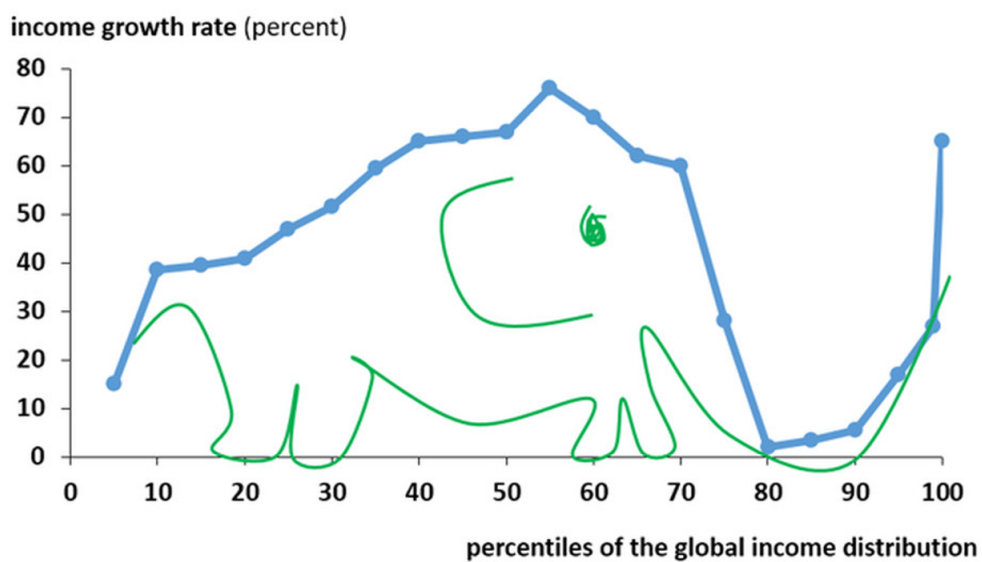

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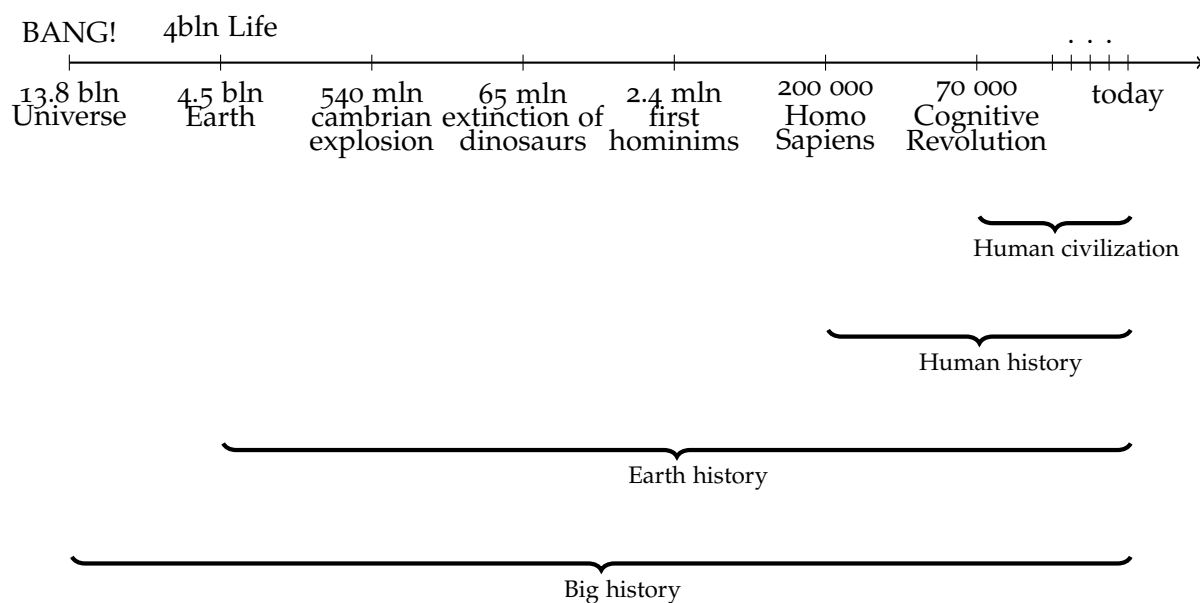
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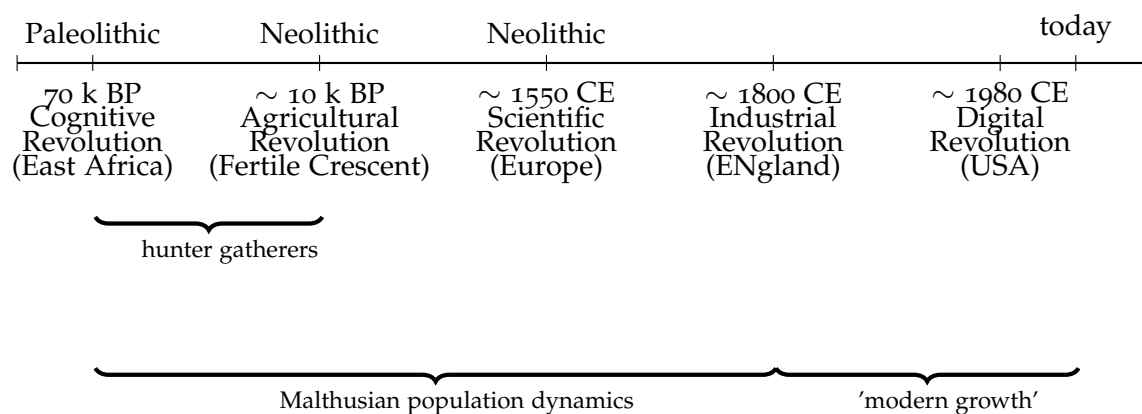
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OVERVIEW OF GROWTH THEORY

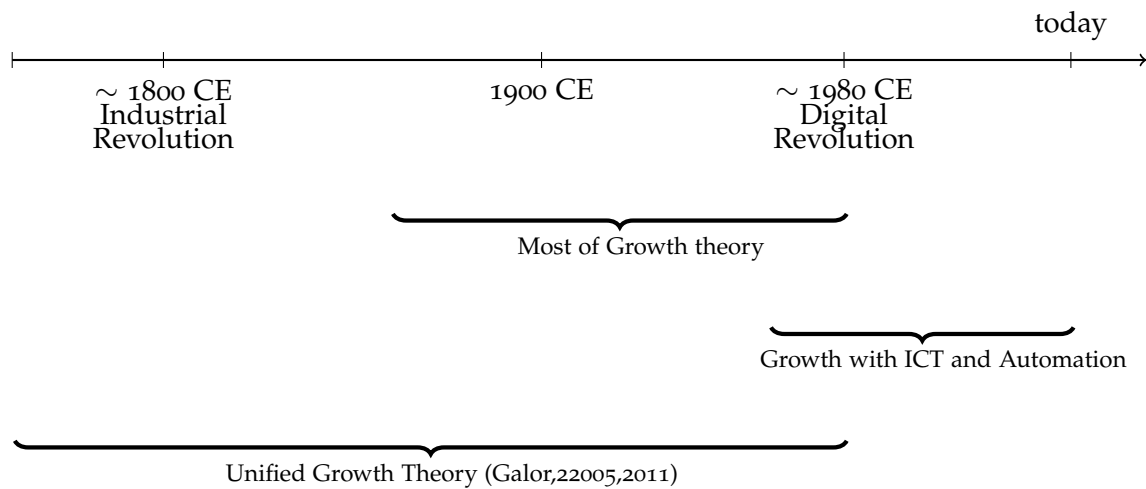
Timeline (not to scale!)



Zoom in



to scale



1.1 HOW MANY INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTIONS??

1. ~ 1800 CE, steam engine, Railroads, Loom
 2. ~ 1870 CE, Electricity, Internal combusting engine, telephone
 3. ~ 1960 CE (Gordon 2016), ICT (computers, cell phones, Internet)
 4. ~ 2000 CE (Schwab 2016), Cyber physical systems, Internet of things, 5G, 3D printing
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Growth Theory vs Development Economics

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|--|--|
| • Sources of growth in rich countries | • Growth and catch-up in poorer countries |
| • Focus on the world technology frontier | • Focus on distance to frontier |
| • R&D Technological progress | • Technology diffusion, adoption foreign direct investment, spillovers |
| • Institutions as a source of growth | • institutional failures ('Why Nations Fail?') |

Cross-country perspective

- Wealth of Nations (Adam Smith)
- 'Why do some countries produce so much more output per worker than others?' (Hall & Jones 1999)

1. Some region takes off, other stay behind \Rightarrow DIVERGENCE
2. Forces of catch-up, tech diffusion \Rightarrow CONVERGENCE
3. New tech breakthrough, acceleration at WTF \Rightarrow DIVERGENCE
4. ...

Possibility of leapfrogging!

Leaders in population density

- East Africa ($\sim 20\,000$ BP onwards)
- Fertile Crescent (Mesopotamia, Indus Valley, Nile Valley) ($\sim 10\,000$ BP onwards)
- Mediterranean Basin (Achaemenid Empire ~ 480 BCE 49.4 mln, 44% of world population)
- China (1500 CE : 125 mln, 28.5% of world pop)

Leaders in GDP percapita (Maddison 2008)

1. Italy 1500 CE, 1100\$
 2. Netherlands, 1600 CE, 1400 \$
 3. UK, 1870 CE 3200\$
 4. USA 1913 CE ,5300\$, 2008, 31200\$
- Scientific revolution
- Industrial revolution
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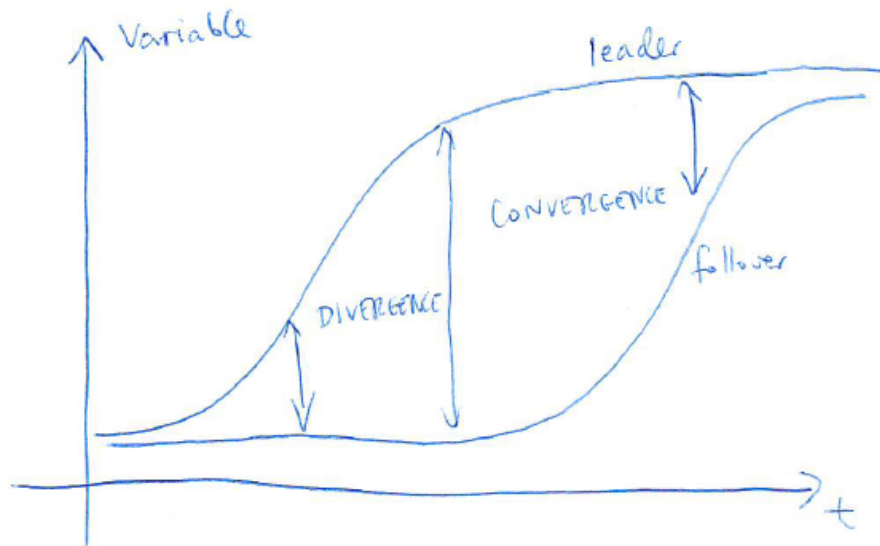


Figure 1

1.2 CONVERGENCE CONCEPTS

1.2.1 β -convergence

$$\text{Growth}_t = \beta \cdot \text{GDP}_{t-1} + \dots + \varepsilon_t$$

$\beta < 0$ and growth $\approx 2\%$ per annum

Types of β -convergence:

- absolute
- conditional

1.2.2 σ -convergence

$$\text{VAR}(\text{GDP}_t) \searrow t$$

$\beta < 0$ and growth $\approx 2\%$ per annum

Types:

- absolute
- club convergence (Quah 1995)

You may have absolute β -divergence with conditional β convergence

You may have absolute σ -divergence with conditional σ convergence

1.3 SOURCES OF GROWTH? (GLOBALLY AND AT FRONTIER)

1. Technological progress

- Ideas are non-rivalrous and therefore a source of increasing returns to scale (Romer 1990)

2. Factor accumulation

- K
- Human capital
- Computer software ?

3. Raw materials? Energy? Data?

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(Mark a Country on slide the year)

(Income vs Life Expectancy)

(Income vs CO₂ Emissions)

(Income vs Total Fertility Rate)

(Income vs Child Mortality)

(Income vs Expected Growth 10 years) UK vs US

Global Income Distribution

Part II

EXOGENOUS GROWTH MODELS

SOLOW AND MANKIW-ROMER-WEIL MODELS

2.1 WHAT CAN BE A SOURCE OF GROWTH?

Observation: 1

Decreasing returns + depreciation lead to a steady state. Growth must come to a stop

2.1.1 *Physical capital (Solow 1956)*

$$Y = F(K, L)$$

with constant returns to (K, L) and decreasing returns to K alone

$$y = \frac{Y}{L} = \frac{F(K, L)}{L} = F\left(\frac{K}{L}, \frac{L}{L}\right) := f(k), \quad \text{where } k = \frac{K}{L}$$

- Assume a constant saving rate (Solow model) and a standard capital equation of motion
- Denote by $\dot{X} = \frac{dX(t)}{dt}$ and $\hat{X} = \frac{\dot{X}}{X}$

$$\dot{K} = sY - \delta K$$

$$\frac{\dot{K}}{L} = sy - \delta k$$

$$\dot{k} = \frac{\dot{K}}{L} = \frac{\dot{K}L - \dot{L}K}{L^2} = \frac{\dot{K}}{L} - \underbrace{\frac{K}{L} \frac{\dot{L}}{L}}_1 \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{k} = \hat{K} - \hat{L}$$

Assuming a steady population growth rate

$$\hat{L} = n \quad \dot{L} = nL$$

we have:

$$\dot{k} = \frac{\dot{K}}{L} - kn = sy - (\delta + n)k$$

where $y = f(k)$ -increasing and concave

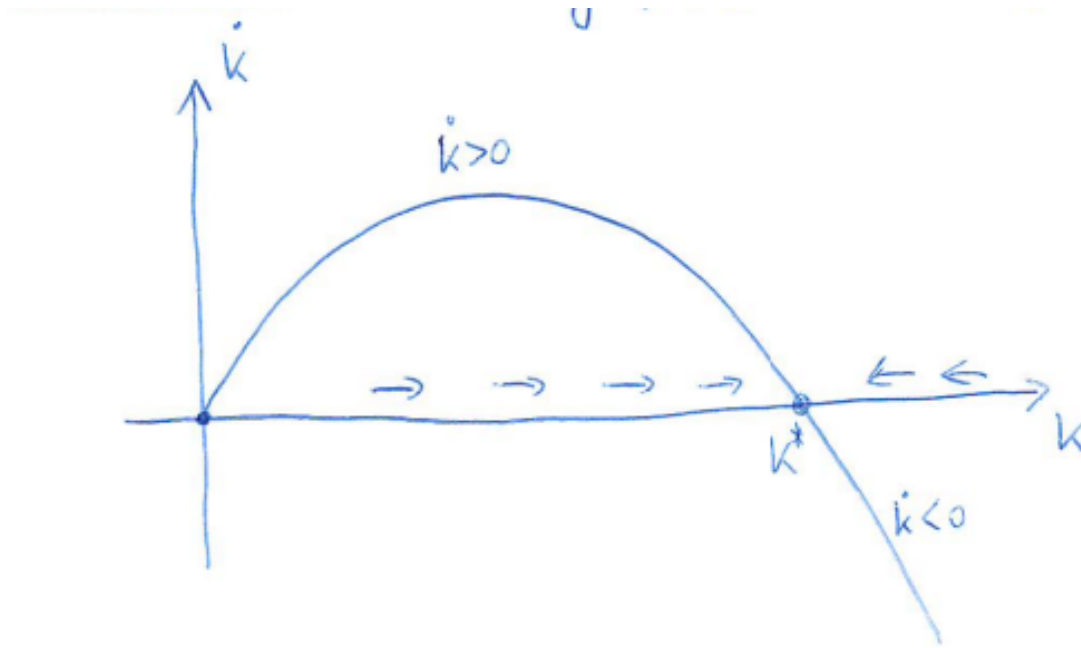


Figure 2

Definition: 1: Cobb-Douglas production

$$F(K, L) = K^\alpha L^{1-\alpha} \Rightarrow f(k) = k^\alpha$$

Definition: 2: CES production

$$F(K, L) = (\alpha K^\theta + (1 - \alpha)L^\theta)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \Rightarrow f(k) = (\alpha k^\theta + 1 - \alpha)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$$

Decreasing returns to K and a steady state are guaranteed for the GROSS COMPLEMENTARITY Case ($\theta < 0$) but not the GROSS SUBSTITUTABILITY Case ($\theta > 0$).

