

3.1. the Intertemporal Euler Equation.

$$u_1(c_1) = \beta u_1(c_{1+1}) (1+r) \Rightarrow u_1(c_1) = u_1(c_{1+1}) \Rightarrow c_1 = c_{1+1}.$$

max  
\$c\_1, c\_2\$

$$u(c_1) + \beta E u(c_2)$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = W$$

$$c_2 = W + u_2(c_{1+1})$$

$$L(c_1, c_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = u(c_1) + \beta E u(c_2) + \lambda_1 (W - c_1 - c_2) + \lambda_2 (W + u_2(c_{1+1}) - c_2).$$

$$u_1(c_1) = \lambda_1$$

$$\beta u_1(c_2) = \lambda_2$$

$$-\lambda_1 + (1+r)\lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1(c_1) = \beta(1+r) u_1(c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

2.  
max  
\$c\_1, c\_2\$

$$u(c_1) + \beta E u(c_2)$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = W$$

$$c_2 = X + (1+r)a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow E u_1(c_1) = \beta E(u_1(c_2) (1+r)) \\ = E u_1(c_2)$$

$$L(c_1, c_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = u(c_1) + \beta E(u(c_2) + \lambda_1 (W - c_1 - c_2) + \lambda_2 (X + (1+r)a_2 - c_2)) \\ = u(c_1) + \lambda_1 (W - c_1 - c_2) + \beta E(u(c_2) + \lambda_2 (X + (1+r)a_2 - c_2)).$$

F.O.C:

$$\begin{cases} u_1(c_1) = \lambda_1 \\ E u_1(c_2) = E \lambda_2 \end{cases}$$

$$-\lambda_1 + \beta E(\lambda_2 (1+r)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1(c_1) = \beta(1+r) E(u_1(c_2)) \\ = E(u_1(c_2))$$

(\*)  $E(u_1(x)) < u_1(W)$  is a sufficient condition is  $u_{11}(c_1(x)) < 0$ .  
Under the condition that  $u_{11} < 0$  we have  $u_{11}(c_1(x)) < 0$ .

Proof:  ~~$u_1(c_1) = E(u_1(c_2(x) + (1+r)a_2))$~~

Proof:  $u_1(c_1) - E u_1(c_2)$  is decreasing in  $c_2$ .  
strictly increasing

because  $U_c(w) - E U_c(w) = U_c(w-a_2) - E U_c(x + a_2 \mathbb{1}_{\{X \leq w\}})$

$U_c(w-a_2)$  strictly increases as  $a_2$  increases.

$U_c(x + a_2 \mathbb{1}_{\{X \leq w\}})$  strictly decreases as  $a_2$  increases for  $\forall x$ .

$\Rightarrow E U_c(x + a_2 \mathbb{1}_{\{X \leq w\}})$  strictly decreases as  $a_2$  increases.

$$a_2 > 0 \Rightarrow U_c(w) - E U_c(w) = U_c(w) - E(U_c(X)) < 0$$

so  $a_2^* > 0$

3.  $U_c(\cdot)$  satisfies this condition  
 proof:  $U_c(y) = w^r$

$$U_c(w) = -r(w-r-1)$$

$$U_c(y) = -r(y-r-1)$$

$$E U_c(X) < U_c(w) \Rightarrow E(X^r) < w^r$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}((w+b)^r + (w-b)^r) < w^r$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\left(\left(1+\frac{b}{w}\right)^r + \left(1-\frac{b}{w}\right)^r\right) < 1$$

when  $r < 0$ .

$$\text{when } r < 0, \frac{1}{2}\left(\left(1+\frac{b}{w}\right)^{-r} + \left(1-\frac{b}{w}\right)^{-r}\right) > 1 \text{ for } b \in (0, w), |b| < w.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\left(\left(1+\frac{b}{w}\right)^{-r} + \left(1-\frac{b}{w}\right)^{-r}\right) > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X^r) > w^r \Rightarrow U_c(w) - E U_c(X) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2^* > 0$$

