

Marginal Utility of Emissions:

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From the paper, the marginal utility of emissions is given in equation (11). This equation gives us the following expression:

$$\frac{\eta}{\tilde{e}} = -\frac{d\phi(y)}{dy} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} - \frac{d^2\phi(y)}{(dy)^2} |s|^2 \tilde{e} + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\delta} [(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 y) \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} + \gamma_2 |s|^2 \tilde{e}]$$

The discounted value would be given by

$$\exp(-\delta t) \frac{\eta}{\tilde{e}} = \exp(-\delta t) \left\{ -\frac{d\phi(y)}{dy} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} - \frac{d^2\phi(y)}{(dy)^2} |s|^2 \tilde{e} + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\delta} [(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 y) \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} + \gamma_2 |s|^2 \tilde{e}] \right\}$$

We can then integrate that up to get the aggregated marginal utility impact of reducing emissions by one unit

$$\int_0^{\infty} \exp(-\delta t) \frac{\eta}{\tilde{e}} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-\delta t) \left\{ -\frac{d\phi(y)}{dy} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} - \frac{d^2\phi(y)}{(dy)^2} |s|^2 \tilde{e} + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\delta} [(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 y) \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} + \gamma_2 |s|^2 \tilde{e}] \right\} dt$$

In practice, the emissions pathways only go out 80 years, so we would get something like

$$\sum_{t=0}^{80} \exp(-\delta t) \frac{\eta}{\tilde{e}} dt = \sum_{t=0}^{80} \exp(-\delta t) \left\{ -\frac{d\phi(y)}{dy} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} - \frac{d^2\phi(y)}{(dy)^2} |s|^2 \tilde{e} + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\delta} [(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 y) \sum_{\ell=1}^L \omega_{\ell} \theta_{\ell} + \gamma_2 |s|^2 \tilde{e}] \right\} dt$$

I think the discrete time approximation for $\exp(-\delta t)$ is $\frac{1}{1+\delta t}$.