Following condition holds

Theorem: 1: Steady state of the Solow model

$$\dot{k} = 0 \iff sy = (\delta + n)k$$

-E.g. Cobb-Douglas

$$s k^\alpha = (\delta + n)k \Rightarrow k^{\alpha-1} = \frac{\delta + n}{s}$$

$$k^* = \left(\frac{s}{\delta + n} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$$

-E.g. CES production ($\theta < 0$):

$$s(\alpha k^\theta + 1 - \alpha)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} = (\delta + n)k$$

$$s^\theta \alpha k^\theta + s^\theta (1 - \alpha) = (\delta + n)^\theta k^\theta$$

$$(s^\theta \alpha - (\delta + n)^\theta) k^\theta = -s^\theta (1 - \alpha)$$

$$k^\theta = \frac{s^\theta (1 - \alpha)}{(\delta + n)^\theta - s^\theta \alpha}$$

$$k^* = \frac{s(1 - \alpha)^{1/\theta}}{((\delta + n)^\theta - s^\theta \alpha)^{1/\theta}}$$

Under the assumption that $(n + \delta)^\theta > \alpha s^\theta \iff \delta + n < \alpha^{1/\theta} s \iff s > \frac{\delta + n}{\alpha^{1/\theta}}$

2.2 HUMAN CAPITAL

simplified model

$$Y = C = hl$$

where h - human capital per worker

l - hours worked per worker $l \in [0, 1]$

$L \equiv 1$ - number of workres

- Assume a la Solow that $l \equiv \text{const.}$
- Let $\phi(l, h)$ be the 'education function' with decreasing returns to h

$$\dot{h} = \phi(l, h) - \delta h$$

E.g. Cobb Douglas $\phi(l, h) = (1 - l)h^\gamma$ where $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ decreasing retrns

$$\dot{h} = (1 - l)h^\gamma - \delta h$$

Steady state

$$\dot{h} = 0 \iff (1 - l)h^{\gamma-1} = \delta \iff h^* = \left(\frac{1 - l}{\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}$$

2.3 MANKIW-ROMER-WEIL MODEL (1992)

with both physical and human capital

$$Y = F(K, H, L) = K^\alpha H^\beta L^{1-\alpha-\beta} \quad \alpha + \beta < 1$$

assumed immediately by MRW

$$y = k^\alpha h^\beta$$

- Assume identical production function for physical and human capital as well as the consumption good. And equal depreciation rates
- Assume constant savings rate a la Solow (s_k, s_h)

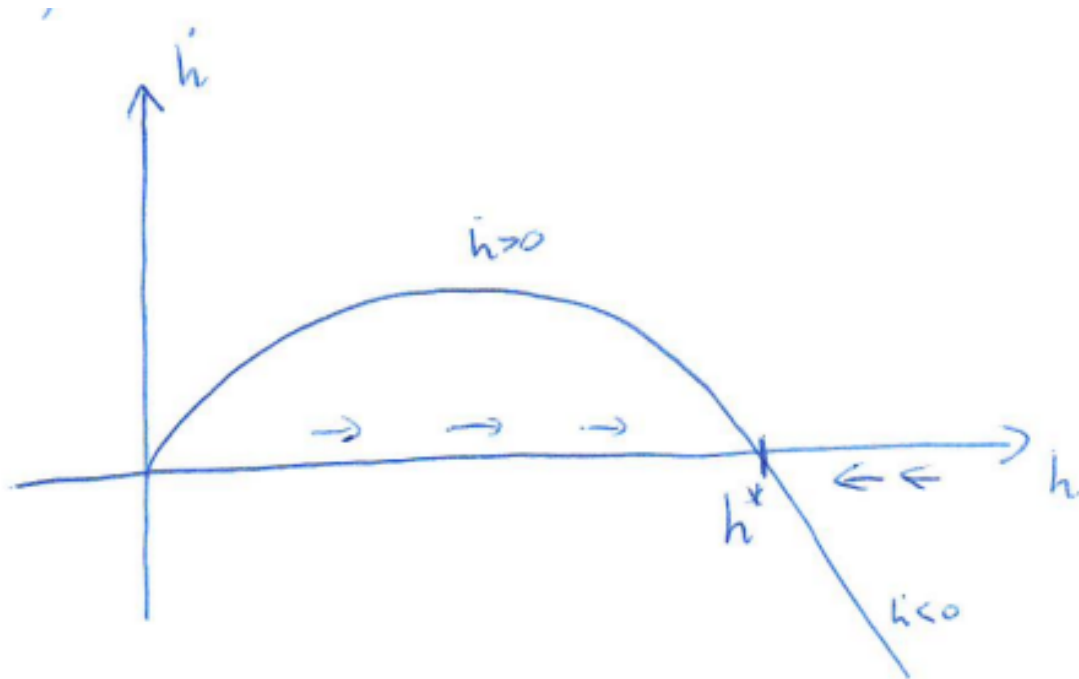


Figure 3

$$\begin{cases} \dot{k} = s_k y - (\delta + n)k \\ \dot{h} = s_h y - (\delta + n)h \end{cases}$$

Steady state

$$\dot{k} = \dot{h} = 0 \iff \begin{cases} k = \frac{s_k y}{\delta + n} \\ h = \frac{s_h y}{\delta + n} \end{cases} \iff \frac{k}{h} = \frac{s_k}{s_h}$$

$$k = \frac{s_k k^\alpha h^\beta}{\delta + n} = \frac{s_k k^\alpha k^{\beta \frac{s_h^\beta}{s_k^\beta}}}{\delta + n}$$

$$k^{1-\alpha-\beta} = \frac{s_h^\beta s_k^{1-\beta}}{\delta + n} h = \frac{k s_h}{s_k}$$

$$\begin{cases} k^* = \left(\frac{s_h^\beta s_k^{1-\beta}}{\delta + n} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha-\beta}} \\ h^* = \left(\frac{s_k^\alpha s_h^{1-\alpha}}{\delta + n} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha-\beta}} \end{cases}$$

2.3.1 Dynamics around steady state

Isoclines

$$\dot{k} = 0 \iff s_k k^\alpha h^\beta = (\delta + n)k \iff h = \left(\frac{(\delta + n)k^{1-\alpha}}{s_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$

$$\dot{h} = 0 \iff s_h k^\alpha h^\beta = (\delta + n)h \iff h = \left(\frac{s_h k^\alpha}{\delta + n} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\beta}}$$

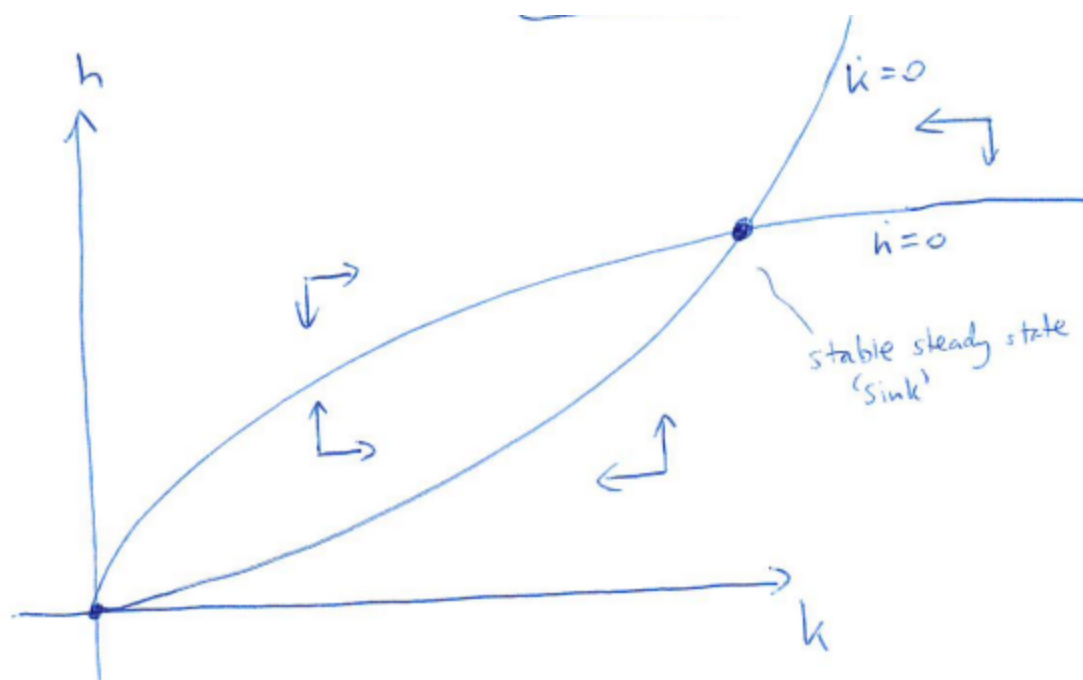


Figure 4: Phase diagram

$\dot{k} = 0$ concave if $\frac{1-\alpha}{\beta} < 1 \iff 1-\alpha < \beta \iff 1-\alpha-\beta < 0$ impossible so $\dot{k} = 0$ convex

$\dot{h} = 0$ concave if $\frac{\alpha}{1-\beta} < 1 \iff \alpha < 1-\beta \iff 1-\alpha-\beta > 0$ sure so $\dot{h} = 0$ concave

Observation: 2

Long run growth can be imposed exogenously (hence, 'exogenous growth models')

2.4 SOLOW MODEL WITH EXOGENOUS GROWTH

$$Y = AF(K, L) \quad \text{or} \quad Y = F(K, AL)$$

$A \approx$ technology level

$\hat{A} \approx g$ technological progress

E.g. Cobb-Douglas : $Y = K^\alpha (AL)^{1-\alpha}$ Harrod neutral technological progress

Balanced growth path ($\hat{Y} \equiv \text{const}$, $\hat{K} \equiv \text{const}$)

$$\dot{K} = sY - \delta K$$

$$\hat{K} = s \frac{Y}{K} - \delta \equiv \text{const} \iff \frac{Y}{K} \equiv \text{const} \iff \hat{Y} = \hat{K}$$

Then

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{K} = \alpha \hat{K} + (1 - \alpha)(g + n) \iff (1 - \alpha)\hat{K} = (1 - \alpha)(g + n) \iff \hat{Y} = \hat{K} = g + n$$

so $\hat{k} = \hat{K} - \hat{l} = g + n - n = g$ One may redefine the 'intensive units' as in $k = \frac{K}{AL}$ then $\hat{k} = \hat{K} - g - n = 0$ in steady state (BGP)

Outside of the steady state

$$\frac{\dot{k}}{K} = \frac{\dot{K}}{K} - g - n = s \frac{Y}{K} - \delta - g - n \Rightarrow \dot{k} = sk^\alpha - (\delta + g + n)k$$

2.5 HUMAN CAPITAL

$$Y = C = hl$$

$$\dot{h} = A\phi(l, h) - \delta h$$

E.g. Cobb Douglas $\phi(l, h) = (1 - l)h^\gamma$ where $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ decreasing retrns

$$\dot{h} = A(1 - l)h^\gamma - \delta h$$

with $\hat{A} = g$ -technological progress is the schooling technology

Balanced growth path ($\hat{h} \equiv \text{const}$)

$$\dot{h} = A(1 - l)h^{\gamma-1} - \delta$$

$$\hat{h} \equiv \text{const} \iff Ah^{\gamma-1} = \text{const} \iff \hat{g} = (1 - \gamma)\hat{h} \iff \hat{h} = \frac{g}{1 - \gamma}$$

Then by assumption $\hat{Y} = \hat{C} = \hat{h} = \frac{g}{1 - \gamma}$

We can rewrite the model in terms of the stationary variable $Ah^{\gamma-1}$ or better $\frac{h^{1-\gamma}}{A}$ or even $\frac{h}{A^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}} = \chi$. Then

$$\hat{\chi} = \hat{h} - \frac{g}{1 - \gamma} \quad Ah^{\gamma-1} = \chi^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\dot{\chi} = (\hat{h} - \frac{g}{1 - \gamma})\chi = ((1 - l)\chi^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} - \delta - \frac{g}{1 - \gamma})\chi$$

$$\dot{\chi} = (1 - l)\chi^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} - (\delta + \frac{g}{1 - \gamma})\chi$$

2.6 MANKIW-ROMER-WEIL MODEL WITH EXOGENOUS GROWTH

$$Y = F(K, H, L) = K^\alpha H^\beta (AL)^{1-\alpha-\beta} \quad \alpha + \beta < 1$$

Harrod natural technological progress assumed by MRW and $\hat{A} = g$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{K} = s_k Y - (\delta + n)K \\ \dot{H} = s_h Y - (\delta + n)H \end{cases}$$

Balanced growth path ($\hat{Y} \equiv \text{const}$, $\hat{H} \equiv \text{const}$, $\hat{K} \equiv \text{const}$)

$$\begin{cases} \hat{K} = s_k \frac{Y}{K} - (\delta + n) = \text{const} \\ \hat{H} = s_h \frac{Y}{H} - (\delta + n) = \text{const} \end{cases}$$

so $\frac{Y}{H}$ and $\frac{Y}{K}$ const so $\hat{Y} = \hat{K} = \hat{H}$

$$\hat{Y} = \alpha \hat{Y} + \beta \hat{Y} + (1 - \alpha - \beta)(g + n)$$

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{K} = \hat{H} = g + n$$

$\frac{Y}{L}$, $\frac{K}{L}$, $\frac{H}{L}$ grow at rate g .

