

# I. Model

(a) jump:  $C_t, I_t, A_t$ ; endog states;  $K_t$ ; exog states:  $\emptyset$

$$(b) \max E \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \{ \log(C_t) + \lambda_{1,t} (C_t - A_t K_t^\alpha + I_t) + \lambda_{2,t} (K_{t+1} - (1-\delta)K_t - I_t) \}$$

$$\{C_t, I_t, K_{t+1}\}$$

FOC

$$C_t \quad \frac{1}{C_t} = \lambda_{1,t}$$

+ constraints & Lom for A

$$I_t \quad \lambda_{1,t} = \lambda_{2,t}$$

$$K_{t+1} \quad \lambda_{2,t} = \beta E_t \left[ \lambda_{2,t+1} \left( \alpha A_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + 1 - \sigma \right) \right]$$

$$(c) \max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \{ \log(C_t) + \Theta_{1,t} (C_t + I_t - A_t K_t^\alpha) + \Theta_{2,t} (K_{t+1} - (1-\delta)K_t - I_t) \}$$

$$\{C_t, I_t, A_t, K_{t+1}\}$$

FOC

$$C_t \quad \frac{1}{C_t} = \Theta_{1,t}$$

$$+ \Theta_{3,t} (A_t - (K_t)^{\alpha-1}) \}$$

$$I_t \quad \Theta_{1,t} = \Theta_{2,t}$$

$$A_t \quad \Theta_{1,t} (-K_t^\alpha) + \Theta_{3,t} = 0$$

(1)

$$K_{t+1} \quad \lambda_{2,t} = \beta E_t \left[ \lambda_{2,t+1} \left( \alpha A_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + 1 - \sigma \right) + \Theta_{3,t+1} \left( a_0 K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} \right) \right]$$

(2)

$$(d) V(K_t) = \max_{K_{t+1}} \left\{ \log \left( \frac{q_0}{K_t} K_t^\alpha + (1-\delta) K_t - K_{t+1} \right) + \beta E_t V(K_{t+1}) \right\}$$

FOC

$$[K_{t+1}] \quad \frac{1}{C_t} = \beta E_t V'(K_{t+1})$$

But envelope says

$$V'(L) = \frac{1}{C_t} \left( (q_0 + \alpha) K_{t+1}^{\alpha+1} + (1-\delta) \right)$$

Combine to get

$$1 = E_t \left[ \frac{C_t}{C_{t+1}} \left( (q_0 + \alpha) K_{t+1}^{\alpha+1} + (1-\delta) \right) \right]$$

Now use ① & ② from (c) . . .

$$\Theta_{3t} = \frac{1}{C_t} K_t^\alpha$$

so ② implied

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C_t} &= \beta E_t \left[ \frac{1}{C_{t+1}} \alpha K_{t+1}^{q_0 \alpha - 1} + 1 - \delta + \frac{1}{C_{t+1}} K_{t+1}^\alpha q_0 K_{t+1}^{q_0 - 1} \right] \\ (\text{Combine terms}) \\ &= \beta E_t \left[ \frac{1}{C_{t+1}} (\alpha + c_0) K_{t+1}^{q_0 \alpha - 1} + 1 - \delta \right] \end{aligned}$$

same ✓

e) In S.P. economy, steady state implies

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = (\alpha + \alpha_0) K^{\alpha + \alpha_0 - 1} \Rightarrow K = \left( \frac{1}{\beta(\alpha + \alpha_0)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha + \alpha_0 - 1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \left( \frac{1}{\beta(\alpha + \alpha_0)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha - \alpha_0}}$$

don't forget

In decentralized economy

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = \alpha K^{\alpha + \alpha_0 - 1} \Rightarrow K = \left( \frac{1}{\beta(\alpha)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha - \alpha_0}}$$

Since the exponent is positive, and  $\beta\alpha < \beta(\alpha + \alpha_0)$   
 it's clear the latter is smaller.

