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Tutorial 11

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1. Concept Review
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Concept Review

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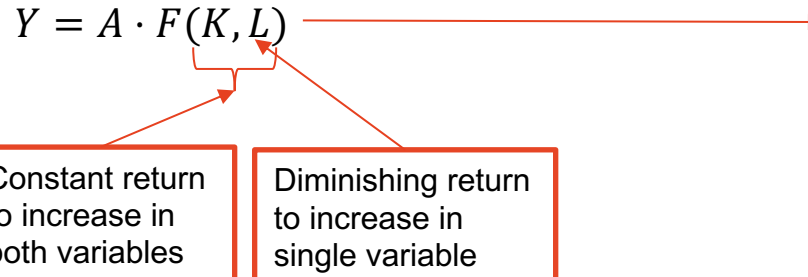
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The diagram illustrates the components of the production function $Y = A \cdot F(K, L)$. A bracket under the function $F(K, L)$ has two arrows pointing to two separate boxes. The left box describes the property of constant returns to scale, while the right box describes the property of diminishing returns to scale.

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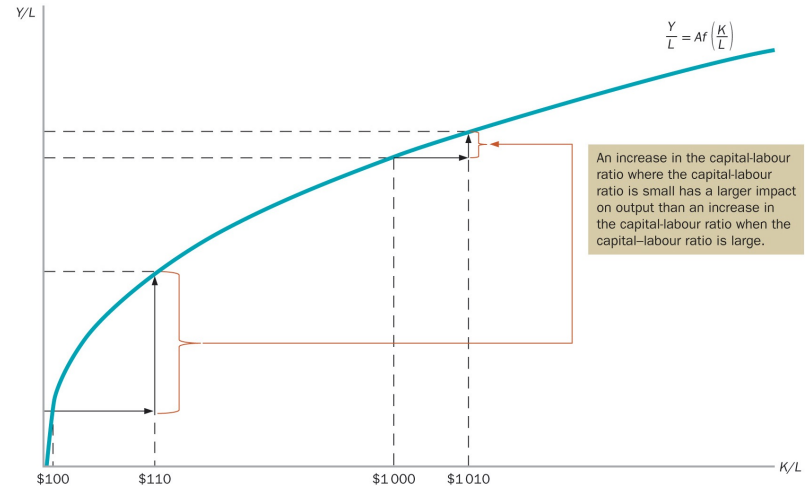
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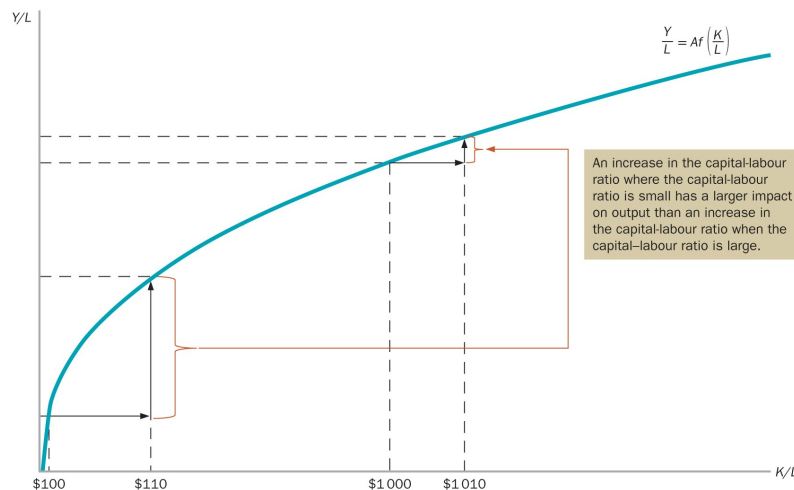
