

1 Demographics

1.1 Assumptions

Ages 0-20 don't work and are supported by parents

Age 21 start working and become individual households

Ages 23-45 give birth each year to fractions of children

Ages 43-66 children leave home each year

Ages 68-90 they die

Immigration exogeneously set to match population projections, has perfect assimilation

1.2 Variables

$N(a, t, k)$ = matrix of agents a = age

t = year

k = skill class

1.3 Functions/Formulas

$KID(a, t, k)$ = total number of kids of agent age a with skill k in year t

$$KID(a, t, k) = \sum_{l=u}^m \frac{N(l, t, a-l, k)}{\sum_{s=23}^{45} N(a, t, s, k)} \quad 23 \leq a \leq 65, \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$

2 Households

2.1 Assumptions

- Given taxes, interest rates $r(i)$, and wages $w(k, i)$:
- Agents maximize utility subject to the intertemporal budget constraint and the constraint that leisure in each period doesn't exceed the time endowment, i.e $\ell(l, t, k) \leq h(l, t)$.
- They do this by choosing leisure and consumption $\ell(l, t, k)$, $\bar{c}(a, i, k)$, and $\bar{c}_K(a, i, k)$

Additionally:

- Given individual consumption and leisure, we can get agents' asset levels from the function $a(l+1, t+1, k)$
- Aggregate values of assets, private consumption goods, and labor supply obey the Functions/Formulas $A(t+1)$, $C(t)$, and $L^S(k, t)$

2.2 Variables

$i = t + a - l$

δ : rate of time preference

ρ : intratemporal elasticity of substitution between consumption and leisure

ω : intratemporal elasticity of substitution between goods

ϵ : leisure preference

γ : intertemporal elasticity of substitution between consumption and leisure

$r(t)$: pre-tax return on interest

$w(k, t)$: wage rate

$E(a, i)$: productivity per time-unit in year i and age a

$\bar{A}(t, k)$: aggregate assets of skill-class k agents who die in year t .

$\Gamma(l)$: share of bequests \bar{A} dedicated to inheritants aged l of the same skill class

where $\sum_{l=21}^{49} \Gamma(l) = 1$

λ : common growth rate of time endowment of successive generations

$c(j, a, i, k)$: private consumptions of goods j

$\kappa(j, a)$: consumption share of good j at age a , where $\sum_{j \in G_c} \kappa(j, a) = 1$

$\bar{c}(a, i, k)$: aggregate private good consumption

$\bar{c}_K(a, i, k)$: aggregate consumption of children

$\ell(a, i, k)$: leisure

$d(l, t)$: mortality probability of an agent age l in year t

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$T(l, t, k)$: Net taxes: consumption, capital income, wage taxes, and benefits received in the form of transfer payments

\bar{A} : Aggregation across all agents alive at the end of the prior period of dead households

2.3 Functions/Formulas

$U(l, t, k) = V(l, t, k) + H(l, t, k)$:

Remaining lifetime utility of a generation age l at time t of skill-class k

$V(l, t, k)$ = Utility from own goods/leisure:

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}} \sum_{a=l}^{90} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \delta} \right)^{a-l} P(a, i) \bar{c}(a, i, k)^{1 - \frac{1}{\rho}} + \epsilon \ell(a, i, k)^{1 - \frac{1}{\rho}} \Big]^{\frac{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}}{1 - \frac{1}{\rho}}}$$

$H(l, t, k)$ = Utility from children's consumption:

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}} \sum_{a=l}^{90} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \delta} \right)^{a-l} P(a, i) KID * (a, i, k) \bar{c}_K(a, i, k)^{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

$$P(a, i) = \prod_{u=l}^a [1 - d(u, u - a + i)]: \text{ survival probability of reaching age } a \text{ in year } i$$

$\bar{p}(a, i) = [\sum_{j \in G_c} \kappa(j, a)^\omega p(j, i)^{1-\omega}]^{\frac{1}{1-\omega}}$: price index of $\bar{c}(a, i, k)$

$a(l+1, t+1, k) = a(l, t, k) + I(l, t, k)[1 + r(t) + w(t, k)E(l, t)][h(l, t) - \ell(l, t, k)]$