- One may redefine 'intensive units' as in $y = \frac{Y}{AL}$, $k = \frac{K}{AL}$, $h = \frac{H}{AL}$ then:

$$\dot{k} = s_k y - (\delta + n + g)k$$

$$\dot{h} = s_h y - (\delta + n + g)h$$

And analysis is analogous

PONTRYAGIN MAXIMUM PRINCIPLE

3.1 ECONOMIC GROWTH TOOLBOX

1. Dynamic optimization (with continuous time and infinite time horizon)
2. Monopolistic competition (à la Dixit Stiglitz) (R&D based models feature increasing returns to scale which are inconsistent with perfect competition)
3. General Equilibrium
4. Comparison: Decentralized Equilibrium vs Social Planner

The most basic dynamic optimization problem in Growth Theory:

- 'dynastic model' $t \in [0, \infty)$
- infinite horizon, discounting
- the consumption-savings decision of the household

c - control variable / CONSUMPTION /
 a - state variable / ASSETS, CAPITAL / $\dot{a} = \frac{da}{dt}$

$$\max_{\{c(t)\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} u(c(t)) dt \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \dot{a} = ra + w - c$$

we'd like to find

- the Euler equation $\dot{c} = \dots$

- ideally the optimal growth path $c(t) = \dots, a(t) = \dots$

Solution:

3.1.1 Define Hamiltonian

$$H(c, a; \lambda) = \overbrace{e^{-\rho t} u(c)}^{\text{term within integral}} + \underbrace{\lambda(ra + W - c)}_{\text{RHS of eq. of motion } \dot{a} = \dots}$$

λ is called co-state variable shadow price of a

3.1.2 Pontryagin maximum principle (FOCs and TVC)

First FOCs:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial H}{\partial c} &= 0 & (\max_c H) \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial a} &= -\dot{\lambda} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} &= \dot{a}\end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-\rho t} u'(c) - \lambda &= 0 \\ \lambda r &= -\dot{\lambda} \\ \dot{a} &= ra + w - c\end{aligned}$$

3.1.3 Solve for Euler equation

Trick: use log derivatives

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \frac{\partial \ln x}{\partial t} \quad \text{if } x > 0$$

Rule

$$\text{when } x = a^\alpha b^\beta \quad \hat{x} = \alpha \hat{a} + \beta \hat{b}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = e^{-\rho t} u'(c) & \hat{\lambda} = -\rho + u'(\hat{c}) = -\rho + \frac{u''(c)\hat{c}}{u'(c)} \\ \hat{\lambda} = -r \\ \dot{a} = ra + w - c \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow -r = -\rho + \frac{u''(c)}{u'(c)} \frac{\hat{c}}{c} = -\rho - \theta(c) \hat{c}$$

$$\hat{c} = \frac{r - \rho}{\theta(c)} \quad \text{Euler equation!}$$

3.1.4 Transversality Conditions

Use TVC: transversality conditions (also part of Pontryagin maximum principle)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(t) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} H(t) = 0$$

We also frequently use (instead) a stronger single TVC:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(t)a(t) = 0$$

When

$$\underbrace{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_t \hat{a}_t < 0}_{\text{Often suffices in Growth Theory}} \quad \text{then } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(t)a(t) = 0$$

Here: It depends on the assumptions on $r(t)w(t)$

3.1.5 *Equivalent Approaches*

Note:

Present value Hamiltonian

$$H(c, a; \lambda) = e^{-\rho t} u(c) + \lambda(ra + W - c)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial c} = 0 \quad (\max_c H)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial a} = -\dot{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} = \dot{a}$$

Current value Hamiltonian

$$H(c, a; \lambda) = u(c) + \mu(ra + W - c)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial c} = 0 \quad (\max_c H)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial a} = \rho\mu - \dot{\mu}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mu} = \dot{a}$$

RAMSEY MODEL

-Production $F(K, L)$ with constant returns to scale

$$Y = F(K, L) \quad \frac{Y}{L} = y = \frac{F(K, L)}{L} = F\left(\frac{K}{L}, 1\right) = f(k) \quad \text{where } k = \frac{K}{L} \quad c = \frac{C}{L}$$

-Equation of motion-for capital

$$\dot{K} = Y - C - \delta K \quad \text{where } \delta \geq 0$$

-Assuming constant population growth, $\frac{\dot{L}}{L} = n \Rightarrow L(t) = L_0 E^{nt}$

-Equation of motion for $k = \frac{K}{L}$

$$\dot{k} = \frac{\dot{K}L - K\dot{L}}{L^2} = \frac{\dot{K}}{L} - \frac{K}{L} \frac{\dot{L}}{L} = \frac{\dot{K}}{L} - nk$$

$$\dot{k} = y - c - (\delta + n)k$$

4.1 OPTIMAL ECONOMIC GROWTH MODEL (RAMSEY-CASS-KOOPMANS)

$$\max_{\{c(t)\}_0^{+\infty}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} L(t) u(c(t)) dt = L_0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\rho-n)t} u(c(t)) dt$$

$$\text{s.t. } \dot{k} = y - c - (\delta + n)k \quad k_0 \text{ given}$$

The current value Hamiltonian

$$H^c = u(c) + \lambda(y - c - (\delta + n)k)$$

FOCs:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial c} = u'(c) - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial k} = \lambda(f'(k) - (\delta + n)) = (\rho - n)\lambda - \dot{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} = \dot{k} = y - c - (\delta + n)k$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\lambda(f'(k) - \delta - \rho) \iff \frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} = -(f'(k) - \delta - \rho)$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = u''(c)\dot{c} \iff \frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} = \frac{u''(c)\dot{c}}{u'(c)}$$

Theorem: 2: The Euler equation

$$-\frac{u''(c)\dot{c}}{u'(c)} = f'(k) - \delta - \rho$$

Definition: 3: RRA

Relative risk aversion (RRA) we define as follows:

$$\theta = -\frac{u''(c)\dot{c}}{u'(c)}$$

Definition: 4: CRRA

Function of CRRA class- constant RRA

$$u(c) = \begin{cases} \frac{c^{1-\theta}-1}{1-\theta} & \text{if } \theta > 1, \theta \neq 1 \\ \log(c) & \text{if } \theta = 1 \end{cases}$$

Here if we assume CRRA utility, the Euler equation becomes

$$\frac{\dot{c}}{c} = \frac{f'(k) - \delta - \rho}{\theta}$$

Dynamic system of the Ramsey model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{c} = c \cdot \frac{f'(k) - \delta - \rho}{\theta} \\ \dot{k} = y - c - (\delta + n)k \end{cases}$$

Steady state ($\dot{k} = \dot{c} = 0$):

$$\begin{cases} f'(k) = \delta + \rho \\ c = f(k) - (\delta + n)k \end{cases}$$

a unique (c^*, k^*)

Phase diagram
Isoclines

$$1) \quad \dot{c} = 0 \iff f'(k) - \delta - \rho = 0$$

-if $c > 0$,
 -meaning that $k = k^*$

$$2) \quad \dot{k} = 0 \iff c = f(k)(\delta + n)k$$

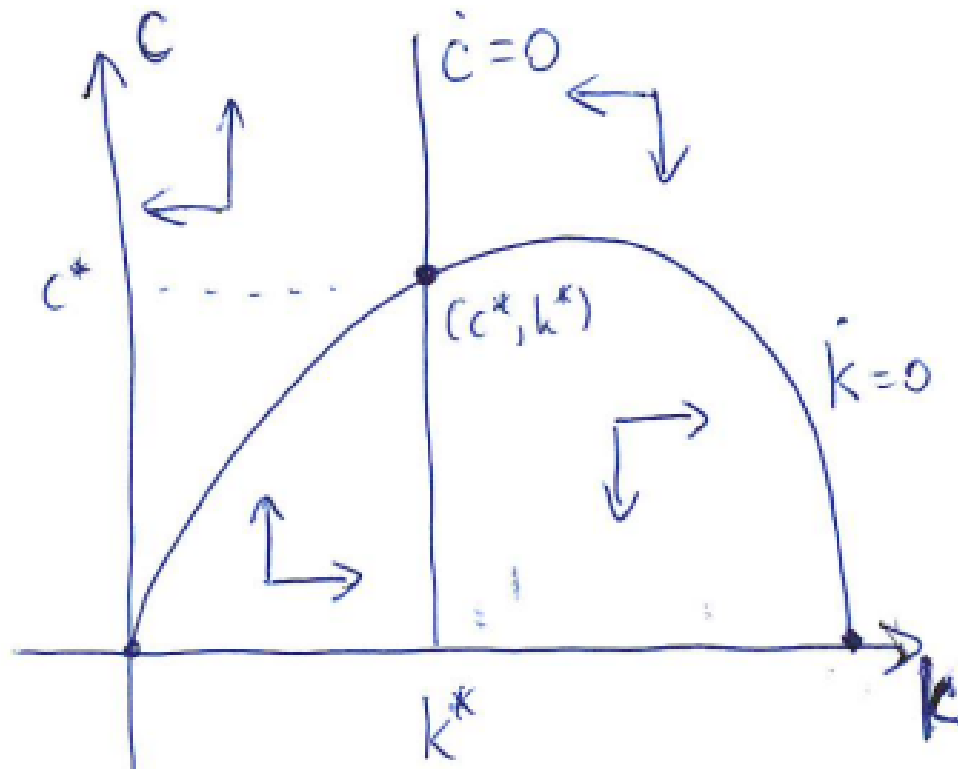


Figure 5: Phase diagram

4.1.1 Transversality Conditions

TVC for infinite horizon problems (with continuous time)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta t} \lambda(t) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |e^{-\beta t} \lambda(t) s(t)| < \infty \iff \int_0^\infty e^{-\beta t} u(c(t)) dt < \infty \text{ integrability}$$

if λ -associated with the current value Hamiltonian

(back to the Ramsey model)

with $\beta = \rho - n >$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta t} \lambda(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta t} u'(c) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |e^{-\beta t} \lambda(t) k(t)| = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |e^{-\beta t} u'(c) k(t)| < \infty \text{ should be finite}$$

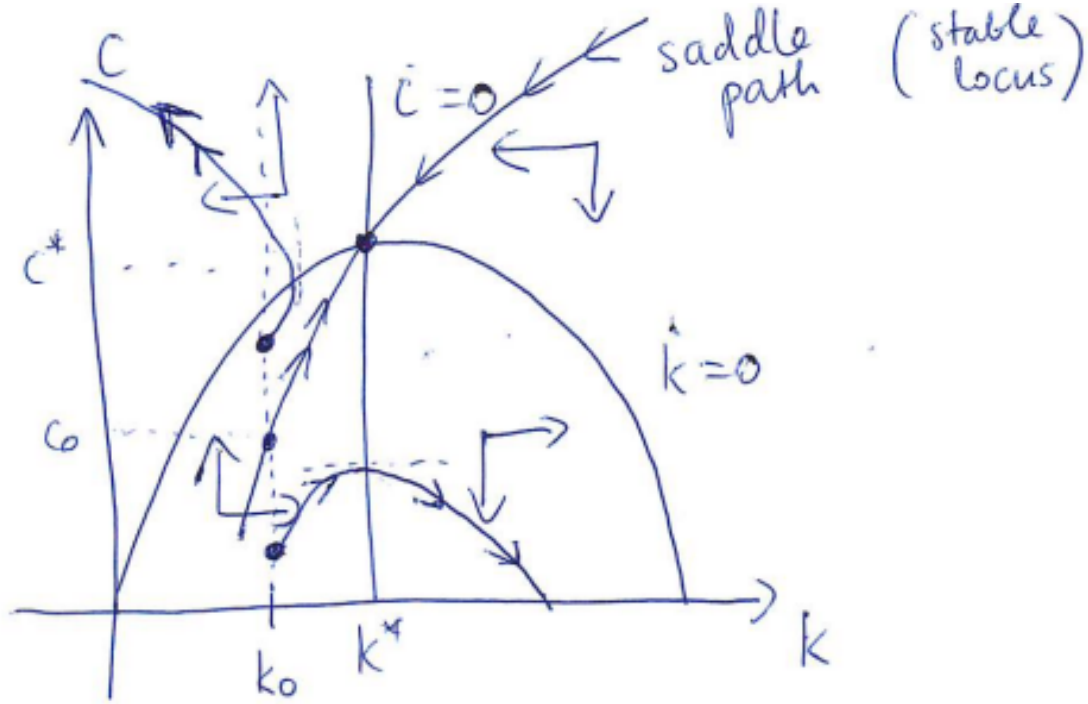


Figure 6: Phase diagram

Only the saddle path is consistent with the TVC. In the optimum, one has to choose c_0 to follow the saddle path.

4.1.2 Human capital accumulation model

$$\max_{\{c(t)\}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} u(c) dt$$

$$\text{s.t. } y = hl \quad c = y \quad \dot{h} = A(1-l)h^\gamma - \delta h$$

with $\rho > 0$, $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, $\delta > 0$, $A > 0$ and $h \geq 0$, $l \in [0, 1]$.