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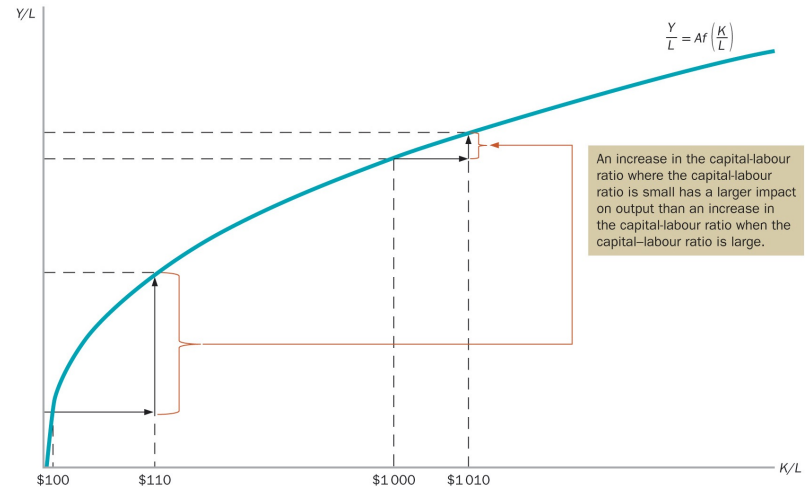
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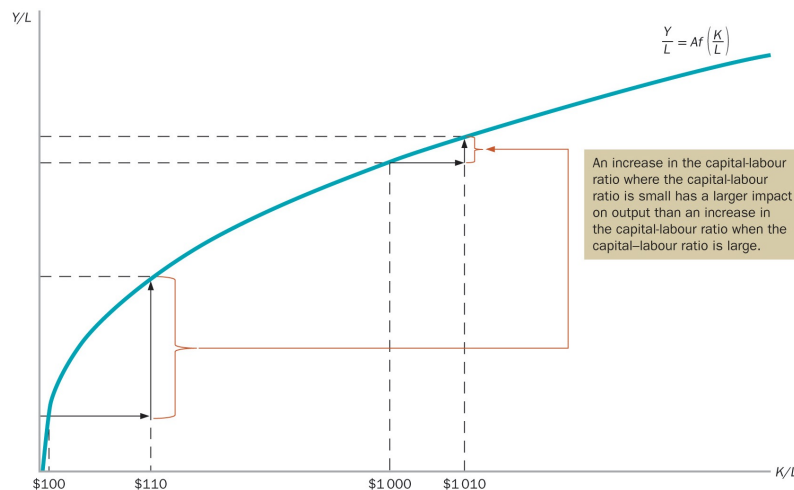
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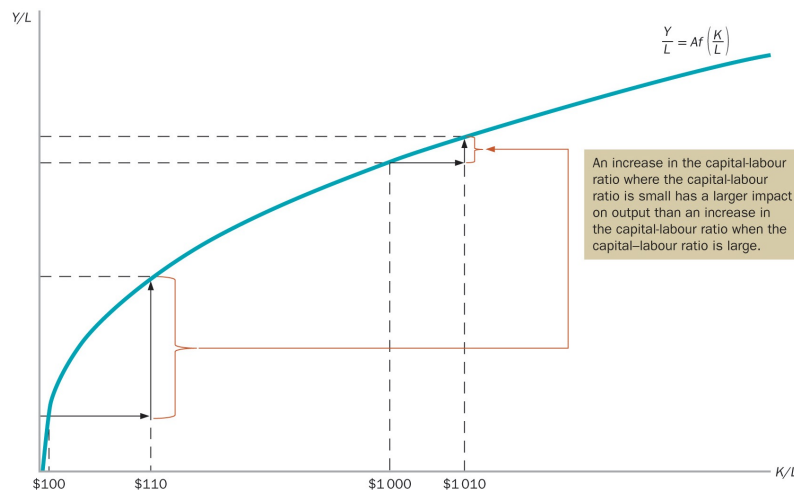
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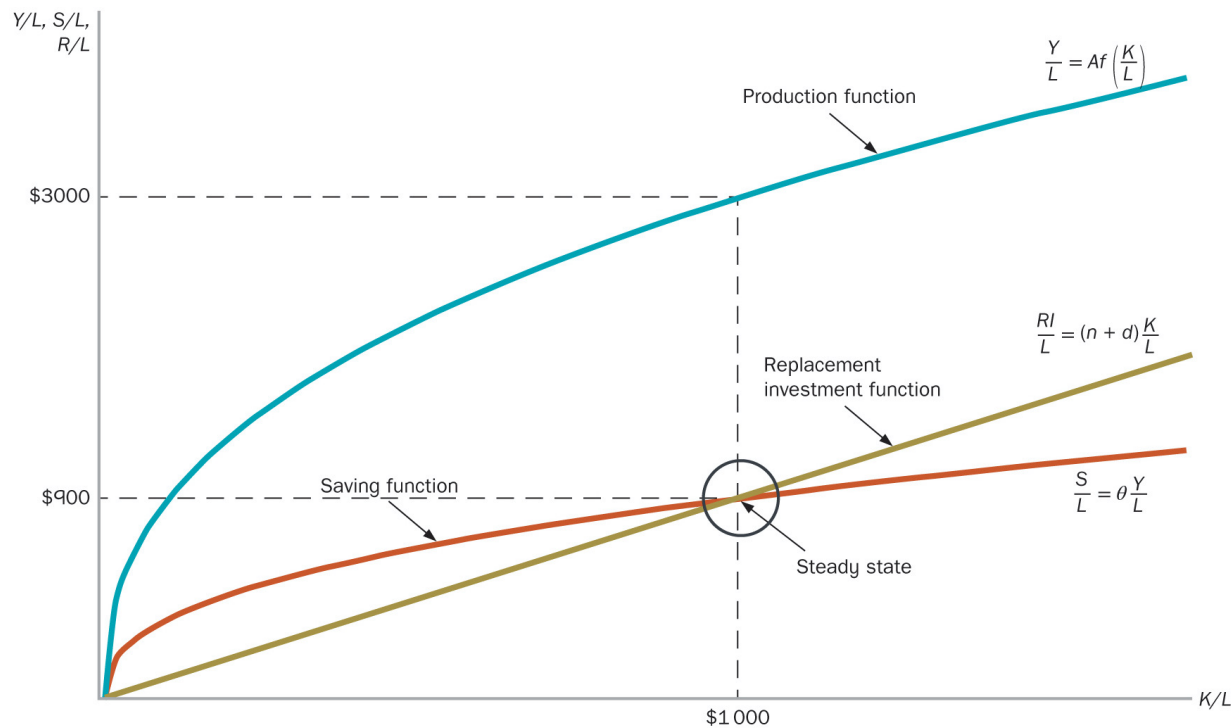
