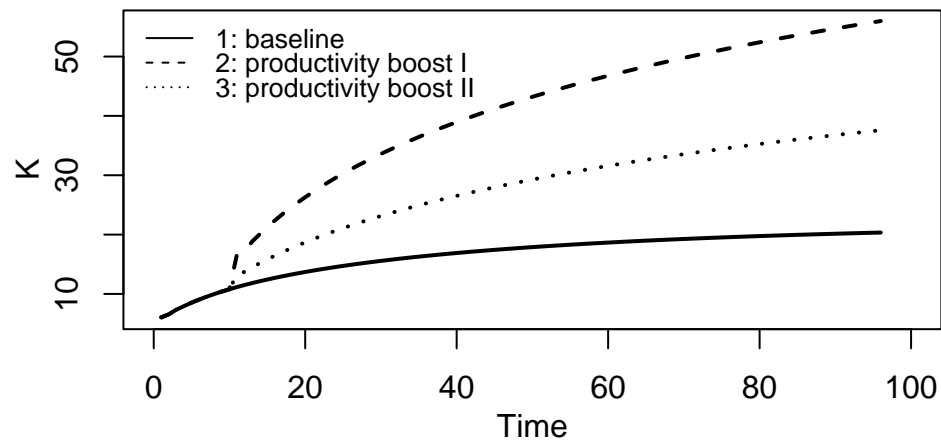
Figures 5 and 6 display capital accumulation under the five different scenarios described in Table 1. Technical change that increases productivity in agriculture (scenarios 2 and 3) raises the speed of capital accumulation and the equilibrium level of capital. By contrast, an increase in productivity in the luxury good sector (scenario 4) has no effect on capital accumulation. This is because productivity in sector 2 has no effects on functional income distribution.<sup>9</sup> An increase in the initial stock of capital (scenario 5) raises the steady state value. Thus, economies with larger initial endowments will reach a higher level of income in the stationary state.

```
## Scenarios
# Capital accumulation under scenarios 1-3
plot(K[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylim=range(K[1, Tmin], K[1, Tmax]),
title(main="Figure 5: Capital accumulation under different scenarios (pt 1)",ylab = 'K', xlab = 'Time'),
lines(K[2, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
lines(K[3, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
legend("topleft", legend=c("1: baseline", "2: productivity boost I", "3: productivity boost II"))
```

<sup>9</sup>The increase in  $a_2$  does raise real output and profits in sector 2 but it leaves total profits unchanged.

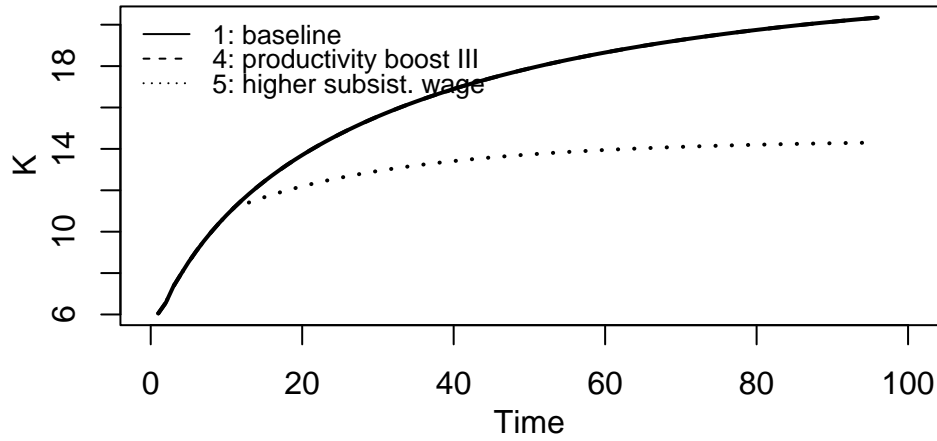


**Figure 5: Capital accumulation under different scenarios (p**



```
# Capital accumulation under scenarios 1, 4+5
plot(K[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", lwd=2, lty=1, xlim=range(0:(Tmax)), ylim=range(K[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)]),
     title(main="Figure 6: Capital accumulation under different scenarios (pt 2)",ylab = 'K', xlab = 'Time'),
lines(K[4, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
lines(K[5, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
legend("topleft", legend=c("1: baseline", "4: productivity boost III", "5: higher subsist."))
```