Let us assume CRRA utility $u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\theta}-1}{1-\theta}$, h_0 -given.

$$H = e^{-\rho t} u(c) + \lambda(A(1-l)h^\gamma - \delta h) =$$

not the current value H^c

$$e^{-\rho t} \frac{(hl)^{1-\theta} - 1}{1-\theta} + \lambda(A(1-l)h^\gamma - \delta h)$$

FOCs:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial l} = e^{-\rho t} h^{1-\theta} l^{-\theta} - \lambda A h^\gamma = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial h} = e^{-\rho t} h^{-\theta} l^{1-\theta} + \lambda(A(1-l)\gamma h^{\gamma-1} - \delta) = -\dot{\lambda}$$

From first

$$\lambda = \frac{e^{-\rho t} h^{1-\theta-\gamma} l^{-\theta}}{A}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\lambda} &= -\rho + (1-\theta-\gamma)\hat{h} - \theta\hat{l} \\ -\hat{\lambda} &= A(1-l)\gamma h^{\gamma-1} - \delta + \frac{e^{-\rho t} h^{-\theta} l^{1-\theta}}{\lambda} = l h^{\gamma-1} A \\ A(1-l)\gamma h^{\gamma-1} - \delta + l h^{\gamma-1} A &= \rho - (1-\theta-\gamma)\hat{h} + \theta\hat{l} \\ \theta\hat{l} &= A(1-l)\gamma h^{\gamma-1} - \delta + l h^{\gamma-1} A - \rho + (1-\theta-\gamma)(A(1-l)h^{\gamma-1} - \delta) \\ \theta\hat{l} &= h^{\gamma-1}[(1-\theta)A(1-l) + Al] - \delta(2-\theta-\gamma) - \rho \\ \hat{l} &= \frac{1}{\theta} [h^{\gamma-1}[(1-\theta)A(1-l) + Al] - \delta(2-\theta-\gamma) - \rho] \end{aligned}$$

Euler equation

Phase diagram

$$\begin{cases} \dot{l} = \frac{1}{\theta} [h^{\gamma-1}[(1-\theta)A(1-l) + Al] - \delta(2-\theta-\gamma) - \rho] \\ \dot{h} = A(1-l)h^\gamma - \delta h \end{cases}$$

Steady state ($\dot{h} = \dot{l} = 0$)

Isoclines (on figure 3)

$$l = 0 \iff h^{\gamma-1}(1-\theta+\theta l)A = \delta(2-\theta-\gamma) + \rho$$

$$1-\theta+\theta l = \frac{h^{1-\gamma}}{A}(\delta(2-\theta-\gamma) + \rho)$$

$$l = \frac{1}{\theta} \left[\frac{\delta(2-\theta-\gamma) + \rho}{A} h^{1-\gamma} - (1-\theta) \right]$$

$$\dot{h} = 0 \iff A(1-l)h^{\gamma-1} = \delta$$

$$1-l = \frac{\delta}{A} h^{1-\gamma}$$

$$l = 1 - \frac{\delta}{A} h^{1-\gamma}$$

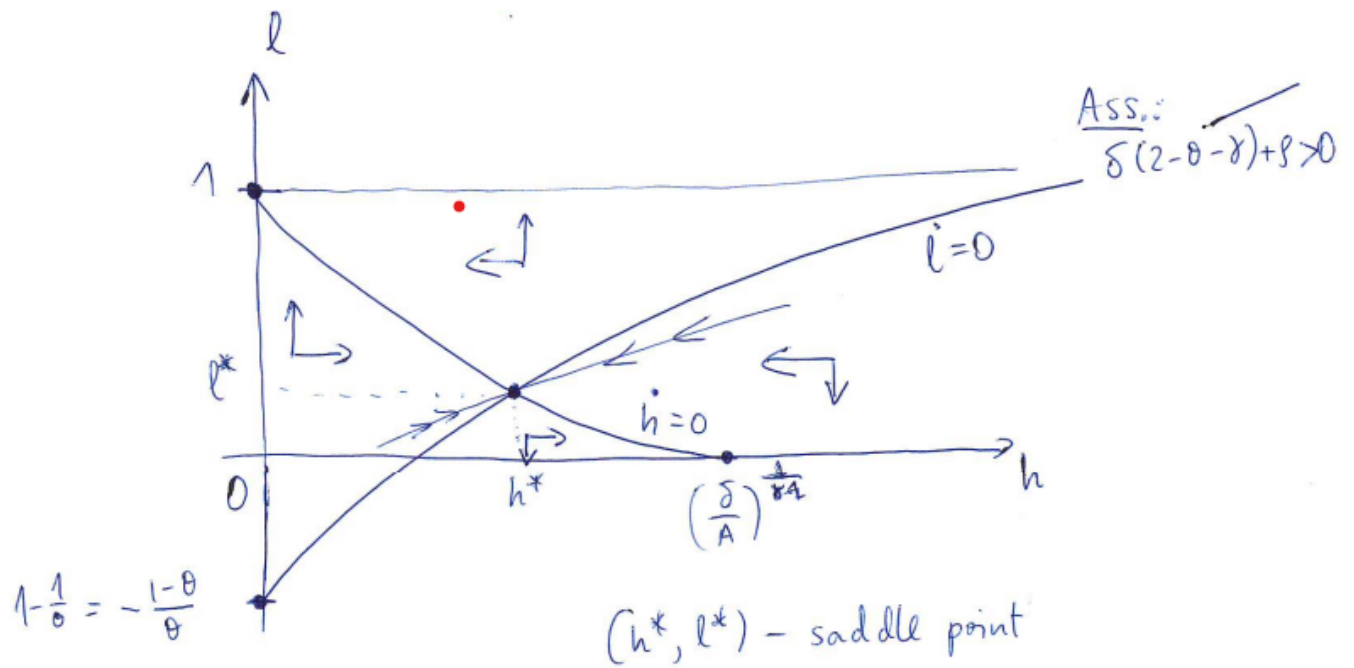


Figure 7

Steady state

$$l^* = \frac{1 - \gamma + \rho/\delta}{2 - \gamma + \rho/\delta}$$

$$h^* = \left(\frac{A}{\delta(2 - \gamma) + \rho} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\rho t} l^{-\theta} h^{1-\theta-\gamma}}{A} = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |\lambda(t)h(t)| = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\rho t} l^{-\theta} h^{2-\theta-\gamma}}{A} < \infty$$

satisfied if $l \rightarrow l^*, h \rightarrow h^*$ (saddle path)

Useful hint

$$\frac{A^{\hat{\alpha}} B^{\hat{\beta}}}{A^{\alpha} B^{\beta}} = A^{\hat{\alpha}} B^{\hat{\beta}} = \alpha \hat{A} + \beta \hat{B}$$

$$e^{\hat{\rho} t} = -\rho$$

Part III

ENDOGENOUS GROWTH MODELS

ENDOGENOUS GROWTH. AK MODEL

-Properties if the aggregate production $Y = F(K, L, A)$

Neoclassical growth model

⇒ Constant returns to scale

- replication argument
- firms optimize and thus should be expected to operate at optimal scale
- empirical studies typically don't reject CRS

⇒ Decreasing returns to reproducible inputs (e.g. capital)

Definition: 5:

We say that model features endogenous growth if it possesses a solution along which all key economic variables grow perpetually and the long-run growth rate is pinned down by variables determined within the mode

5.1 TYPES/CLASSES OF ENDOGENOUS GROWTH MODELS

1. models where long-run growth is driven by accumulation of reproducible inputs only
 - AK model, Jones -Manuelli model [K]
 - Uzawa-Lucas model [H]
 - models where growth is driven by (appropriately specified) externalities
 - models with multiple reproducible inputs
2. models with endogenous technological change
 - to which we return later

Let's assume that the aggregate production function has two inputs only (K, L) , constant returns to scale and constant technology

$$Y = F(K, L) = LF\left(\frac{K}{L}, 1\right) = Lf(k)$$

$$y = \frac{Y}{L} = f(k)$$

Assume that :

s-'endogenous' variable

Neoclassical assumptions:

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f'(k) > 0 \quad f''(k) < 0$$

but relax $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f'(k) = 0$ [Inada condition].

Assume instead $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f'(k) = A > 0$

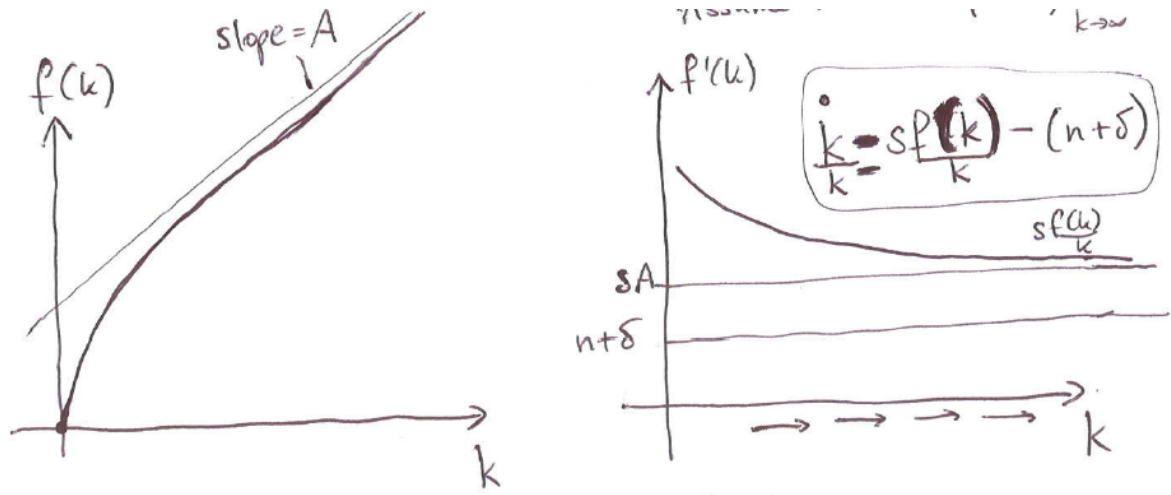


Figure 8

Examples of relevant production functions

1. AK function $f(k) = Ak, F(K, L) = AK$
2. Jones -Manuelli function $f(k) = Ak + Bk^\alpha, F(K, L) = Ak + BK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$
3. CES production function $\sigma > 1, f(k) = A[\pi k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + 1 - \pi]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$

Ad 1

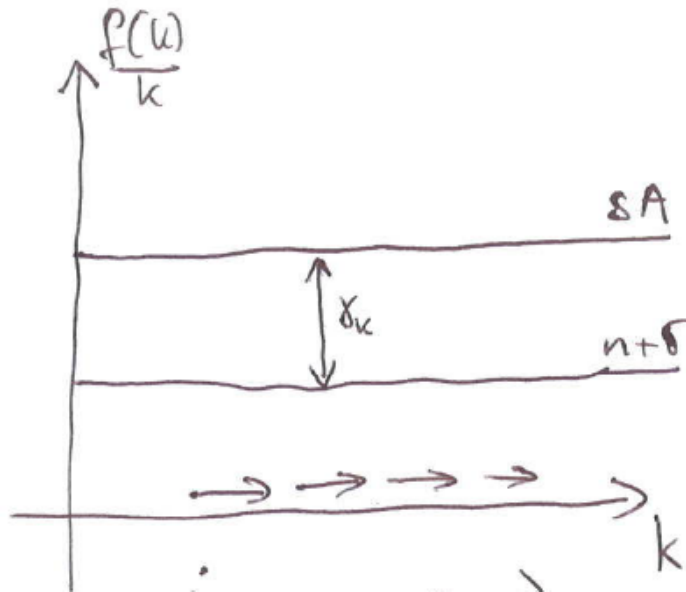
$$f(k) = Ak \quad f'(k) = A \quad f''(k) = 0$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f'(k) = A \quad s \frac{f(k)}{k} = sA$$

-The growth rate is

$$\gamma_k = \frac{\dot{k}}{k} = sA - (n + \delta)$$

-There are no transitional dynamics -We assume that A is sufficiently large



Ad2

$$f(k) = Ak + Bk^\alpha \quad f'(k) = A + \alpha Bk^{\alpha-1} \quad f''(k) = \alpha(\alpha-1)Bk^{\alpha-2} < 0$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f'(k) = A \quad s \frac{f(k)}{k} = sA + \frac{sBk^\alpha}{k}$$

-The growth rate is

$$\gamma_k = \frac{\dot{k}}{k} = sA + sBk^{\alpha-1} - (n + \delta)$$

-Transition dynamics γ decreases with k (in time)

-A has to be sufficiently large for endogenous growth. Otherwise the model converges to steady state

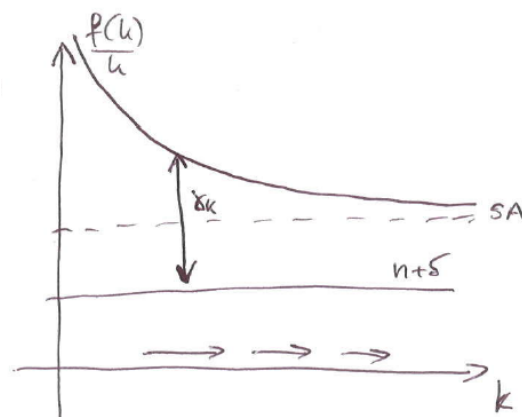


Figure 9

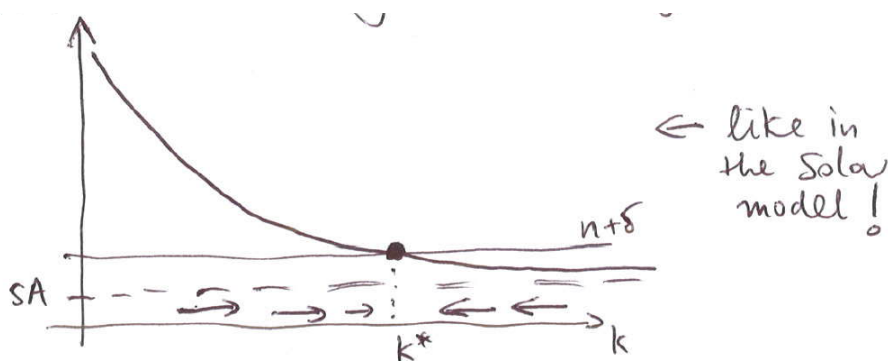


Figure 10

Ad 3

$$f(k) = A[\pi k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + (1-\pi)]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$$

constant elasticity of substitution = σ

- $\sigma > 1 \iff K \text{ and } L \text{ are gross substitutes}$
 $\sigma < 1 \iff K \text{ and } L \text{ are gross complements}$
 $\sigma = 1 \iff \text{Cobb Douglas case}$

$$f'(k) = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} A[\cdot]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}-1} \cdot \pi \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma} k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}-1} > 0$$

$$f''(k) = A[\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} - 1][\cdot]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}-2} \pi \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma} k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}-1} \pi k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}-1} + [\cdot]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}-1} \pi [\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma} - 1] k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}-2} =$$

$$A\pi[\cdot]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}-1} k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}-1} k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}-2} [\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\pi k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}}}{\pi k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + (1-\pi)} - \frac{1}{\sigma}] < 0$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f'(k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A[\cdot]^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} k^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A[\pi k^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + 1 - \pi]^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} k^{-\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma-1}} =$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A[\pi + (1-\pi)k^{-\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}}]^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} = \begin{cases} A\pi^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} & \text{if } \sigma > 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \sigma < 1 \end{cases}$$

Consider cases

 $\sigma > 1$

-The growth rate is

$$\gamma_k = \frac{\dot{k}}{k} = sA[\pi + (1-\pi)k^{-\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}}]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} - (n + \delta)$$

-There are transitional dynamics, γ_k converges to

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_k = sA\pi^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} - (n + \delta)$$

-We assume that A is 'sufficiently large'.