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$$(1) U_c(u) = -2_1 - 22_2 u$$

$$U_c(w) - E U_c(X) = 0. \text{ prudence is not satisfied.}$$

(2)

$$\max_{\{c_1, c_2, c_3\}} u(c) + E(\beta u(c_2) + \beta^2 u(c_3))$$

$$\text{s.t. } c_1 + a_2 = w$$

$$c_2 + a_3 = x + (1+r) a_2$$

$$c_3 = w + a_3(1+r)$$

$$L(c_1, c_2, c_3, a_2, a_3) = u(c) + E(\beta u(c_2) + \beta^2 u(c_3)) + \lambda_1 (w - a_2 - c_1) + \lambda_2 (x + (1+r)a_2 - c_2 - a_3) + \lambda_3 (w + a_3(1+r) - c_3)$$

$$\text{Foc: } u_c(c) = \lambda_1$$

$$= u(c) + \lambda_1 (w - a_2 - c_1) + E(\beta u(c_2) + \beta^2 u(c_3) + \lambda_2 (x + (1+r)a_2 - c_2 - a_3) + \lambda_3 (w + a_3(1+r) - c_3))$$

$$\text{Foc: } u_c(c) = \lambda_1$$

$$E(\beta u_c(c_2)) = E(\lambda_2)$$

$$E(\beta^2 u_c(c_3)) = E(\lambda_3)$$

$$-\lambda_1 + (1+r)E\lambda_2 = 0$$

$$-E\lambda_2 + (1+r)E\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_c(c) = E u_c(c_2) = E u_c(c_3)$$

not

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3$$

$$c_1 = E(c_2) = E(c_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = w - a_2 = w + a_3(1+r) - E(c_2)$$

$$= w + (1+r)E(a_3)$$

$$E(a_3) = \frac{1+r}{2+r} a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow w - a_2 = w + \left(\frac{1}{2+r} + 1\right) a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = 0, E(a_3) = 0$$

$$3. \quad L(c_1, c_2, c_3, a_2, a_3) = \lambda_1 (c_1 - w - a_2 - c_1) + \lambda_2 (X + a_2(1+r) - c_2) + \lambda_3 (w + a_3(1+r) - c_3) + \lambda_4 \cdot c_3$$

$$U_c(c_1) = \lambda_1$$

$$E \beta U_c(c_2) = E \lambda_1$$

$$E \beta^2 U_c(c_3) = E \lambda_3$$

$$-\lambda_1 + E \lambda_2(1+r) = 0$$

$$-E \lambda_1 + (1+r) E \lambda_3 + E \lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U_c(c_1) = E U_c(c_2) \geq E U_c(c_3)$$

$$\cancel{E U_c(c_1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = E(c_2) \leq E(c_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow w - a_2 = E[a_2(1+r)] + w - E(c_2) \leq w + (1+r) E(a_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(a_2) \geq \frac{1+r}{2+r} a_2 \quad E(a_2) = (2+r) a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 \geq 0$$

Intertemporal substitution from period 2 given  $a_2, X$ .

$$\max_{\{c_2, c_3\}} U(c_2) + \beta U(c_3)$$

$$\text{s.t. } c_2 + a_3 = X + a_2(1+r)$$

$$c_3 = a_3(1+r) + w$$

$$U_c(c_2) = \beta(1+r) U_c(c_3) \Rightarrow U_c(c_2) \rightarrow c_2 = c_3$$

$$\Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{X + a_2(1+r) - w}{2+r}$$

$$\text{When } b=0 \Rightarrow X=w, \quad a_3 = \frac{1+r}{2+r} a_2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow a_2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{When } b>0 \text{ but small. If } a_2=0 \Rightarrow a_3=0. \text{ Conclude that } a_3 = \frac{X+w - w}{2+r} = \frac{X}{2+r} \geq \frac{b}{2+r}$$

$$\text{So } a_2 > 0$$