

The Two-Sector Model

1. Find cost functions for the following production functions;
 - (a) Cobb-Douglas.
 - (b) CES, $f(k, l) = (ak^r + bl^r)^{1/r}$.
 - (c) linear, $f(k, l) = ak + bl$.
 - (d) Leontief, $f(k, l) = \min\{ak, bl\}$.
 - (e) von Thünen's production function, $f(k, l) = (1 - e^{-ak})(1 - e^{-bl})$.
2. Suppose in a two-country world, countries A and B , that f_A and f_B are the usual neoclassical production functions of capital and labor, with Inada conditions.
 - (a) Show that all revenues (national product) are distributed to the factors.
 - (b) Suppose that p_A increases. Under what conditions on f_A and f_B will the capital share of national product increase?
3. For a country with an endowment in the interior of the cone of diversification, derive and prove a result on the effects of a small increase in the quantity of a factor on output.
4. Here is another two-sector model. Sector 1 produces investment goods (capital goods). Sector 2 produces consumption goods. Each sector is characterized by a neoclassical production function (strictly concave, C^2 , Inada conditions at 0) with constant returns to scale. Write $Y_i = F_i(K_i, L_i)$ for output in sector i as a function F_i of capital K_i and labor L_i employed in sector i .
 - (a) Rewrite these relationships in terms of the output/labor and capital/labor ratio: $y_i = f_i(k_i)$ where $y_i = Y_i/L_i$, etc. What properties do the foregoing assumptions imply for the f_i ?
 - (b) Let w and r denote the equilibrium prices of capital, and P_i the price of output i . Equilibrium in this model requires for $i = 1, 2$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 Y_i = F_i(K_i, L_i) & \\
 P_i \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial K_i} = r & P_i \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial L_i} = w \\
 K_1 + K_2 = K & L_1 + L_2 = L \\
 P_1 Y_1 = rK & P_2 Y_2 = wL
 \end{array}$$

Interpret these equations, including the demand conditions (4).

- (c) Rewrite these conditions in terms of the aggregate capital/Labor ratio $k = K/L$, the output/labor ratios y_i , the labor shares $l_i = L_i/L$ and the wage/rent ratio $\omega = w/r$.
- (d) Compute $dk_i/d\omega$ and use this to prove that the capital/labor ratio in each sector is uniquely determined by the wage/rent ratio.

- (e) Find an equation that implicitly defines the equilibrium wage-rent ratio w/r in terms of the capital-labor ratio.