

Two-Period Consumption with CRRA Utility

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In[*]:= (* E1.1 Two-Period Consumption with CRRA Utility *)
ClearAll;
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The objective function

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In[*]:= (* The objective function *)
U = (c0^(1 - η)) / (1 - η) + ρ * ((I0 - c0) * (1 + r))^(1 - η) / (1 - η)

Out[*]=
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$$\frac{\rho ((1 + r) (I_0 - c_0))^{1-\eta}}{1 - \eta} + \frac{c_0^{1-\eta}}{1 - \eta}$$

Analytic solution for optimal consumption

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(* dU(c0)/dc0 *)

In[*]:= Uprime = D[U, c0]

Out[*]=
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$$(-1 - r) \rho ((1 + r) (I_0 - c_0))^{-\eta} + c_0^{-\eta}$$

Proves the Analytical Solution

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In[*]:= Uprime == 0

Out[*]=
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$$(-1 - r) \rho ((1 + r) (I_0 - c_0))^{-\eta} + c_0^{-\eta} == 0$$

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In[*]:= - ((1 + r) ρ ((1 + r) (I0 - c0))^-η) + c0^-η == 0
Out[*]=
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$$- ((1 + r) \rho ((1 + r) (I_0 - c_0))^{-\eta}) + c_0^{-\eta} == 0$$

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In[*]:= c0^-η == ((1 + r) (I0 - c0))^-η (1 + r) ρ
Out[*]=
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$$c_0^{-\eta} == (1 + r) \rho ((1 + r) (I_0 - c_0))^{-\eta}$$

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In[*]:= ((1 + r) ρ)^(-η/η) c0^-η == ((1 + r) (I0 - c0))^-η
Out[*]=
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$$\frac{c_0^{-\eta}}{(1 + r) \rho} == ((1 + r) (I_0 - c_0))^{-\eta}$$

In[*]:= $\rho = 1 / (1 + \delta)$

Out[*]=

$$\frac{1}{1 + \delta}$$

In[*]:= $((1 + r) \rho)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} c_0 == (1 + r) (i_0 - c_0)$

Out[*]=

$$\left(\frac{1 + r}{1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} c_0 == (1 + r) (i_0 - c_0)$$

In[*]:= $c_0 ((1 + r) / (1 + \delta))^{\frac{1}{\eta}} == I_0 * (1 + r) - c_0 * (1 + r)$

Out[*]=

$$\left(\frac{1 + r}{1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} c_0 == (1 + r) i_0 - (1 + r) c_0$$

In[*]:= $c_0 ((1 + r) / (1 + \delta))^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + (1 + r) == I_0 * (1 + r)$

Out[*]=

$$\left(1 + r + \left(\frac{1 + r}{1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \right) c_0 == (1 + r) i_0$$

In[*]:= $c_0 == I_0 * (1 + r) / ((1 + r) / (1 + \delta))^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + (1 + r)$

Out[*]=

$$c_0 == \frac{(1 + r) i_0}{1 + r + \left(\frac{1 + r}{1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\eta}}}$$

Analytic Solution + Solve + Maximize

(* c_0^* computed from the analytic solution *)

In[*]:= $cstara := I_0 * (1 + r) / ((1 + r) / (1 + \delta))^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + (1 + r);$

(* c_0^* computed using Mathematica to Solve $dU/dc_0=0$ *)

In[*]:= $cstarb := \text{Solve}[-(1 + r) * \rho * ((1 + r) * (I_0 - c_0))^{\frac{1}{\eta}} + c_0^{\frac{1}{\eta}} == 0, c_0];$

In[*]:= (* c_0^* computed using Mathematica to maximize $U(c_0)$ *)

$cstarc := \text{Maximize}[(c_0^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (1 - \eta)) / (1 - \eta) + \rho * ((I_0 - c_0) * (1 + r))^{\frac{1}{\eta}} / (1 - \eta), c_0];$
 (* Parameter Values *)

In[*]:= $I_0 = 1; r = 175 / 1000; \delta = 2 / 100; \rho = 1 / (1 + \delta); \eta = 1 / 4;$

In[*]:= $\text{Print}["c_0^*=", N[cstara]]$

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$c_0^*=0.400209$

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