

# 1 EQUATIONS

Note on time steps: webDICE, following DICE, is implemented in 10-year time steps. The equations are presented for arbitrary intervals for ease of readability. Most of the data is in annual time steps and is converted to 10-year units within the model.

## Objective function

1.  $W = \sum_{t=1}^{Tmax} U[c(t), L(t)]R(t)$
2.  $R(t) = 1/[(1 + \rho)^{(t-1)}]$
3.  $U[c(t), L(t)] = L(t)[c(t)^{1-\alpha}/(1 - \alpha)]$
4.  $c(t) = C(t)/L(t)$

## Population function

5.  $L(t) = L(0) \times \left(1 - \frac{e^{Lg \times (t-1)} - 1}{e^{Lg \times (t-1)}}\right) + L(Tmax) \times \left(\frac{e^{Lg \times (t-1)} - 1}{e^{Lg \times (t-1)}}\right)$

## Production function

6.  $Q(t) = \Omega(t)[1 - \Lambda(t)]A(t)K(t)^\gamma L(t)^{1-\gamma}$
7.  $Q(t) = C(t) + I(t)$
8.  $I(t) = s \times Q(t)$
9.  $K(t) = I(t) + (1 - \delta_K)K(t-1)$

## Total Factor Productivity

10.  $A_g(t) = A_g(0) \times \exp(-\Delta_a \times (t-1))$
11.  $A(t) = \frac{A(t-1)}{1-A_g(t-1)}$  for  $t \geq 1$ , given  $A(0)$

## Climate damage function

12.  $\Omega(t) = 1/[1 + \pi_2 T_{AT}(t)^\epsilon]$

## Abatement cost function

13.  $\Lambda(t) = \pi(t)\theta_1(t)\mu(t)^{\theta_2}$
14.  $\pi(t) = \varphi(t)^{1-\theta_2}$
15. 
$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \varphi(1) & \text{if } t = 1 \\ \varphi(21) + [\varphi(2) - \varphi(21)] \times \exp(-DFE \times (t-2)) & \text{if } t = 2, \dots, 24 \\ \varphi(21) & \text{if } t = 25, \dots \end{cases}$$
16.  $\theta_1(t) = \left[ \frac{BC(0) \times \sigma(t)}{\theta_2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{ratio - 1 + \exp(-BC_g(0) \times (t-1))}{ratio} \right]$ , where  $ratio = BC(0)/BC(reduct)$
17. 
$$\mu(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } E_{ind}(t) < E_{ind}(2005) \times e(t)cap \\ 1 - \frac{E_{ind}(2005) \times ecap}{\sigma(t)A(t)K(t)^\gamma L(t)^{1-\gamma}} & \text{if } E_{ind}(t) > E_{ind}(2005) \times e(t)cap \end{cases}$$

### Emissions

- 18.  $E(t) = E_{Ind}(t) + E_{Land}(t)$
- 19.  $E_{Ind}(t) = \sigma(t)[1 - \mu(t)]A(t)K(t)^\gamma L(t)^{1-\gamma}$
- 20.  $\sigma(t) = \frac{\sigma(t-1)}{1-\sigma_g(t)}$  for  $t \geq 1$  given  $\sigma(0)$
- 21.  $\sigma_g(t) = -\sigma_g(0) \times \exp(-\sigma_{d1} \times (t - 1))$
- 22.  $CCum \geq \sum_{t=0}^{Tmax} E_{Ind}(t)$
- 23.  $E_{Land}(t) = E_{Land}(0) \times (1 - 0.1)^{t-1}$

### Carbon tax

- 24.  $P(t) = \theta_1(t)\mu(t)^{\theta_2-1}$ , for  $\varphi = 1$ .