Otherwise the model converges to a steady state

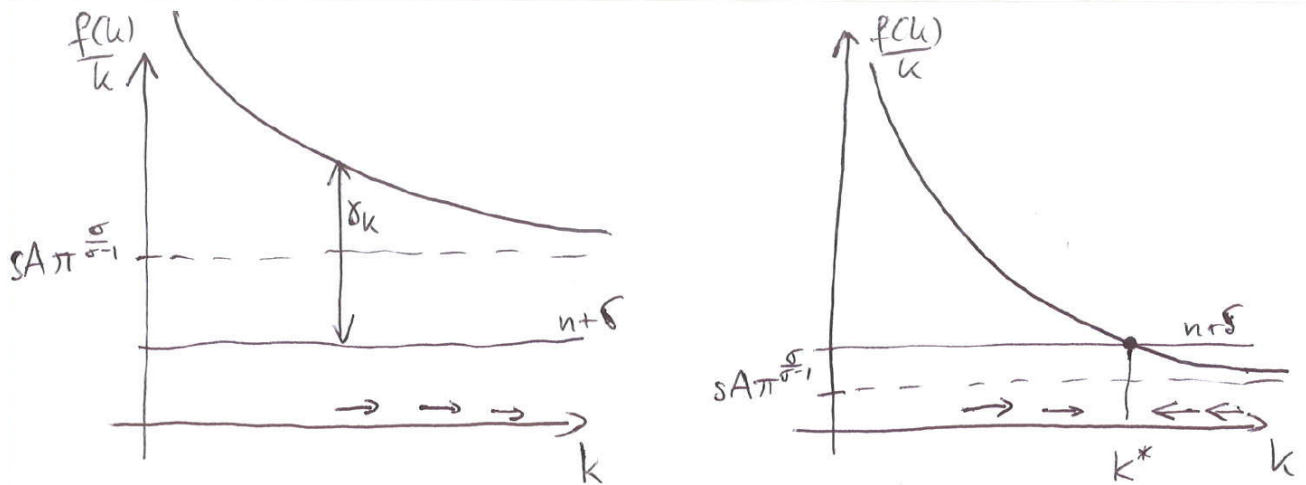


Figure 11

$$\sigma < 1$$

Note that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f'(k) = 0$ and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s \frac{f(k)}{k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} sA[\pi + (1-\pi)k^{\frac{-\sigma-1}{\sigma}}]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} = sA\pi^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$$

[Inada condition at 0 doesn't hold]

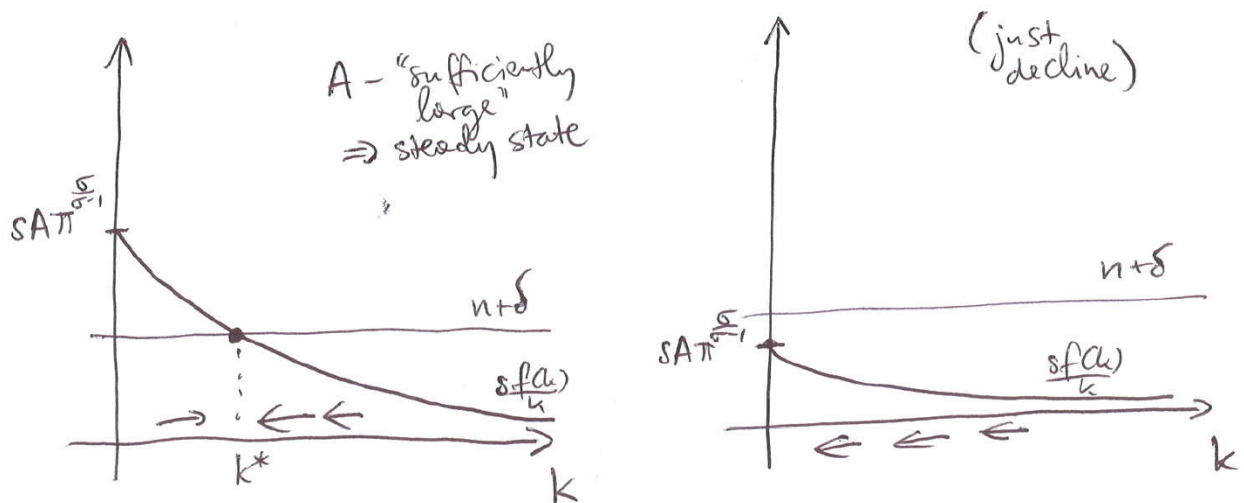


Figure 12

- In any case $\sigma < 1$ precludes endogenous growth.
- As long there is no other sources of growth, e.g. TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESS.

5.2 THE AK ENDOGENOUS GROWTH MODEL

-Key missing element (so far): endogenous saving rate s
-Households

$$\max \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho-n)t} u(c) dt \quad \text{where } u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\theta} - 1}{1-\theta} \quad \text{CRRA}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \dot{a} = (r-n)a + w - c$$

We set up the Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{c^{1-\theta} - 1}{1-\theta} \cdot e^{-(\rho-n)t} + \lambda((r-n)a + w - c)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial c} = c^{-\theta} e^{-(\rho-n)t} - \lambda \quad \lambda = c^{-\theta} e^{-(\rho-n)t}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial a} = \lambda(r-n) = -\dot{\lambda} \quad \hat{\lambda} = -(r-n)$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = -\theta \hat{c} - (\delta - n) \Rightarrow \hat{c} = \frac{r-\rho}{\theta}$$

We also require the transversality condition

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \lambda a = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} a(t) e^{-\int_0^t (r(v)-n)dv} = 0$$

-Firms (perfect competition)

$$\max_{K,L} \{F(K,L) - \tilde{r}K - wL\}$$

implies

$$\tilde{r} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial K} \quad w = \frac{\partial F}{\partial L}$$

Here $F(K,L) = AK$ so $\tilde{r} = A$ - gross rental price of K , $w = 0$ (no labor in production)
 Note that profits are zero.

Equilibrium

-Capital market clears $a = k$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{k} = y - c + (\delta + n)k = (A - \delta - n)k - c \\ \dot{a} = (r - n)a + w - c = (r - n)k - c \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } r = A - \delta \quad \underbrace{\tilde{r}}_{\text{GROSS}} = \underbrace{r}_{\text{NET}} + \delta$$

Hence $\hat{c} = \frac{\dot{c}}{c} = \frac{A-\delta-\rho}{\theta}$ - Growth rate of the economy!

- Observe that the growth rate does not depend on k and is fixed throughout (no transitional dynamics)

-Solving, we obtain a closed -form solution for $c(t)$

$$c(t) = c(0)e^{\left(\frac{A-\delta-\rho}{\theta}\right)t}$$

-It is also easy to compute

$$\underbrace{\frac{c}{k}}_{\text{cons}} = (a - \delta - n) - \underbrace{\frac{\dot{k}}{k}}_{\text{const}} = (A - \delta - n) - \frac{\dot{c}}{c} = \underbrace{\frac{A - \delta}{\theta}(\theta - 1) + \frac{\rho}{\theta} - n}_{\phi > 0}$$

-And so $c(0) = \phi k(0)$ where $k(0)$ is given

The saving rate is

$$s = \frac{y - c}{y} = \frac{Ak - c}{AK} = \frac{Ak - \phi k}{Ak} = \frac{A - \phi}{A} = \frac{A - \rho + \theta n + (\theta - 1)\delta}{\theta A}$$

The transversality condition ($g = \frac{A-\delta-\rho}{\theta}$)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} k(0)e^{gt}e^{-\int_0^t (A-\delta-n)dv} = k(0)e^{(g-A+\delta+n)t} = k(0)e^{\left(\frac{A-\delta}{\theta}(1-\theta) - \frac{\rho}{\theta} + n\right)t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} k(0)e^{\phi t} = 0$$

because we have assumed that $\phi > 0$

JONES-MANUELLI MODEL. UZAWA-LUCAS MODEL. GROWTH WITH EXTERNALITIES

6.1 JONES & MANELLI (1990) MODEL

- The household's problem is exactly the same

Firms (perfect competition)

$$\tilde{r} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial K} \quad w = \frac{\partial F}{\partial L}$$

Here

$$F(K, L) = AK + BK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\tilde{r} = A + BK^{\alpha-1} L^{1-\alpha}$$

$$w = B(1 - \alpha)K^\alpha L^{-\alpha}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = f(k) = Ak + Bk^\alpha \\ \tilde{r} = A + Bk^{\alpha-1} \\ w = B(1 - \alpha)k^\alpha \end{cases}$$

So

$$\begin{cases} y = \tilde{r}k + w \\ Y = \tilde{r}K + wL \end{cases}$$

Zero profit

Equilibrium

-Capital market clears $a = k$

$$r = \tilde{r} - \delta = A + B\alpha k^{\alpha-1} - \delta$$

-Hence

$$\hat{c} = \frac{\dot{c}}{c} = \frac{r - \delta}{\theta} = \frac{A + B\alpha k^{\alpha-1} - \delta - \rho}{\theta}$$

it is growth rate of the economy

Note that \hat{c} depends on k and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \hat{c} = \frac{A - \delta - \rho}{\theta}$$

as in the AK model

We have

$$\frac{\dot{k}}{k} = \frac{y}{k} - \frac{c}{k} - (n + \delta) = A + Bk^{\alpha-1} - \frac{c}{k} - (n + \delta)$$

$$\text{if } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ then } Bk^{\alpha-1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ so } \frac{\dot{k}}{k} \rightarrow A - \frac{c}{k} - (n + \delta)$$

and so endogenous growth implies asymptotical constancy of $\frac{c}{k}$ and thus as $k \rightarrow \infty$ $\hat{c} = \hat{k} = \hat{y} = \frac{A-\delta-\rho}{\theta}$

It follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c}{k} = \underbrace{A - n - \delta - \frac{A - \delta - \rho}{\theta}}_{\varphi > 0} = \frac{A - \delta}{\theta}(\theta - 1) + \frac{\rho}{\theta} - n$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{y}{k} \rightarrow A.$$

However there are transitional dynamics

Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{k} = Ak + Bk^{\alpha} - c - (n + \delta) \\ \dot{c} = \frac{1}{\theta}(A + B\alpha k^{\alpha-1} - \delta - \rho) \end{cases}$$

We have shown that this system doesn't possess a steady state $\dot{k} = \dot{c} = 0$
Let's rewrite it in 'stationary' variables -ones that do possess a steady state.

For example

$$\begin{cases} u = \frac{c}{k} & \text{control like variable} \\ z = \frac{y}{k} & \text{state like variable} \end{cases}$$

there exists a given $z(0)$ but not $u(0)$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{u} = \hat{c} - \hat{k} \\ \hat{z} = \hat{y} - \hat{k} \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$\hat{z} = \hat{y} - \hat{k} = (A + \hat{B}k^{\alpha-1}) - \hat{k} = \frac{B(\alpha-1)k^{\alpha-2}\dot{k}}{A + Bk^{\alpha-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{k}(\alpha-1)(z-A)}{z} = \hat{k}(\alpha-1)\frac{z-A}{z}$$

Let us also note that

$$A + B\alpha k^{\alpha-1} = \alpha A + Bk^{\alpha-1}\alpha + A - \alpha A = \alpha z + (1-\alpha)A$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{u} = \frac{1}{\theta}(\alpha z + (1-\alpha)A - \delta - \rho) - z + u + n + \delta \\ \hat{z} = (z - u - (n + \delta))(\alpha - 1)\frac{z-A}{z} \end{cases}$$

The steady state in the (u, z) space:

$$\hat{u} = \hat{z} = 0 \iff \begin{cases} u + z(\frac{\alpha}{\theta} - 1) = -(\frac{1-\alpha}{\theta}A - \frac{\delta+\rho}{\theta} + n + \delta) \\ (z - A)(z - u - n - \delta) = 0 \end{cases}$$

so

$$\underbrace{z = A}_{(*)} \qquad \underbrace{z = u + n + \delta}_{(**)}$$

Case (*)

$$\begin{cases} z = A \\ u + A(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\theta}) = -(\frac{1-\alpha}{\theta}A - \frac{\delta+\rho}{\theta} + n + \delta) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} z = A \\ u + A(1 - \frac{1}{\theta}) + \frac{\delta+\rho}{\theta} = n + \delta \end{cases}$$

as discussed earlier!

Case (**)

$$\begin{cases} z = u + n + \delta \\ \frac{\alpha}{\theta}(u + n + \delta) = -\frac{1-\alpha}{\theta}A - \frac{\delta+\rho}{\theta} \Rightarrow u^* < 0 \end{cases}$$

contradiction

Isoclines ($\dot{u} = 0$ and $\dot{z} = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} = 0 &\iff \hat{u} = 0 \iff u = z(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\theta}) - \frac{1-\alpha}{\theta}A + \frac{\delta+\rho}{\theta} - n - \delta \\ \dot{z} = 0 &\iff \hat{z} = 0 \iff z = A \text{ or } u = z - n - \delta \end{aligned}$$

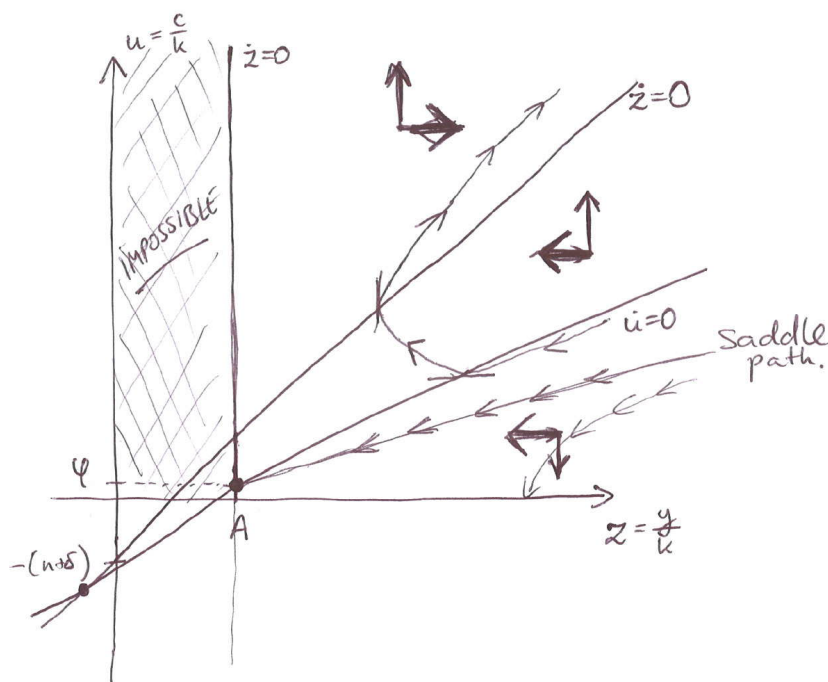


Figure 13

Transversality condition

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(t)k(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} k(t)e^{-\int_0^t (A+Bk(v)^{\alpha-1}-\delta-n)dv}$$

-If system converges to steady state, then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\lambda}k &= \hat{\lambda} + \hat{k} = -(r-n) + \frac{r-\rho}{\theta} = r\left(\frac{1}{\theta} - 1\right) - \frac{\rho}{\theta} + n = \\ &= (A-\delta)\left(\frac{1}{\theta} - 1\right) + \underbrace{Bk^{\alpha-1}\left(\frac{1}{\theta} - 1\right)}_{\rightarrow 0} - \frac{\rho}{\theta} + n = -\varphi < 0\end{aligned}$$

Negative growth rate implies that the formula tends to 0

-Otherwise, the TVC is violated

-Note that the capital's share of output

$$\pi_k = \frac{\bar{r}k}{Y} = \frac{Ak + B\alpha k^\alpha}{Ak + Bk^\alpha}$$

and so

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0^+} \pi_k = \alpha$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \pi_k = 0$$

π_k gradually increases from α (the neoclassical case) to 1 (the AK case).