$$2. (a) I = \beta E_t \left[ \frac{C_t}{C_{t+1}} \left( \alpha K_{t+1}^{\alpha+a_0-1} + 1 - \delta \right) \right] \quad ①$$

$$C_t = K_t^{\alpha+a_0} + (1-\delta)K_t - K_{t+1} \quad ②$$

2(b) we have  $\frac{1}{\beta} = \alpha K^{\alpha+a_0-1} + 1 - \delta$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta}{\alpha} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha+a_0-1}} = K_{ss} \quad \text{from euler equation}$$

from R.C.

$$C = K^{\alpha+a_0} + (1-\delta)K - K = K_{ss}^{\alpha+a_0} - \delta K_{ss}$$

(c)

Sug. linearize ①

$$I = E_t \left[ \frac{\exp(C_t)}{\exp(C_{t+1})} \left( \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k_t) + 1 - \delta \right) \right]$$

Let's call  $f^1 = \frac{\exp(C_t)}{\exp(C_{t+1})} (\alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k_t) + 1 - \delta)$  optimal simplification

$$f^1|_{C_t=ss} = \frac{\exp(C)}{\exp(C)} (\alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k) + 1 - \delta) = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$f^1|_{C_{t+1}=ss} = - \frac{\exp(C)}{\exp(C)^2} \left( \frac{\downarrow}{\uparrow} \right) \exp(C) = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$f^1|_{C_{t+1}=ss} = \frac{\exp(C)}{\exp(C)} \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k) (1 - \alpha + a_0 - 1)$$

so  $f^1 \approx f^1|_{ss} + E_t \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \hat{C}_t - \hat{C}_{t+1} \right) + \alpha K^{\alpha+a_0-1} (\alpha + a_0 - 1) \hat{K}_{t+1} \right]$

$$C_t - K_t^{\alpha+\alpha_0} - (1-\delta)K_t + K_{t+1} = 0 \leftarrow \text{call } f^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(C_t) - \exp((\alpha+\alpha_0)K_t) - (1-\delta)\exp(K_t) + \exp(K_{t+1}) = 0$$

$$f^2_{C_t} = \exp(C_t)$$

$$f^2_{K_{t+1}} = \exp(K_t)$$

$$f^2_{K_t} = -\exp((\alpha+\alpha_0)K_t) (\alpha+\alpha_0) - (1-\delta)\exp(K_t)$$

$$\text{so } f^2 \approx f^2_{ss} + C \hat{C}_t + K \hat{K}_{t+1} - (K^{\alpha+\alpha_0} (\alpha+\alpha_0) - (1-\delta)K) \hat{K}_t$$

2(d) Using my equation ordering

$$F_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -(\kappa^{x+\alpha_0} (\alpha + \omega_0) - (-\sigma) \kappa) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{B} \\ C \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{xp} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \kappa^{\alpha + \alpha_0 - 1} (\alpha + \alpha_0 - 1) \\ K \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{yp} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{B} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q4.

I would start by noting that the only aggregate state variable (the only way that agents are connected, effectively) is through equation (4). Second, I would note that we are only looking for a steady-state: once we know steady-state  $\bar{K}$ , we can solve the agent's individual problem without referring to other agent's choices. With those observations, I would

1. Conjecture a value for  $\bar{K}$ , and assume that individual capital stocks all start at  $\bar{K}$
2. Solve for individual optimal investment decision as a function of  $K(i,t)$  taking as given  $\bar{K}$ . For this step, I could use a variety of approaches, but the one I would naturally use is to use the "hat" basis functions to conjecture a policy  $k(i,t+1) = h(k(i,t), \epsilon(i,t))$  and then use projection method to find the best approximate individual policies.

In step 2, I would approximate expectations by using the Gaussian-Hermite quadrature to approximate the distribution of  $\epsilon(i,t+1)$  faced by the agent.

3. Using this policy function, I would draw a large random sample of  $\epsilon(i,t)$  and compute the optimal capital choice  $k(i,t) = h(k(i,t), \epsilon(i,t))$ . (In the first iteration,  $k(i,t) = \bar{K}$ .) Using this large population, could update by guess of  $\bar{K}$ .
4. I would iterate on steps (1)-(3) updating both individual and aggregate capital at each step, until convergence.