### Carbon cycle and Climate Model

- 25.  $M_{AT}(t) = E(t) + \phi_{11}M_{AT}(t-1) + \phi_{21}M_{UP}(t-1)$
- 26.  $M_{UP}(t) = \phi_{12}M_{AT}(t-1) + \phi_{22}M_{UP}(t-1) + \phi_{32}M_{LO}(t-1)$
- 27.  $M_{LO}(t) = \phi_{23}M_{UP}(t-1) + \phi_{33}M_{LO}(t-1)$
- 28.  $F(t) = \eta\{\log_2[M_{AT}(avg)/M_{AT}(1750)]\} + F_{EX}(t)$ , where  
 $M_{AT}(avg) = [M_{AT}(t) + M_{AT}(t+1)]/2$ , and  
 $F_{EX}(t) = F_{EX}(0) + 0.1(F_{EX}(21) - F_{EX}(0)) \cdot t$
- 29.  $T_{AT}(t) = T_{AT}(t-1) + \xi_1\{F(t) - \lambda T_{AT}(t-1) - \xi_2[T_{AT}(t-1) - T_{LO}(t-1)]\}$
- 30.  $T_{LO}(t) = T_{LO}(t-1) + \xi_3\{T_{AT}(t-1) - T_{LO}(t-1)\}$

## 2 VARIABLES

$t$ : time in decades from 2001-2010, 2011-2020, ..., 2590-2600. The last time period is 60 and this period 60 is denoted  $Tmax$ .

$C(t)$ : total consumption

$c(t)$ : per capita consumption

$L(t)$ : population in millions

$I(t)$ : investment

$K(t)$ : capital

$R(t)$ : social time preference discount factor

$\rho(t)$ : social time preference rate

$A(t)$ : total factor productivity

$A_g(t)$ : growth rate of total factor productivity

$E(t)$ : total carbon emissions (billions of metric tons of carbon per period)

$E_{Land}(t)$ : carbon emissions from land use; that is, deforestation (billions of metric tons of carbon per period)

$E_{Ind}(t)$ : industrial carbon emissions (billions of metric tons of carbon per period)

$T_{AT}(t)$ : global mean surface temperature ( $^{\circ}C$  increase from 1900 )

$\sigma(t)$ : ratio of uncontrolled industrial emissions to output (metric tons of carbon per output in 2005 prices)

$\sigma_g(t)$ : rate of decline of carbon intensity per decade, expressed as a *positive* number

$\Omega(t)$ : damage function;  $1 - \Omega(t)$  is the percentage of unsable output due to harms from climate change

$\Lambda(t)$ : abatement cost function; the percentage of output spent on reducing emissions

### 3 Parameters

#### 3.1 PARAMETERS THAT USERS CHOOSE

$\alpha$ : elasticity of marginal utility of consumption.  $\alpha \in [1, 3]$ . Default = 2.

$\rho$ : social time preference rate.  $\rho \in [0, 4]$ . Default = 0.015.

$L(Tmax)$ : asymptotic population in millions in the last period.  $L(Tmax) \in [8000, 12000]$ . Default = 8600 million.

$\Delta_a$ : decline rate of technological change.  $\Delta_a \in [0.05, 0.15]$ . Default = 0.1.

$\delta_K$ : depreciation rate of technological change.  $\delta_k \in [0.08, 0.2]$  Default = 0.1.

$\sigma_{d1}$ : decline rate of decarbonization.  $\sigma_{d1} \in [0, 0.06]$  Default = 0.003.

$\epsilon$ : damage exponent in climate damage function.  $\epsilon \in [1, 3]$ . Default = 2.

$\pi_2$ : coefficient on the damage exponent term,  $T_{AT}(t)^\epsilon$  in climate damage function.  $\pi_2 \in [0.002, 0.0035]$ . Default = 0.0028.

$BC_g(0)$ : inital cost decline in backstop technology in percent.  $BG_g(0) \in [0, 0.2]$ . Default = 0.05.

*ratio*: the ratio of initial backstop cost,  $BC(0)$ , to the reduction in costs,  $BC(reduct)$ , of replacing all emissions in \$ per ton of  $CO_2$ . *ratio*  $\in [1, 4]$ . Default = 2. *ratio* = 1 implies a final backstop cost of \$0.

$\theta_2$ : exponent of emission reduction rate in abatement cost function.  $\theta_2 \in [2, 4]$ . Default = 2.8.