$-T(l, t, k) - \bar{p}(a, i)[\bar{c}(l, t, k) - KID(l, t, k)\bar{c}_K(l, t, k)]$

$c(j, a, i, k) = (\frac{\kappa(j, a)}{p(j, i)})\bar{p}(a, i)^\omega \bar{c}(a, i, k)$: Demand for specific goods $j \in G_c$

$I(l, t, k) = \Gamma(l) \frac{\bar{A}(t, k)}{N(l, t, k)}$: inheritances received in year t

$h(a, i) = (1 + \lambda)h(a, i - 1)$: Time endowment of an agent age a at time i

$A(t+1) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{a=21}^{90} a(a+1, t+1, k)N(a, t, k)$: Aggregate values of assets

$\bar{A}(t+1, k) = \sum_{a=21}^{90} d(a+1, t+1)a(a+t, t+1, k)N(a, t, k)$: bequests

$C(j, t) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{a=21}^{90} [c(j, a, t, k) + KID(a, t, k)c_K(j, a, t, k)]N(a, t, k)$: Private consumption of good j

$L^S(t, k) = \sum_{a=21}^{90} E(a, t)[h(a, t) - \ell(a, t, k)]N(a, t, k)$: Labor supply

3 Production Sector

3.1 Assumptions:

Profit maximization requires the following conditions:

$$[r(t) + \delta_K]K(j, t) = \alpha(j)q(j, t)Y(j, t)$$

$$w(t, k)L(j, t, k) = [1 - \alpha(j)]\beta(j, k)q(j, t)Y(j, t)$$

3.2 Variables:

ϕ : total factor productivity

$\alpha(j)$: shares of capital inputs in production

$\beta(j, k)$: shares of skill-specific labor inputs in production, where $\sum_{k=1}^3 \beta(j, k) = 1$

δ_K : depreciation rate

$q(j, t)$: producer price of good j in year t

$\tau^K(t)$: Corporate tax rate

3.3 Functions/Formulas:

$Y(j, t) = \phi K(j, t)^{\alpha(j)} \left[\prod_{k=1}^3 L(j, t, k)^{\beta(j, k)} \right]^{1-\alpha(j)}$: Aggregate output of good j

$T^k = \tau^K(t) \left[Y(t) - \sum_{k=1}^3 w(k, t) L(k, t) - \delta_K K(t) \right]$: Corporate taxes

$r(t) = \phi \alpha q(j, t) \left(\frac{\prod_{k=1}^3 L(j, t, k)^{\beta(j, k)}}{K(j, t)} \right)^{1-\alpha}$: rental rate in year t

$w(t, k) = \phi(1 - \alpha)\beta(j, k)q(j, t) \left(\frac{K(j, t)}{L(j, t, k)^{\beta(j, k)}} \right)^{\alpha}$: wage rate for skill level k in year t

4 Government

4.1 Assumptions:

Each government maintains its debt-to-output ratio over time

Pension linearly depend on working-life average earnings: $Pen(a, t, k) = v_0 + v_1 \bar{W}(i, k)$

4.2 Variables:

$B(t)$: Governemnt Debt $\Delta B(t)$: Government Deficit in year t

$C^g(t)$: Government Expenditures in year t

$SB(t)$: General-revenue financed social benefits, (e.g. pension, health care, etc)

ϱ : Share of transfer payments financed by general revenue

$PY(t)$: Aggregate payroll tax base with fixed ceiling at a percentage of average income in a particular country

$\hat{\tau}^p(t)$: Region-specific average employer and employee payroll tax rates

$Pen(a, t, k)$: Pension benefits

$\cap a$: Retirement age

$\bar{W}(i, k)$: Average earnings during working life

4.3 Functions/Formulas:

Main Government budget equation:

$$\Delta B(t) + \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{a=21}^{90} T(a, t, k) N(a, t, k) + T^K(t) = C^g(t) + \varrho SB(t) + r(t) B(t)$$

$$\hat{\tau}^p(t) PY(t) = (1 - \varrho) SB(t)$$

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