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Solow Swan Model - Diagram



Tutorial Questions

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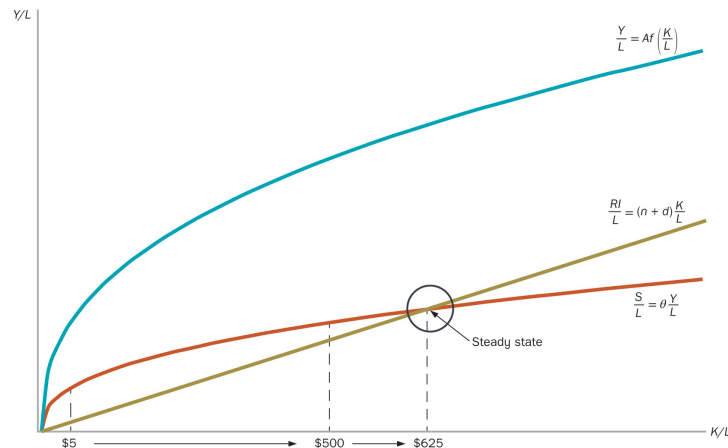
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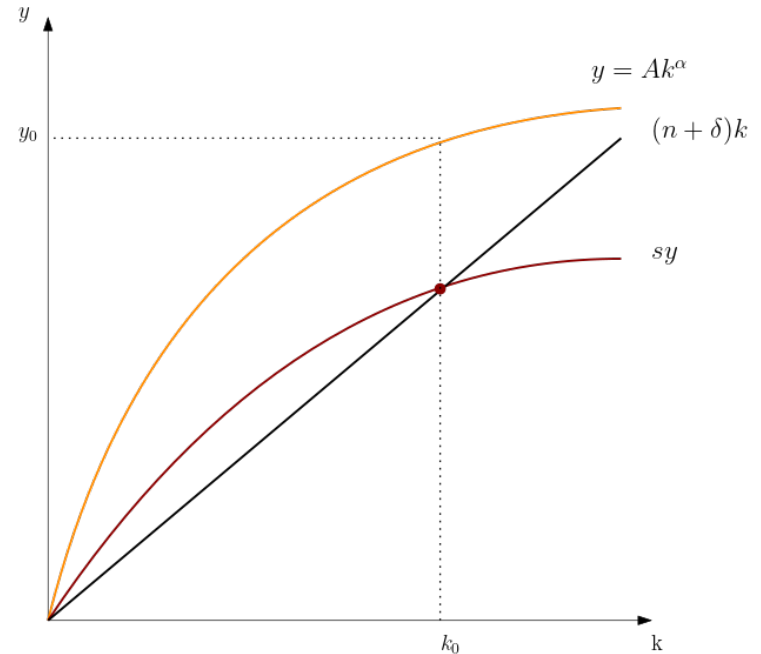
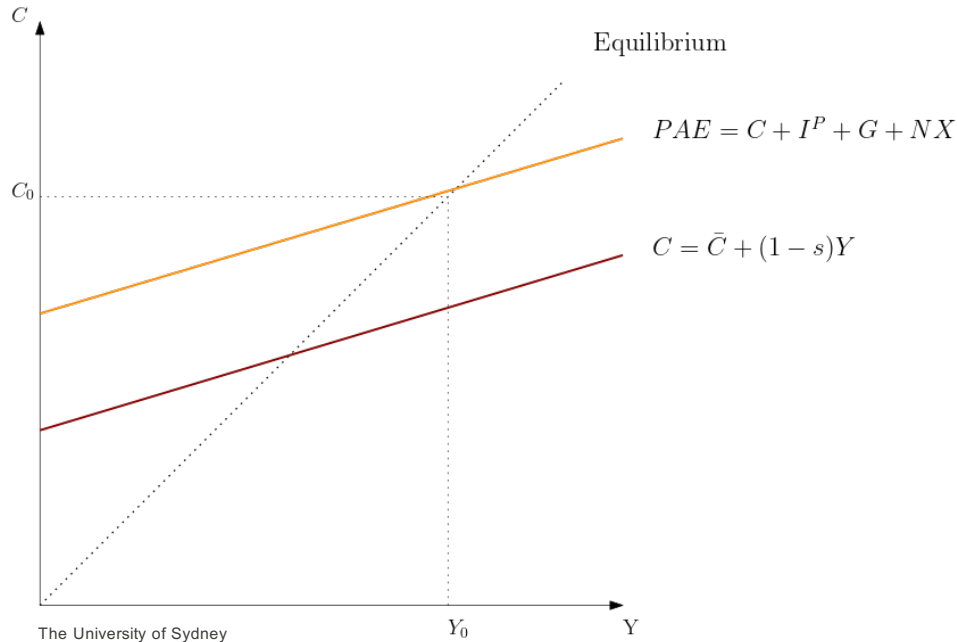
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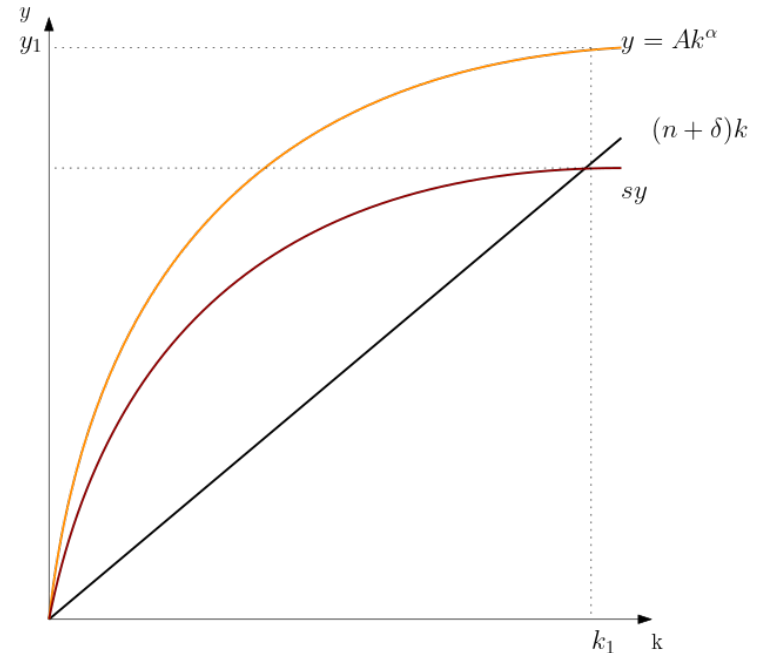
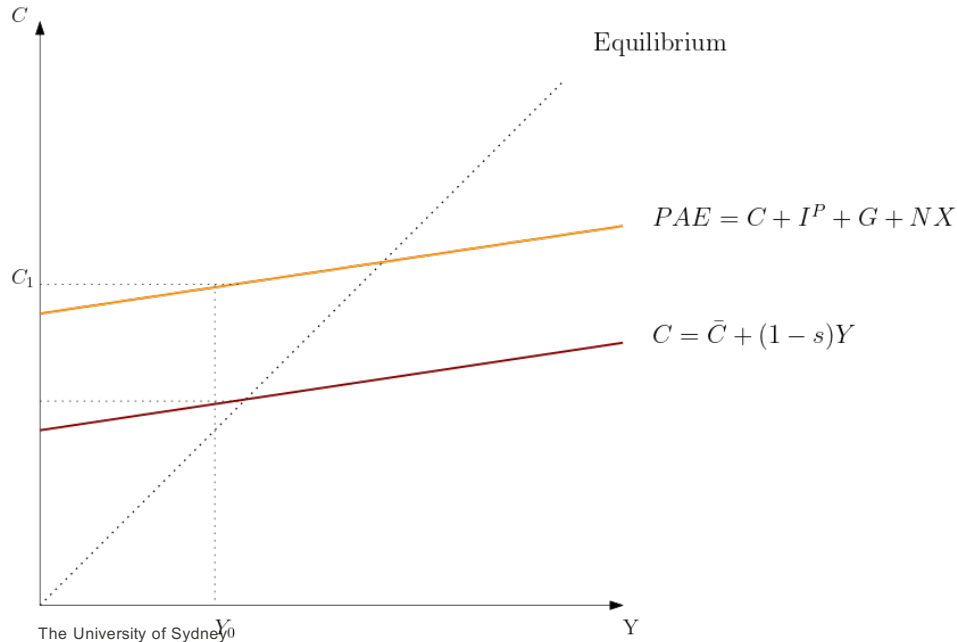
