


# Grasping Reality by Brad DeLong


## Modeling Humanity's Economic Growth Watersheds: Econ 115: Problem Set 2


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### Problem set 2. Modeling humanity's economic growth watersheds

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But the work should be your own.

No cutting-&-pasting from others' problem sets, please! We want you to learn this stuff, and your fingers typing every keystroke is an important way of building muscle memory here.

In this problem set, you will take a look at the very long-term structure of human economic history since the invention of agriculture 8000 years ago. It is, overwhelmingly, a story of innovation, fecundity and demography, and resources.

Let us get started!

### 1. Preliminaries

#### A. Computing environment

First, we set up the computing environment with the libraries we need:

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<https://nbviewer.jupyter.org/github/braddelong/econ-115-f-2020-assignments/blob/master/ps02.ipynb>  
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