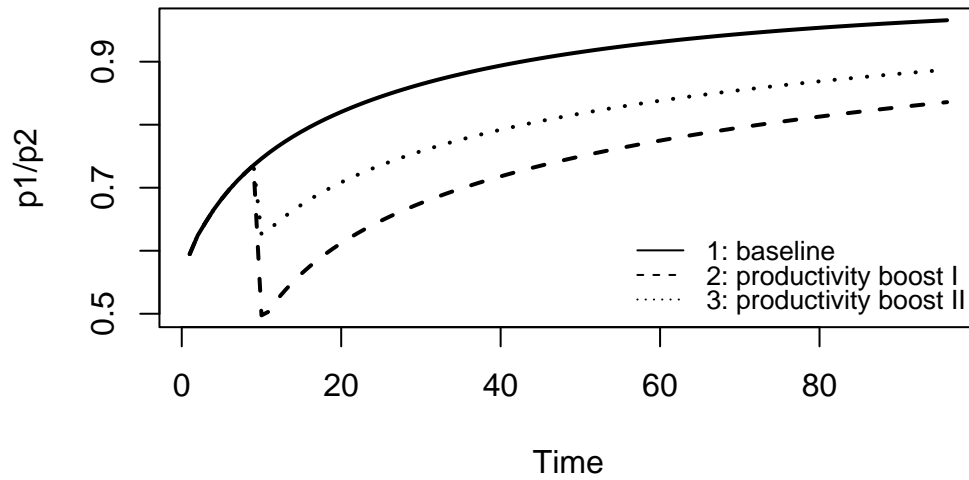
**Figure 6: Capital accumulation under different scenarios (p**



Figures 7 and 8 show the dynamics of relative prices (corn price relative to luxury good price) for the different scenarios. Over time, corn becomes more expensive in relative turns due to diminishing marginal returns. Improvements in labour productivity reduce the relative price of the respective sector in line with the labour theory of value.

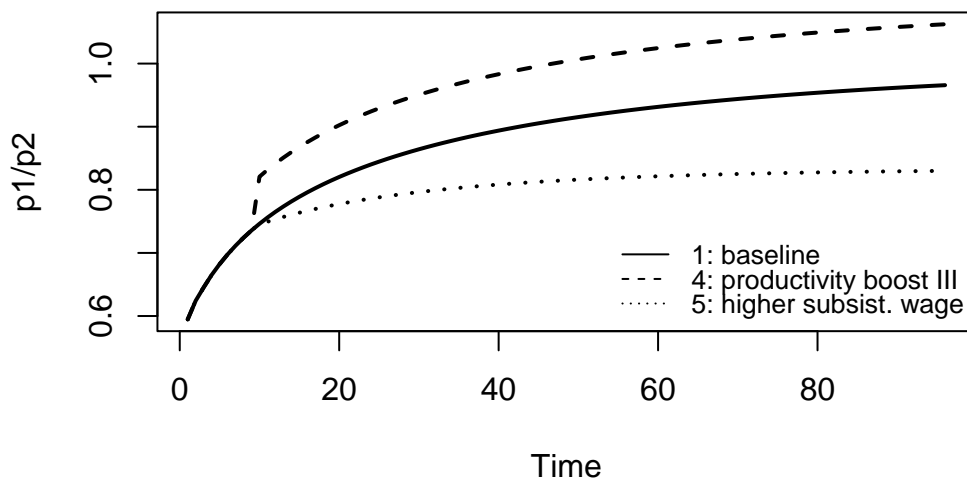
```
# Relative prices under scenarios 1 - 3
relpr=p1/p2
plot(relpr[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, font.main=1,cex.main=1,
     main="Figure 7: Relative prices under different scenarios (pt 1)",ylab = 'p1/p2',xlab = 'Time')
lines(relpr[2, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
lines(relpr[3, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("1: baseline", "2: productivity boost I", "3: productivity boost II"))
```