6.2 A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF UZAWA-LUCAS MODEL

Just to show the mechanism of long run growth driven by human capital accumulation

$$\begin{cases} Y = AK^\alpha H_Y^{1-\alpha} \\ \dot{K} = Y - C - \delta K = sY - \delta K & s\text{-should be endogenous} \\ \dot{H} = \gamma H_H - \delta_H H & H_H\text{-should be endogenous} \\ H = H_H + H_Y & H_H\text{teachers, } H_Y\text{other workers} \end{cases}$$

Let us focus on the Balanced Growth Path (BGP)

-Assumption: at the BGP, all variables grow at fixed rate

$$\hat{H} = \gamma\left(\frac{H_H}{H}\right) - \delta_H := \gamma u - \delta_H$$

u -share of researchers in total employment

We hope that in equilibrium

$$\hat{H} = \gamma_u^* - \delta_H > 0$$

Then H accumulation will be the ultimate source of growth.

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{A} + \alpha \hat{K} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{H}_Y = 0 + \alpha \hat{K} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{H} + (1 - \alpha)(1 - u)$$

Assume s -const, u -const, A -const

$$\hat{K} = s \frac{Y}{K} - \delta \Rightarrow \quad \frac{Y}{K} = \text{const} \Rightarrow \quad \hat{Y} = \hat{K} = \hat{C} = g$$

Hence

$$\hat{K} = \alpha \hat{K} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{H} \Rightarrow \quad g = \hat{K} = \hat{H} = \gamma_u - \delta_H$$

-the greater is $u = \frac{H_H}{H}$ the faster is growth

-in the optimal allocation, there will be $u \in (0, 1)$ because one needs immediate output (and thus consumption) as well!

6.3 GROWTH AND EXTERNALITIES

- a model based on Romer (1986)

-capital accumulation increases total factor productivity (TFP)

-this effect is external to the firms - 'learning by doing' externality

Key assumptions:

-production function as seen by firm $i \in [0, 1]$:

$$Y_i = F(K_i, AL_i)$$

-upon aggregation

$$\int_0^1 K_i di = K \quad \int_0^1 L_i di = L = \text{const}$$

-the externality takes the form

$$A = BK \quad B = \text{const}$$

Firms are perfectly competitive so that

$$\tilde{r} = \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial K_i} \quad w = \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial L_i}$$

By symmetry

$$\tilde{r} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial K} \quad w = \frac{\partial F}{\partial L}$$

Using CRS and the definition of externality

$$\frac{Y}{K} = \frac{F(k, BKL)}{K} = F(1, BL) := \tilde{f}(L)$$

$$\frac{Y}{L} = \frac{F(k, BKL)}{L} = F(k, BK) := k\tilde{f}(L)$$

Inserting we obtain

$$\tilde{r} = \tilde{f}(L) - L\tilde{f}'(L) \quad w = K\tilde{f}'(L)$$

Note:

-the wage rate is straightforward given $Y = K\hat{f}(K)$

$$\tilde{r} \neq \frac{\partial(K\tilde{f}(L))}{\partial K} = \tilde{f}(L)$$

because firms don't take the externality into account!

-instead use the Euler theorem to obtain for CRS

$$Y = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial K}K + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial L}L \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial Y}{\partial K} = \frac{1}{K}(Y - \frac{\partial Y}{\partial L}L) = \tilde{f}(L) - L\frac{K\tilde{f}'(L)}{K} = \tilde{f}(L) - \tilde{f}'(L)$$

Households maximize total discounted utility subject to the CRRA assumption and usual asset dynamics:

$$\max \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho-n)t} u(c) dt \quad \text{where } u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\theta} - 1}{1-\theta} \quad \text{CRRA}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \dot{a} = \underbrace{(r-n)}_{n=0} a + w - c$$

yielding Euler equation:

$$\hat{c} = \frac{r - \rho}{\theta}$$

In equilibrium $a = k = \frac{K}{L}$ where L -fixed

-Comparing with $\dot{K} = Y - C - \delta K$ we obtain

$$\underbrace{r}_{\text{Net return}} = \underbrace{\tilde{r}}_{\text{Gross return}} - \delta$$

and so

$$\hat{y} = \hat{k} = \hat{c} = \frac{f(L) - L\tilde{f}'(L) - \delta - \rho}{\theta}$$

constant growth rate of the economy!

-The transversality condition requires that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(t)a(t)$$

It is sufficient that $\lim \hat{\lambda} \hat{a} < 0$

For this to hold we need

$$\begin{aligned} -r + \frac{r - \rho}{\theta} < 0 &\iff (1 - \theta)r < \rho &\iff \\ &\iff (1 - \theta)(\tilde{f}(L) - L\tilde{f}'(L) - \delta) < \rho \end{aligned}$$

-Note that -just like in the case of the AK model- there is no transitional dynamics \hat{c} -const

-Long-run growth driven by physical capital accumulation despite the fact that firms face decreasing returns to capital.

-The capital's share of output is

$$\pi_k = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial K} \frac{K}{Y} = \frac{\tilde{f}(L) - L\tilde{f}'(L)}{\tilde{f}(L)} = 1 - L \frac{\tilde{f}'(L)}{\tilde{f}(L)} \quad \pi_k \in (0, 1)$$

-Scale effect:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{k} = \hat{c}$$

depends on L .

ENDOGENOUS TECHNICAL CHANGE. ROMER MODEL

7.1 ENDOGENOUS TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

-Romer's (1986,1990) key observation:

- non-rivalry of ideas
- hence, ideas are a natural candidate to be a source of increasing returns

-Consider $Y = F(A, K, L)$ with CRS with respect to K and L

$$F(A, \lambda K, \lambda L) = \lambda F(A, K, L)$$

Given that if $A_1 < A_2$ then $F(A_1, K, L) < F(A_2, K, L)$ we obtain

$$F(\lambda A, \lambda K, \lambda L) > \lambda F(A, K, L)$$

-how to model endogenous technological change?

- the basic idea is simple
- the ultimate source of long-run growth is shifted to the R&D sector
- in a closed economy, innovations created by R&D translate into the only source of increases in 'A'
- 'A' is Total Factor Productivity/Solow Residual/'Technology level'
- However, finding the market equilibrium can be tedious because:
 1. social planner allocation (without R&D externalities)
 2. increasing variety models (e.g. Romer 1990)
 3. quality ladder 'Schumpeterian' growth models (e.g. Aghion and Howitt 1992)

7.2 'BARE-BONES' R&D-BASED GROWTH MODEL

$$\begin{cases} Y = A^\alpha L_Y^{1-\alpha} \\ \dot{K} = Y - C - \delta K = sY - \delta K & \text{capital equation of motion} \\ \dot{A} = \gamma L_A^\lambda A & \text{R\&D equation} \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} L = L_A + L_Y & L_A \text{ teachers, } & L_Y \text{ other workers} \end{matrix}$$

The dynamics may be complicated but the first key observation follows directly from analyzing the balanced growth path BGP

-Assumption: at the BGP, all variables grow at a fixed rate

$$\hat{A} = \frac{\dot{A}}{A} = \gamma L_A^\lambda$$

$$\hat{Y} = \sigma \hat{A} + \alpha \hat{K} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{L}_Y$$

Assume s -constant $\frac{L_A}{L}$, $\frac{L_Y}{L}$ - constant as well

$$\hat{K} = \frac{Y}{K} - \frac{C}{K} - \delta = s \frac{Y}{K} - \delta$$

-Hence $\frac{Y}{K}$ -const, implying $\hat{Y} = \hat{K} = \hat{C} = g$
-from equation above we have

$$\hat{K} = \sigma \hat{A} + \alpha \hat{K} \Rightarrow \hat{K} = g = \frac{\sigma}{1 - \alpha} \hat{A}$$

Finally, the growth rate at BGP is:

$$g = \frac{\sigma}{1 - \alpha} \gamma L_A^\lambda$$

- the greater is L_A the faster is growth !
- note that in the optimal allocation, there will still be $L_Y > 0$ because it is required to generate immediate output (and consumption)

What is the 'bare-bones' missing?

\Rightarrow dynamics outside of BGP

\Rightarrow endogenization of s , L_A choice variables- soon!

\Rightarrow international technology diffusion, imitation

\Rightarrow 'technology' can in fact be multi-dimensional!

- investment-specific TC
- capital- vs labor-augmenting TC (needs to go beyond Cobb-Douglas technology)
- vintage capital/human capital theory (embodied TC)
- appropriate technology/ world technology frontier (technologies suited to ant given input mix)
- there can be spillovers between various R&D sectors
- technology complexity/ skill-biased TC

7.3 EMPIRICAL PERSPECTIVE ON TFP

$$A = \frac{Y}{K^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}} \text{ or } A_h = \frac{Y}{K^\alpha H_Y^{1-\alpha}}$$

-the Solow residual is the 'measure of our ignorance' (includes everything but factor inputs)

- ⇒ mismeasurement
- ⇒ production function misspecification
- ⇒ any non-neutral component of TC is still reported in 'A'

Growth accounting (source Hoeg (2005))

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \alpha \frac{\Delta K}{K} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

-contributes ~15-40% of total variance in GDP per capita growth rates across countries

Levels accounting (development accounting)

$$\ln\left(\frac{Y_i}{Y_0}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{A_i}{A_0}\right) + \alpha \ln\left(\frac{K_i}{K_0}\right) + (1 - \alpha) \ln\left(\frac{L_i}{L_0}\right)$$

-contributes ~50-65% of total variance in GDP per capita levels across countries

7.3.1 How to measure 'technological change'

- TFP
- 'purified' TC measures
 - NET of technological efficiency changes (WTF approach)
 - NET of capacity utilization
 - Accounting for human capital accumulation
- direct measures of R&D (output/inputs)
 - patents filed/granted (e.g. Madsen 2008)
 - patent citations (e.g. Hall, Jaffe, Troytenberg 2001)
 - R&D spendings
 - R&D employment/ R&D share in employment

Unit factor productivities

- Let's relax the assumption of a Cobb-Douglas production function

- e.g. CES technology

$$Y = (\pi(A_K K)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + (1-\pi)(A_L L)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}})^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$$

- There is no unique 'TFP'!
- The direction of TC(Acemoglu 2003)
 1. purely LATC: $\hat{A}_K = 0, \hat{A}_L > 0$
 2. purely KATC: $\hat{A}_L = 0, \hat{A}_K > 0$
 3. a mixture of both
- the distribution of A_K and A_L across the world - Caselli& Coleman's 2006 take at 'the world technology frontier'

Increasing variety models

-intermediate goods (Romer, 1990) - 'division of labor', process innovation!

- final goods (Grossman and Helpman, 1991)- 'love of variety' preferences, product innovation

Quality ladders models

-Schumpeterian ('Creative destruction' models (Aghion& Howitt 1992)

-innovations increasing the quality of product, introducing new vintages

7.4 DIXIT & STIGLITZ(1977) MONOPOLISTIC COMPETITION MODEL

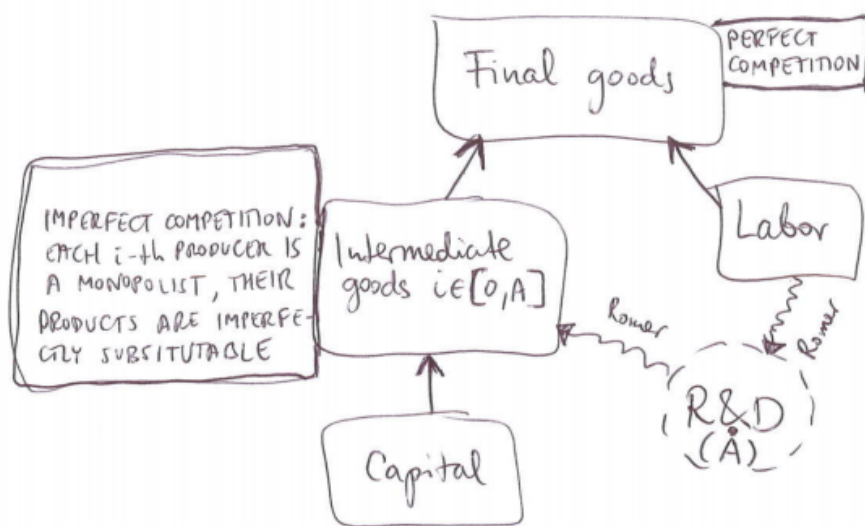


Figure 14

$$Y = \underbrace{X^\alpha L_Y^{1-\alpha}}_{\text{Final good prod.f.}} \quad \underbrace{\forall_{i \in [0,1]} x_i = k_i}_{\text{1-1 prod. f.}} \quad \underbrace{X = \left(\int_0^1 x_i^\theta di \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}}_{\text{CES Aggregator of intermediates}}$$

7.4.1 Final goods producers' problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{x_i\}_{L_Y}} \{Y - \int_0^A q_i x_i di - wL\} \quad \text{where } Y &= \left(\int_0^A x_i^\theta \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\theta}} L_Y^{1-\alpha} \\ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial L_Y} &= (1-\alpha) \frac{Y}{L_Y} - w = 0 \Rightarrow w = (1-\alpha) \frac{Y}{L_Y} \\ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\alpha}{\theta} \left(\int_0^A x_i^\theta \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\theta}-1} L_Y^{1-\alpha} \theta x_i^{\theta-1} - q_i = 0 \\ \Rightarrow q_i &= \alpha \frac{Y}{X^\theta} x_i^{\theta-1} \Rightarrow x_i(q_i) = \left(\frac{\alpha Y}{q_i X^\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}} \end{aligned}$$