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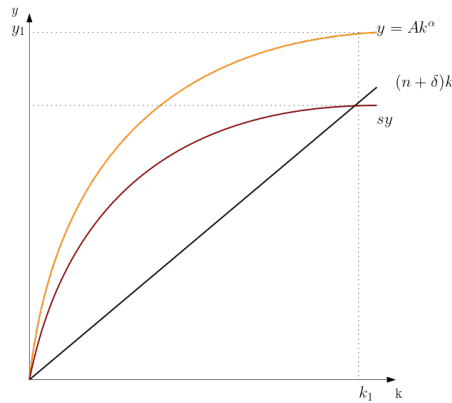
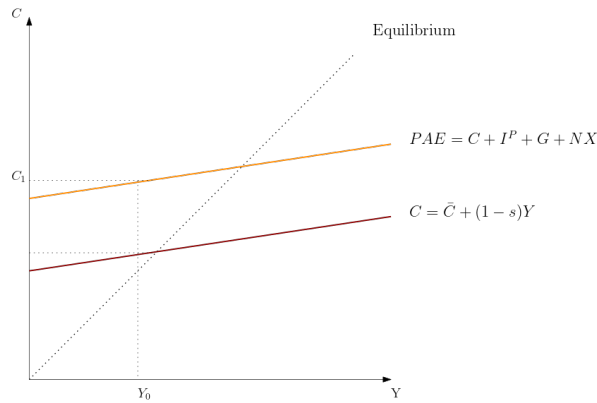
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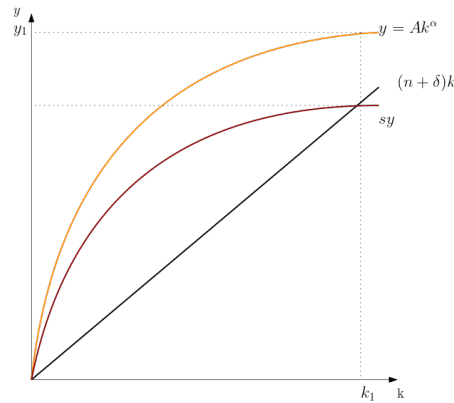
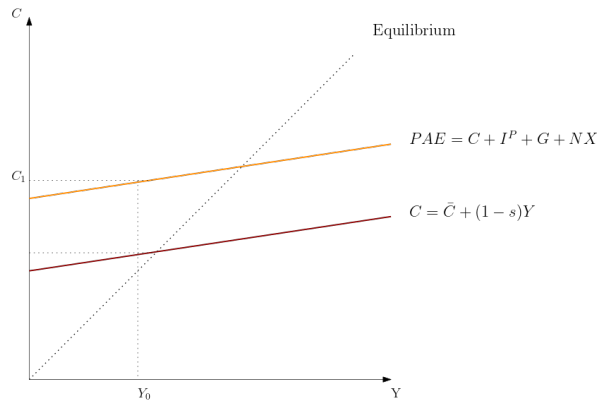
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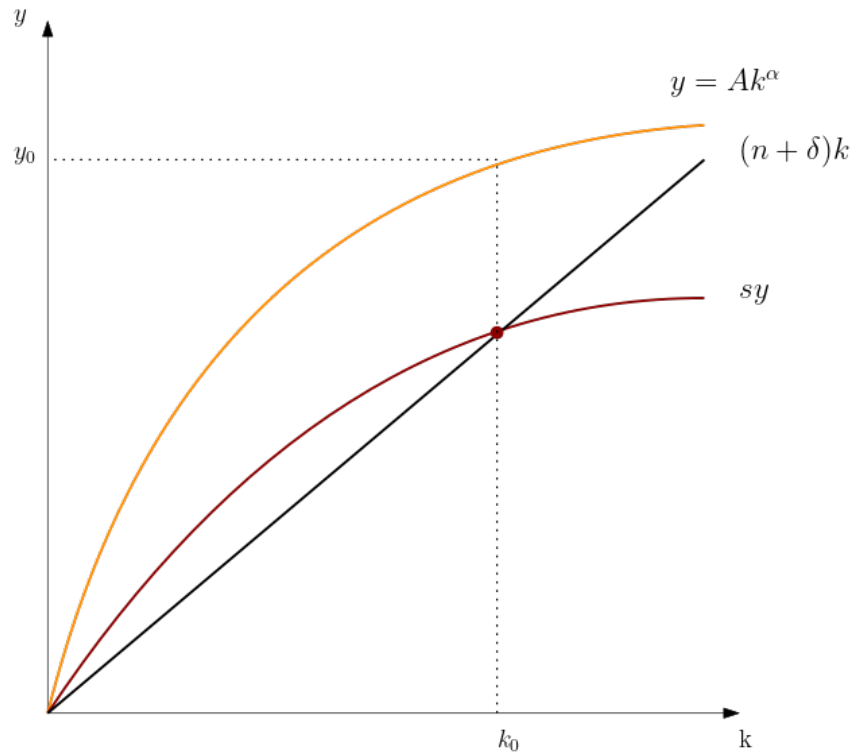