Figure 7: Relative prices under different scenarios (pt 1)



```
# Relative prices under scenarios 1, 4-5
plot(relpr[1, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],type="l", col=1, lwd=2, lty=1, font.main=1,cex.main=1,
     main="Figure 8: Relative prices under different scenarios (pt 2)",ylab = 'p1/p2',xlab=
lines(relpr[4, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=2, lwd=2)
lines(relpr[5, Tmin:(Tmax+1)],lty=3, lwd=2)
legend("bottomright", legend=c("1: baseline", "4: productivity boost III", "5: higher subs
```

Figure 8: Relative prices under different scenarios (pt 2)



### 13.3 Directed graph

Another perspective on the model's properties is provided by its directed graph. A directed graph consists of a set of nodes that represent the variables of the model. Nodes are connected by directed edges. An edge directed from a node  $x_1$  to node  $x_2$  indicates a causal impact of  $x_1$  on  $x_2$ .<sup>10</sup>

```
## Create directed graph
# Construct auxiliary Jacobian matrix for 18 variables:
#(1)Y1 (2)N1 (3)MPL (4)R (5)P1 (6)p1 (7)Y2 (8)w (9)N2 (10)p2 (11)P2
#(12)P (13)K (14)N (15)A (16)a1 (17)a2 (18)wS,
# where non-zero elements in regular Jacobian are set to 1 and zero elements are unchanged

#           1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
M_mat=matrix(c(0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, #1
               0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, #2
               0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, #3
               1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #4
               1,1,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #5
```

<sup>10</sup>Valuation effects from changes in relative prices were omitted for simplicity.

```

0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #6
0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #7
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, #8
0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, #9
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, #10
0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #11
0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #12
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #13
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, #14
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #15
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #16
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #17
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, #18
), 18,18, byrow=TRUE)

# Create adjacency matrix from transpose of auxiliary Jacobian
A_mat=t(M_mat)

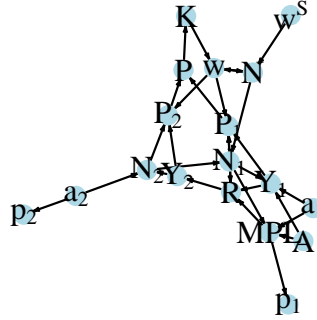
# Create and plot directed graph from adjacency matrix
library(igraph)
dg= graph_from_adjacency_matrix(A_mat, mode="directed", weighted= NULL)

# Define node labels
V(dg)$name=c(expression(Y[1]), expression(N[1]), "MPL", "R", expression(P[1]),
               expression(p[1]), expression(Y[2]), "w", expression(N[2]),
               expression(p[2]), expression(P[2]), "P", "K", "N", "A",
               expression(a[1]), expression(a[2]), expression(w^S))

# Plot directed graph
plot(dg, main="Figure 9: Directed Graph of Ricardian Two-Sector Model", vertex.size=14, vertex.label.color="black", edge.arrow.size=0.15, edge.width=1.1, edge.size=1.2, edge.arrow.width=0.9, edge.color="black", vertex.label.cex=1, vertex.frame.color="NA", margin=-0.05)

```

**Figure 9: Directed Graph of Ricardian Two–Sector Mode**



In Figure 9, it can be seen that productivity in agriculture ( $A$  and  $a_1$ ) are key exogenous variables that impact income in sector 1 and the marginal product of labour. The subsistence wage ( $w^S$ ) is another exogenous variable that impacts the system through its effect on population dynamics. Productivity in the luxuries sector ( $a_2$ ) feeds into the system via employment. Most other variables are endogenous and form a closed loop (or cycle) within the system. Profits are a residual. The directed graph illustrates the supply-driven nature of the agricultural sector, where (marginal) productivity determines employment and distribution. By contrast, the luxury goods sector is demand-determined with employment being the residual. Profits determine capital accumulation, which in turn provides funds that can be used to hire more agricultural workers. A higher subsistence wage reduces capital accumulation as it leaves fewer profits to be reinvested.