7.4.2 Intermediate goods producers' problem ($i \in [0, A]$)

$$\max_{q_i} \{q_i x_i - \tilde{r} k_i\}$$

where $x_i = k_i$ using the demand curve above we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{q_i} \{(q_i - \tilde{r}) x_i(q_i)\} \\ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial q_i} &= x_i(q_i) + (q_i - \tilde{r}) x'_i(q_i) = x_i(q_i) + (q_i - \tilde{r}) \frac{-1}{1-\theta} \frac{x_i(q_i)}{q_i} = \\ &= \underbrace{x_i(q_i)}_{>0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\theta} \frac{q_i - \tilde{r}}{q_i} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-\theta} \frac{q_i - \tilde{r}}{q_i} &= 1 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\tilde{r}}{q_i} = 1-\theta \Rightarrow q_i = \frac{\tilde{r}}{\theta} \\ \underbrace{q_i}_{\text{Monopoly price}} &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta}}_{\text{constant markup \%}} \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{r}}_{\text{marginal cost of production}} \end{aligned}$$

7.4.3 Symmetry of intermediate goods producers

$$q_i = \frac{\tilde{r}}{\theta} \quad \forall i \in [0, A]$$

hence

$$q_i = q_j = \bar{q} \quad \text{implying} \quad x_i = \bar{x} \quad \forall i$$

Monopoly profits are equal to:

$$\bar{\Pi} = (\bar{q} - \tilde{r}) \bar{x} = \left(\frac{\tilde{r}}{\theta} - \tilde{r} \right) \bar{x} = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \tilde{r} \bar{x}$$

7.4.4 General equilibrium (so far)

a)

$$K = \int_0^A k_i di = \int_0^A x_i di = \int_0^A \bar{x} di = A\bar{x} \quad (1)$$

Hence

$$\bar{x} = \frac{K}{A}$$

b)

$$X = \left(\int_0^A \bar{x}^\theta di \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} = (A\bar{x}^\theta)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} = A^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \bar{x} = A^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \frac{K}{A} = A^{\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}} K \quad (2)$$

c)

$$Y = X^\alpha L_Y^{1-\alpha} = \underbrace{A^{\frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{\theta}} K^\alpha L_Y^{1-\alpha}}_{\text{IRS}} \quad (3)$$

d)

$$\bar{q} = \frac{\tilde{r}}{\theta} = \alpha \frac{Y}{X^\theta} \bar{x}^{\theta-1} = \alpha \frac{Y}{\bar{X} \bar{x}^{\theta-1}} = \alpha \frac{Y}{\bar{K}} \quad (4)$$

hence

$$\tilde{r} = \alpha \theta \frac{Y}{\bar{K}}$$

e)

$$\int_0^A \Pi_i di = \int_0^A \bar{\Pi} di = A\bar{\Pi} = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \tilde{r} A\bar{x} = \alpha(1-\theta)Y \quad (5)$$

f) final output is divided according to:

$$\tilde{r}K + wL_Y + \int_0^A \Pi_i di = \underbrace{w\theta Y}_{\tilde{r}K} + \underbrace{(1-\alpha)Y}_{wL_Y} + \underbrace{\alpha(1-\theta)Y}_{\text{profits}} = Y \quad (6)$$

7.4.5 Households- Dynamic optimization problem

$$\max \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho-n)t} u(c) dt \quad \text{where } u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\theta} - 1}{1-\theta} \quad \text{CRRA}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \dot{a} = \underbrace{(r-n)}_{n=0} a + w - c$$

yielding Euler equation:

$$\hat{c} = \frac{r-\rho}{\theta}$$

-Assets are kept in the form of

1. capital
2. shares of intermediate goods firms

-Assets equation (capital market clearing) $a = k + p_a \frac{A}{L}$

-Assets have equal returns:

$$\frac{\dot{p}_A}{p_A} + \frac{\Pi_i}{p_A} = r \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad r p_A = \underbrace{\Pi_i}_{\text{Dividend}} + \underbrace{\dot{p}_A}_{\text{Resale Value}}$$

-Capital follows

$$\dot{k} = y - c - \delta k$$

7.4.6 R&D firms

- create new varieties of intermediate goods
- sell the right to produce (patents) to households
- patents have infinite duration and patent protection is perfect
- there is free entry to R&D
- growth effects of innovations are not internalized by R&D firms

$$\max_{L_A} \{ p_A \underbrace{\bar{v} L_A}_{\dot{A}} - q L_A \}$$

taking p_A, \bar{v}, w as given. \bar{v} -R&D externality

By free entry $w = p_A \bar{v}$.

-Upon aggregation

$$\dot{A} = \gamma L_A^\lambda A = \underbrace{\gamma L_A^{\lambda-1} A}_{\bar{v}} L_A$$

7.4.7 Labor market clears

$$L = L_A + L_Y \quad \text{equal wage}$$

$$w = (1 - \alpha) \frac{Y}{L_Y} = p_A \gamma L_A^{\lambda-1} A$$

Hence

$$p_A \frac{(1 - \alpha) Y}{L_Y \gamma L_A^{\lambda-1} A}$$

7.4.8 Dynamics

4 key variables $\underbrace{k, A}_{\text{state var.}}, \underbrace{c, L_a}_{\text{control var.}}$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{c} = \frac{1}{\theta}(r - \rho) = \frac{1}{\theta}(\alpha\theta\frac{y}{k} - \delta - \rho) \\ \hat{k} = \frac{y}{k} - \frac{c}{k} - \delta \\ \hat{A} = \gamma L_A^\lambda \\ y = A^{\alpha\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}} k^\alpha \frac{L_Y}{L}^{1-\alpha} \\ \hat{p}_A = r - \frac{\Pi_A}{p_A} \quad (\text{capital market}) \\ p_A = \frac{(1-\alpha)Y}{L_Y \gamma L_A^{\lambda-1} A} \quad (\text{labor market}) \\ L_Y = L - L_A \end{cases}$$

One can eliminate p_A , get dynamics of L_A, L_Y

See Arnold (2006)

7.4.9 BGP equilibrium

- $\frac{y}{k}$ -const, $\frac{c}{k}$ -const, $\hat{c} = \hat{k} = \hat{y} := g$ -growth rate
- $\frac{L_A}{L}$ -const, $\frac{L_Y}{L}$ -const, constant savings rate, L_A^* -const, L_Y^* -const
- $\hat{A} = \gamma L_A^{*\lambda}$
- $\hat{y} = \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{\theta} \hat{A} + \alpha \hat{y} \Rightarrow \hat{y} = \underbrace{\frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{\theta}}_{\sigma} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \gamma L_A^{*\lambda}$ growth rate to the economy:

$$g = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \gamma L_A^{*\lambda}$$

$$\begin{cases} \bar{p}_A \\ \bar{p}_A = \underbrace{\alpha\theta\frac{y}{k} - \delta}_r + \underbrace{\alpha(1-\theta)\frac{Y}{A}}_{\Pi} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{L_Y \gamma L_A^{\lambda-1} A}{(1-\alpha)Y}}_{1/p_A} + \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{1-\alpha} \frac{L_Y}{L_A} \underbrace{\gamma L_A^\lambda}_{\hat{A}} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c} = \frac{r - \rho}{\theta} \Rightarrow r &= \theta g + \rho & \theta \hat{c} &= \alpha\theta\frac{y}{k} - \delta - \rho \\ \frac{y}{k} &= \frac{\theta g + \delta + g}{\alpha\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Hence along the BGP:

$$\begin{aligned} g - \hat{A} &= \theta g + \rho - \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} (1-\theta) \frac{L_Y}{L_A} \hat{A} \\ -(1-\theta)g + \hat{A} + \rho &= \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} (1-\theta) \frac{L_Y}{L_A} \bar{A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1 - L_A^*}{L_A^*} = \frac{L_Y^*}{L_A^*} = \frac{\bar{A} + \rho - (1 - \theta)g}{(1 - \theta)\bar{A}} \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \theta} + \rho \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \frac{1 - \theta}{\theta} \frac{1}{g} - \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \frac{1 - \theta}{\theta} \right)$$

-the equilibrium allocation of labor between L_A and L_Y (R&D and output)

- depends on α -technology, θ -markup parameter, ρ -impatience, γ, λ - R&D technology

SCHUMPETERIAN (QUALITY LADDER) GROWTH MODEL

8.1 SCHUMPETERIAN (QUALITY LADDER) GROWTH MODEL

Observation: 3: Key insight

Long-run growth driven by quality improvements within a predefined set of product varieties

8.2 SCHUMPETERIAN 'CREATIVE DESTRUCTION'

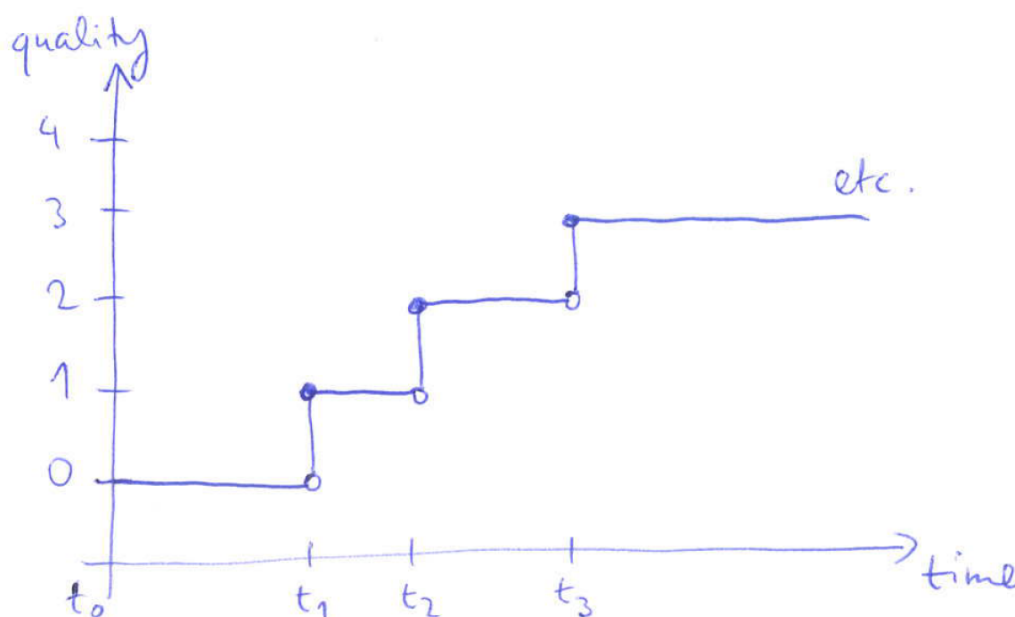


Figure 15

- ⇒ Timing of quality innovations is uncertain
- ⇒ Productivity in a given sector is given by g^{κ} where $q > 1$ and κ -rung in the quality ladder
- ⇒ The researcher responsible for a quality improvement remains the monopoly right to produce the good

⇒ Only the highest available grade of goods will actually be produced in equilibrium

⇒ There are infinitely many sectors indexed by $i \in [0, 1]$

⇒ This helps overcome aggregate uncertainty (law of large numbers)

The quality adjusted amount of i -th intermediate input

$$\tilde{X}_i = q^{k_i} X_i$$

The aggregate production function is

$$Y = AX^\alpha L_Y^{1-\alpha} \quad \text{where} \quad X = \left(\int_0^1 (q^{k_i} x_i)^\theta di \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$$

We maintain the Dixit-Stiglitz monopolistic competition setup

8.2.1 Final goods producers' problem

$$\max_{\{x_i\}_{L_Y}} \{Y - \int_0^1 q_i x_i di - w L_Y\}$$

using prod.fcts defined above

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial L_Y} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{Y}{L_Y} - w = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad w = (1 - \alpha) \frac{Y}{L_Y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\alpha}{\theta} \left(\int_0^1 (q^{k_i} x_i)^\theta di \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\theta} - 1} A L_Y^{1-\alpha} \theta q^{\theta k_i} x_i^{\theta-1} - q_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad q_i = \alpha \frac{Y}{X^\theta} q^{\theta k_i} x_i^{\theta-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i(q_i) = \left(\frac{\alpha Y q^{\theta k_i}}{q_i X^\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

which gives demand curve for intermediate goods

8.2.2 Intermediate goods producers' problem $i \in [0, 1]$

- it is assumed the marginal cost of production is 1

$$\Pi(k_i) = (q_i - 1)x_i = (q_1 - 1)x(q_i)$$

- monopoly pricing

$$\frac{\partial \Pi(k_i)}{\partial q_i} = x(q_i) + (q_i - 1)x'(q_i) = \underbrace{x(q_i)}_{>0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1-\theta} \frac{q_i - 1}{q_i} \right) = 0$$

hence we obtain

$$\frac{1}{1-\theta} \frac{q_i - 1}{q_i} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_i = \frac{1}{\theta} \quad \forall i$$

8.2.3 By symmetry

$$q_i = \frac{\tilde{r}}{\theta} \quad \forall_{i \in [0,1]}$$

- However, output may vary because vectors can be at different rungs of the quality ladder

$$x_i = \left(\frac{\alpha Y}{X^\theta} \theta q^{\theta k_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}} = (\alpha \theta Y)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}} \frac{q^{k_i \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}}{X}$$

- Profits are given by

$$\Pi(k_i) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \bar{\Pi} (q^{k_i})^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}$$

where

$$\bar{\Pi} = \left(\frac{\alpha \theta Y}{X^\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

8.2.4 Value of a quality innovation

- monopoly rights are perpetual
- value of these rights falls to zero when a new quality rung is attained within sector
- The present value of profits for the inventor of rung k_i

$$V(k_i) = \int_{t_{k_i}}^{t_{k_i+1}} \Pi(k_i) e^{-\bar{r}(v, t_{k_i})(v-t_{k_i})} dv$$

where $\bar{r}(v, t_{k_i}) := \frac{1}{v-t_{k_i}} \int_{t_{k_i}}^v r(w) dw$ is the average interest rate between t_{k_i} and v

- If the interest rate is fixed this simplifies to

$$V(k_i) = \Pi(k_i) \frac{1 - e^{r(t_{k_i+1}-t_{k_i})}}{r}$$

8.2.5 Aggregation (so far)

Definition: 6: Quality index

Quality index of the economy is denoted by:

$$Q = \left(\int_0^1 q^{k_i \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} di \right)^{\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}}$$

Using the definition of X we have

$$X^\theta = \int_0^1 (q^{k_i} x_i)^\theta di = \int_0^1 (q^{k_i(1+\frac{\theta}{1-\theta})} \frac{\alpha \theta Y^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}}{X^\theta})^\theta di =$$

$$= \frac{\alpha\theta Y}{X^\theta} \int_0^1 q^{k_i(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta})} di = \frac{\alpha\theta Y}{X^\theta} \cdot Q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}$$