$CCum$ : fossil fuels remaining, measured in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; maximum consumption of fossil fuels (billions of metric tons of carbon).  $CCum \in [6000, 9000]$ . Default = 6000.

$s$ : savings rate.  $s \in [0.15, 0.25]$ . Default = 0.2.

$e2050cap$ : the mandated decrease in emissions by 2050 as a share of 2005 year emissions; emissions cap by 2050.  $e2050cap \in [0, 1]$ . Default = 0.

$e2100cap$ : the mandated decrease in emissions by 2100 as a share of 2005 year emissions; emissions cap by 2100.  $e2100cap \in [0, 1]$ . Default = 0.

$e2150cap$ : the mandated decrease in emissions by 2150 as a share of 2005 year emissions; emissions cap by 2150.  $e2150cap \in [0, 1]$ . Default = 0.

$\varphi(2)$ : fraction of emissions under control in 2015. Default = 1

$\varphi(21)$ : fraction of emissions under control in 2205. Default = 1

$DfE$ : rate of increase in participation in emissions control regime. Default = 0.

$T_{2xCO_2}$ : temperature increase from a doubling of CO<sub>2</sub>. Default = 3.

## 3.2 PARAMETERS FROM DATA

### 3.2.1 Economics model

$\mu(t)$ : emissions reduction rate as a percent of total emissions. Set to zero unless emissions controls are imposed.

$L(0)$ : 2005 world populations in millions = 6514

$L_g$ : growth rate of population per decade = 0.35

$A(0)$ : initial level of total factor productivity = 0.02722

$A_g(0)$ : initial growth rate of TFP per decade = 0.092

$\gamma$ : capital elasticity of output in production function = 0.300

$Q(0)$ : 2005 world gross output in 2005 US dollars in trillions = 61.1

$K(0)$ : 2005 capital value in 2005 US dollars in trillions = 137

$\sigma(0)$ : 2005 effective carbon intensity; that is, CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions and GNP ratio in 2005 = 0.13418

$\sigma_g(0)$ : initial rate of decline of carbon intensity per decade = 0.0730

$E_{Land}(0)$ : carbon emissions from deforestation 2005 (GtC per decade) = 11

$E(0)$ : total emissions in year 2005 = 84.1910

$BC(0)$ : cost of backstop technology in 2005 = 1.17

$\varphi(1)$ : fraction of emissions under control in 2005, set to be 1.

### 3.2.2 Climate model

$M_{AT}(2000)$ : mass of carbon in the atmosphere in 2005 in GtC = 808.9

$M_U(2000)$ : mass of carbon in the upper ocean in 2005 in GtC = 1255

$M_{LO}(2000)$ : mass of carbon in the lower ocean in 2005 in GtC = 18365

$M_{PI}$ : preindustrial concentration of carbon in the atmosphere in GtC = 592

Transition matrix for carbon, where  $\phi_{i,j}$  is the transfer rate of carbon from reservoir  $i$  to reservoir  $j$  for  $i, j = AT, U$  and  $LO$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.810712 & .0189288 & 0 \\ 0.097213 & 0.852787 & .05 \\ 0 & 0.003119 & 0.996881 \end{bmatrix}$$

$F_{2xCO_2}$ : forcing from a double of  $CO_2 = 3.8$

$\lambda$ : ratio of temperature change to forcing in equilibrium = 0.3

$\xi_1$ : inverse of thermal capacity of the atmosphere and the upper ocean =

$\xi_2$ : ratio of the thermal capacity of the deep oceans to the transfer rate from the shallow ocean to the deep ocean = 0.

$\xi_3$ : transfer rate of heat from the upper ocean to the deep ocean = 0.50

$T_{AT}(0)$ : temperature change from 1900 until 2000: 0.7307

$T_{LO}(0)$ : temperature change in the lower ocean from 1900 until 2000: 0.0068

$F_{EX}(0)$ : non- $CO_2$  forcings in 2005 = -0.06

$F_{EX}(21)$ : estimate of non- $CO_2$  forcings in 2100 = 0.30