## 13.4 Analytical discussion

To analyse the dynamics, combine Equation 13.1 to Equation 13.13 and substitute into Equation 13.14. Further use Equation 13.4 and Equation 13.5 in Equation 13.15. This yields the two-dimensional dynamic system in  $K_t$  and  $w_t$ :

$$K_t = (1 - \beta)K_{t-1} + \beta(a_1^{a_1} A N_{t-1}^{a_1})$$

$$N_t = N_{t-1} - 1 + \gamma \left( \frac{K_{t-1}}{N_{t-1}} - w^S \right)$$

The Jacobian matrix is given by:

$$J(K, N) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \beta & \beta a_1^{1+a_1} A N^{a_1-1} \\ \frac{\gamma}{N} & 1 - \frac{\gamma K}{N^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

From equations Equation 13.14 and Equation 13.15, it can readily be seen that an equilibrium is reached when

$$P^* = 0$$

and

$$w^* = w^S.$$

Using  $P^* = 0$  with Equation 13.6 and Equation 13.13, yields  $w^* = w^S = MPL$ . Thus, in equilibrium, profits are zero, and the real wage is equal to the MPL and the subsistence wage. Setting  $K_t = K_{t-1}$  and  $N_t = N_{t-1}$ , we can further derive:

$$K^* = a_1^{a_1} A \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{-\frac{a_1}{1-a_1}}$$

and

$$N^* = \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{-\frac{1}{1-a_1}}$$

With this, we can evaluate the Jacobian at the steady state:

$$J(K^*, N^*) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \beta & \beta a_1 w^S \\ \gamma \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-a_1}} & 1 - \gamma a_1^{a_1} A \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{\frac{2-a_1}{1-a_1}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For the system to be stable, both eigenvalues of the Jacobian need to be inside the unit circle. This requires the following three conditions to hold:

$$1 + tr(J) + det(J) > 0$$

$$1 + tr(J) - det(J) > 0$$

$$1 - det(J) > 0,$$

where  $tr(J)$  is the trace and  $det(J)$  is the determinant of the Jacobian.

Let us consider the Classical case where  $\beta = 1$ , i.e. all profits are reinvested. Then we have

$$\det(J) = -a_1 w^S \gamma \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-a_1}} < 0,$$

so that the third condition is always satisfied and it is the first one that is binding. The first condition then becomes

$$2 - \gamma \left[ a_1^{a_1} A \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{\frac{2-a_1}{1-a_1}} + a_1 w^S \left( \frac{w^S}{a_1^{a_1} A} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-a_1}} \right] > 0$$

We can check the analytical solutions and stability conditions numerically:

```
# Calculate equilibrium solutions
for (i in 1:S){
  N_eq[i]=(wS[i,T]/((a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[i,T]))^(-1/(1-a1[i,T]))
  K_eq[i]=(a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[i,T]*(wS[i,T]/((a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[i,T]))^(-a1[i,T]/(1-a1[i,T]))
}

# Compare with numerical solutions (here for the example of Y, baseline)
N_eq[1]
```

```
[1] 44.20066
```

```
N[1,T]
```

```
[1] 44.19942
```

```
K_eq[1]
```

```
[1] 22.10033
```

```
K[1,T]
```

```
[1] 22.09989
```



```

### Examine model properties (here for the baseline scenario only)
# Construct Jacobian matrix at the equilibrium
J=matrix(c(1-beta,
           beta*a1[1,T]*wS[1,T],
           gamma*(wS[1,T]/((a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[1,T]))^(1/(1-a1[1,T])),
           1-gamma*(a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[1,T]*(wS[1,T]/((a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[1,T]))^((2-a1[1,T],

# Obtain eigenvalues
ev=eigen(J)
(values = ev$values)

```

```
[1] 0.98368845 -0.04024869
```

```

# Obtain determinant and trace
det=det(J)      # determinant
tr=sum(diag(J)) # trace

#Check stability conditions
print(1+tr+det>0)

```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
print(1-tr+det>0)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
print(1-det>0)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```

# Check specific stability condition for the case beta=1
for (i in 1:S){
print(paste0("Scenario ", i, ":"))
print(2-gamma*((a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[i,T]*(wS[i,T]/(((a1[i,T]^a1[i,T])*A[i,T]))))^((2-a1[i,T]
}

```

[1] "Scenario 1:"  
 [1] TRUE  
 [1] "Scenario 2:"  
 [1] TRUE  
 [1] "Scenario 3:"  
 [1] TRUE  
 [1] "Scenario 4:"  
 [1] TRUE  
 [1] "Scenario 5:"  
 [1] TRUE

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