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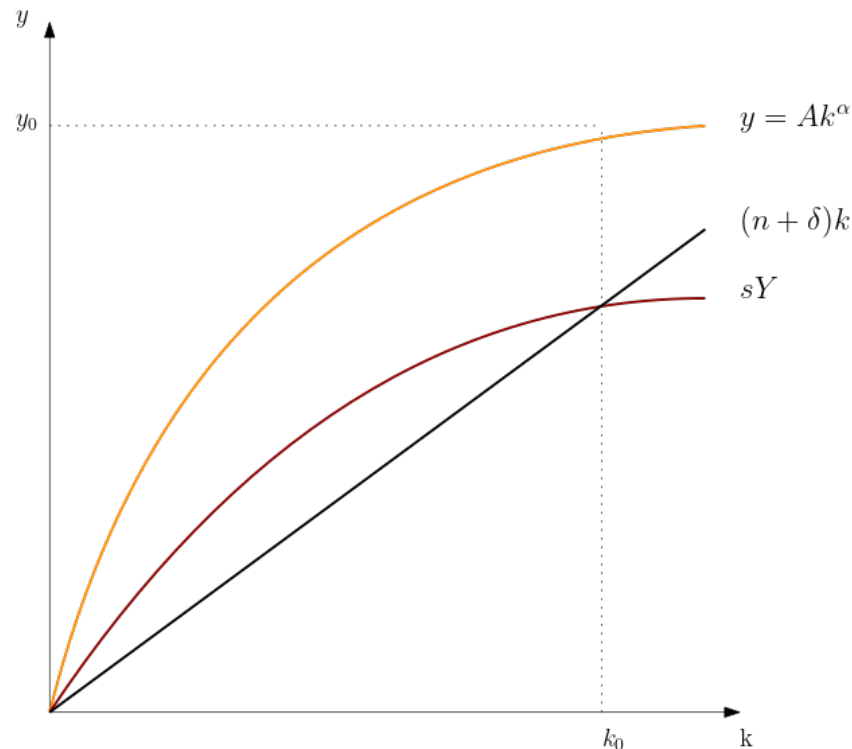
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Indonesia	5.6%	2.9%	1.9%	0.8%
Korea	8.3%	4.3%	2.5%	1.5%
Thailand	7.5%	3.7%	2.0%	1.8%
Singapore	8.5%	4.4%	2.2%	1.5%

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Asia: Higher capital growth (movement along a given production function)

Questions?



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