

Homework

Exercise $\max_{c_1, c_2, n_1, n_2} \ln(c_1) + \alpha \ln(1-n_1) + \beta [\ln(c_2) + \alpha \ln(1-n_2)]$

$$c_1 + c_2 = n_1 w_1 + n_2 w_2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \ln(c_1) + \alpha \ln(1-n_1) + \beta [\ln(c_2) + \alpha \ln(1-n_2)] + \lambda [n_1 w_1 + n_2 w_2 - c_1 - c_2]$$

Foc $c_1: \frac{1}{c_1} - \lambda = 0 \quad (1)$

$c_2: \frac{\beta}{c_2} - \lambda = 0 \quad (2)$

$n_1: \frac{\alpha}{1-n_1} = \lambda w_1 \quad (3)$

$n_2: \frac{\beta \alpha}{1-n_2} = \lambda w_2 \quad (4)$

$\lambda = \frac{1}{n_1 w_1 + n_2 w_2} \quad (5)$

$(1) \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{c_1}$

$(2) \rightarrow c_2 = \frac{\beta}{\lambda} = \beta c_1$ all sub into (5)

$(3) \rightarrow n_1 = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\lambda w_1} = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{w_1} \cdot c_1$

$(4) \rightarrow n_2 = 1 - \frac{\beta \alpha}{\lambda w_2} = 1 - \frac{\beta \alpha}{w_2} \cdot c_1$ intertemporal

$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{w_1 + w_2}{(1+\alpha)(1+\beta)} \quad c_2 = \beta c_1 = \frac{\beta(w_1 + w_2)}{(1+\alpha)(1+\beta)}$

Life cycle consumption theory

$n_1 = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{w_1} \cdot \frac{w_1 + w_2}{(1+\alpha)(1+\beta)}$

$n_2 = 1 - \frac{\beta \alpha}{w_2} \cdot \frac{w_1 + w_2}{(1+\alpha)(1+\beta)}$

$w_1 \uparrow \rightarrow n_1 \uparrow$

$w_2 \uparrow \rightarrow n_2 \uparrow$

reduce leisure when relatively expensive

enjoy more leisure when relatively cheaper