Hence

$$X = (\alpha\theta Y)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}} X^{-\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} Q^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}} \Rightarrow X = \alpha\theta Y Q$$

Inserting into the production function

$$Y = (\alpha\theta Y Q)^\alpha L_Y^{1-\alpha} \Rightarrow Y = A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} (\alpha\theta Y Q)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} L_Y$$

8.2.6 Innovation

-Recall that $V(k_i)$ is a random variable because the timespan of many k_i is uncertain

$$E[v(k_i)] = \frac{\Pi(k_i)}{r + p(k_i)}$$

where $p(k_i)$ probability density per unit of time or

$$r = \frac{\Pi(k_i) - p(k_i)EV(k_i)}{EV(k_i)}$$

-Assume R&D technology: $-p(k_i)$ depends only on total R&D expenditure $Z(k)i$:

$$p(k_i) = \underbrace{Z(k_i)}_{\text{Linear}} \cdot \underbrace{\phi(k_i)}_{\text{effect of the current tech position}}$$

-Free entry into R&D implies

$$\underbrace{p(k_i)EV(k_i + 1)}_{\text{Net expected return per time unit}} = \underbrace{Z(k_i)}_{\text{Cost}}$$

$$Z(k_i)\phi(k_i)E(V(k_i + 1)) = Z(k_i) \Rightarrow \phi(k_i)E(V(k_i + 1)) = 1$$

$$r + p(k_i + 1) = \phi(k_i) \underbrace{\bar{\Pi} q^{(k_i+1)\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}}_{\Pi(k_i+1)}$$

Let us now make a simplifying assumption that

$$\phi(k_i) = \frac{1}{\xi} q^{(k_i+1)\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}$$

$\xi > 0$ -'cost of doing research'

In such case the same for all k_i

$$r + p(k_i + 1) = \frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} \quad \forall_{k_i}$$

And so $p = \frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} - r$ implying

$$Z(k_i) = q^{(k_i+1)\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} (\bar{\Pi} - r\xi)$$

It is distribution of R&D expenditures across sectors

Aggregate R&D spending is

$$Z = \int_0^1 Z(k_i) d\phi = \int_0^1 q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} (\bar{\Pi} - r\xi)$$

8.2.7 Households

-Usual dynamic optimization problem implies

$$\frac{\dot{c}}{c} = \frac{r - \rho}{\gamma}$$

note that $\hat{c} = \hat{C}$ because L -const.

8.2.8 Dynamics

for a very specific parametrization- **Knife-edge** one discussed by Barro&Sala-i-Martin (2003)

Note Aggregate Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} (\alpha\theta YQ)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} L_Y \\ X &= \alpha\theta YQ = (\alpha\theta)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} L_Y Q^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \\ Z &= q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} (\bar{\Pi} - R\xi)^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \\ \bar{\Pi} &= \frac{\alpha\theta Y^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}}{X^\theta} = (\alpha\theta)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} L_Y Q^{\frac{\alpha-\theta}{(1-\alpha)(1-\theta)}} \end{aligned}$$

Now assume $\alpha = \theta$

This implies

$$Y \sim X^\alpha \sim Z \sim Q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \quad \bar{\Pi} \text{const}$$

If $L_Y \equiv \text{const}$ (fixed shares of R&D employment) then:

$$\hat{Y} = \alpha \hat{X} = \hat{Z} = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \hat{Q} := g$$

also $\hat{C} = g$. Growth rate of the economy is driven by quality innovation

8.2.9 Dynamics of Q

$$E(\Delta Q) = ?$$

Let us work with

$$Q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} = \int_0^1 q^{k_i \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} di := \bar{Q}$$

$$E(\Delta Q) = \int_0^1 p(k_i)(q^{(k_i+1)\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - q^{k_i \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}) di = \int_0^1 p(q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - 1)q^{k_i \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} di = p(q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - 1)\bar{Q}$$

and therefore

$$E\left(\frac{\Delta \bar{Q}}{\bar{Q}}\right) = p(q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - 1)$$

-Law of large numbers allows us to treat $\Delta \bar{Q}$ as deterministic:

$$\frac{\theta}{1-\theta} \hat{Q} = \hat{Q} = p(q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - 1) = \left(\frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} - r\right)(q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - 1)$$

8.2.10 Equilibrium rate of return r and growth rate g

$$\begin{cases} \hat{c} = g = \frac{r-\rho}{\gamma} \\ g = \left(\frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} - r\right)(q^{\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} - 1) \end{cases}$$

and assume $\alpha = \theta$.

Note that r -fixed $\Rightarrow g$ -fixed \Rightarrow No transitional dynamics, just Balanced growth.

Solving the system implies, growth rate of economy:

$$g = \frac{\left(\frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} - r\right)(q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}{1 + \gamma(q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}$$

and interest rate:

$$r = \frac{\rho + \gamma \frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} (q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}{1 + \gamma(q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}$$

where $\bar{\Pi} = \alpha^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}} A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} L_Y$ This implies also a constant probability of innovation:

$$p = \frac{\frac{\bar{\Pi}}{\xi} - \rho}{1 + \gamma(q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}$$

Comments:

\Rightarrow determinants of long-run growth:

- model parameters γ, ρ
- technology level A ($A \nearrow \Rightarrow g \nearrow$)
- population size L_Y ($L_Y \nearrow \Rightarrow g \nearrow$)-scale effect

– size of the quality innovation rung q ($q \nearrow \Rightarrow g \nearrow$)

\Rightarrow 'Schumpeterian' flavor - creative destruction

\Rightarrow relies on a very specific parametrization $\alpha = \theta$ and of the function $\phi(k_i)$

\Rightarrow playing with $\phi(k_i)$ may destroy the asymptotically balanced growth property, but may also alleviate the scale effect

Alternative definition of $\phi(k_i)$

$$\phi(k_i) = \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{1}{Y(k_i + 1)} = \frac{1}{\xi A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \alpha^{\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}} L_Y q^{(k_i+1)\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}}$$

-Following analogous steps as before we arrive at:

$$g = \frac{(\frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{\xi} - \rho)(q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}{1 + \gamma(q^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} - 1)}$$

-This looks very similar to the previous version, but now there is no scale effect! A scale-free model.

Final notes:

- We have assumed throughout that $L_Y \equiv L$, and thus there was no competition for labor between the production and the R&D sector
- we have skipped physical capital accumulation - the only asset available for households savings are the shares of firms producing intermediate inputs $\{x_i\}$ $i \in [0, 1]$
- Adding either of these two possibilities could be a source of transitional dynamics

UZAWA BALANCED GROWTH THEOREM

9.1 UZAWA'S (1961) STEADY STATE GROWTH THEOREM

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In a neoclassical growth model, the existence of a balanced growth requires that either

- the production function is Cobb-Douglas
- technological progress is purely labor-augmenting

Note: 'neoclassical growth model'

$$Y = F(K, L, A) \text{ has CRS with respect to } K, L \quad L(t) = L_0 e^{nt} \quad \dot{K} = Y - C - \delta K$$

Note 2: 'balanced growth path' means that

$$Y(t) = Y_0 e^{yt} \quad C(t) = C_0 e^{ct} \quad K(t) = K_0 e^{kt}$$

proof: (Schlicht, 2006)

-Write $Y(t) = F(K(t), L(t), t)$

-From the equation of motion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{K}(t) &= kK(t) = Y(t) - C(t) - \delta K(t) \\ \rightarrow (k + \delta)K_0 &= Y_0 e^{(y-k)t} - C_0 e^{(c-k)t} \quad \forall t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

-Taking time derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} (y - k)Y_0 e^{(y-k)t} - (c - k)C_0 e^{(c-k)t} &= 0 \\ (y - k)Y_0 e^{(y-k)t} &= (c - k)C_0 e^{(c-k)t} \end{aligned}$$

-Therefore either $y = k$ and $c = k$ or $y = c$ and $Y_0 = C_0$ and hence $K_0 = 0$. So growth rates of Y, C, K coincide and second part gives contradiction.

-Define $G(K, L) := F(K, L, 0)$

We have $Y_0 = G(K_0, L_0)$, $Y(t) = Y_0 e^{yt}$, $L(t) = L_0 e^{nt}$, $K_0 = K(t) e^{-kt}$ and G is linear homogenous

-Hence

$$Y(t) = G(K_0, L_0)e^{yt} = G(K(t)e^{-kt}, L(t)e^{-nt})e^{yt} = G(K(t)e^{(y-k)t}, L(t)e^{(y-n)t}) = (K(t), L(t)e^{(y-n)t})$$

because of labor augmenting TC

Comment. Where is the Cobb-Douglas??

-Observe if

$$Y(t) = \underbrace{A(t)}_{\text{any time trend}} \cdot K(t)^\alpha L(t)^{1-\alpha}$$

then we can always rewrite it as

$$Y(t) = \cdot K(t)^\alpha \underbrace{(\bar{A}(t)L(t))^{1-\alpha}}_{\text{LATC}}$$

here $\bar{A}(t) = A(t)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$ - observationally equivalent!

-However, we could also, e.g., write it as

$$Y(t) = K(t)^\alpha \underbrace{(\tilde{A}(t)L(t))^{1-\alpha}}_{\text{KATC}} \tilde{A}(t) = A(t)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

-For other, non-multiplicative production facts, alternative patterns of factor augmentation are not observationally equivalent.

Note nr 1: All growth models with endogenous technical change discussed so far feature Cobb-Douglas production functions. This was not only for simplification

Note nr 2: Empirically, LATC is rather reasonable, given that:

- rates of return to a unit of capital have been broadly stable over time
- wages have been rising roughly exponentially
- labor's share of GDP has been broadly stable over the long run

Those are Kaldor facts (1961) and now are contested!

SCALE EFFECTS.JONES CRITIQUE

10.1 SCALE EFFECTS

-Notice that in Romer(1990) and elsewhere

$$g \sim \hat{A} = \gamma L_A^\gamma \quad \text{where } L_A = \text{R\&D employment}$$

-These are STRONG scale effects:

- provided that the share of R&D employment is the same, bigger countries grow faster:

$$g \sim \gamma L_A^\gamma \underbrace{\left(\frac{L_A^\gamma}{L_A^\gamma} \right)}_{\text{fixed}} \quad \ln g \sim \lambda \ln L$$

- clearly inconsistent with empirical evidence!
- Moreover, if there is constant population growth $\hat{L} = n$, then

$$g \sim \gamma (L_0 e^{nt})^\gamma \underbrace{\left(\frac{L_A^\gamma}{L_A^\gamma} \right)}_{\text{fixed}}$$

- The growth rate is growing (at a rate λn)

10.2 'JONES CRITIQUE'

-Jones(1995) has shown that also along the US time series, the evidence is inconsistent with strong scale effects: the R&D employment or expenditure increased greatly whereas the long-run growth rate has remained virtually unchanged

Responses to the Jones critique

-Jones (1995) himself+ followers (Kartum, Segerstrom) pose:

$$\dot{A} = \gamma L_A^\gamma A^\phi \quad \phi < 1$$

$\phi = 1$ imposes strong scale effects,
 $\phi \in (0, 1)$ is 'standinn shoulders'
 $\phi < 0$ is 'fishing out'

-In this case, the long run growth rate is

$$g \sim \hat{A} = \gamma L_A^\gamma A^{\phi-1}$$

-Assuming BGP ($\hat{A} = \text{const} \Rightarrow \ddot{A} = 0$) we have:

$$0 = \lambda \hat{L}_A + (\phi - 1) \hat{A}$$

$$g \sim \hat{A} = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \phi} \left(\underbrace{\hat{L}_A}_{=0} + \hat{L} \right) = \frac{\lambda n}{1 - \phi}$$

-The long run growth rate is proportional to the population growth rate

-The class of models sharing this property is called SEMI-endogenous growth models

-The long run growth rate does not depend on any endogenous variable

- despite R&D in the model!
- $n = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0$!!!
- Jones foresaw a major slowdown in the US economy, already around 2000 (e.g. Jones 2002, AER), perhaps we're observing it just now??

-'Second generation' R&D-based endogenous growth models (e.g. Young 1998, Aghion & Howitt 2000, Peretto 2000):

$$\dot{A} = \gamma \left(\frac{L_A}{A} \right)^\lambda A$$

-hence

$$g \sim \hat{A} = \gamma \left(\frac{L_A}{A} \right)^\lambda = \gamma l_A^\gamma$$

Long run growth rate independent of population size and growth

-Jones (1995) model has 'weak scale effects' (level effects)

-2nd generation endogenous growth models recover the endogeneity of the growth rate (l_A is choice variable)

-These models are also called 'non-scale' models

Knife-edge conditions in growth models -take $\dot{A} = \gamma \frac{L_A^\gamma}{L^\beta} A^\phi$ where L^β is 'product proliferation' effect (explained in the increasing variety framework)

-Endogenous growth requires

$\phi = 1$ with scale effects,
or $\phi = 1$ and $\beta = 1$ without scale effects,

-Jones (1999) criticises models based on knife-edge assumptions as implausible

-The 'linearity critique' (Jones 2003, 2005)

Any endogenous growth model has to contain an equation of form

$$\dot{X} = \underbrace{\alpha}_{\text{can be endog.}} X^\phi \quad \text{where } \phi = 1$$

$\phi \neq 1$ i.e., any deviation from pure linearity is then leading to qualitatively different model dynamics

-Not entirely true! Take two state variables:

$$\hat{x} = x^\alpha y^\beta$$

$$\hat{y} = x^\gamma y^\delta$$

Assuming the BGP \hat{x} -const and \hat{y} -const ($\tilde{x} = \tilde{y} = 0$)

$$0 = \alpha \hat{x} + \beta \hat{y}$$

$$0 = \gamma \hat{x} + \delta \hat{y}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{singular or } =0} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix}}_{=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

-Better call this 'Singularity critique'

-Singularity of a given matrix is a knife-edge condition

-General argument (Growiec, 2007)

-For any growth model of form $\dot{X} = F(X)$, $X(t)$ -vector, existence of a BGP requires making a knife-edge assumption.

- note that this case includes also higher-order differential equations
- $X(t)$ contains state variables only (reduced form model)

10.2.1 Empirical evidence

-Ha and Howitt(2007) [US data 1950-2000], Madsen (2008) [OECD Panel data] find that the non scale endogenous growth model is better aligned with data than the semi-endogenous growth model

-Caveats

- international technology diffusion
- technology adoption lags
- multi dimensional TC ?

 CONVERGENCE. TECHNOLOGY DIFFUSION

11.1 CONVERGENCE

Recall the Solow model:

$$\hat{k} = \frac{\dot{k}}{k} = s \frac{f(k)}{k} - \delta$$

hence \hat{k} declines with k (f-concave!) -'Neoclassical convergence'

⇒ Other things equal, richer countries should grow slower

-Absolute convergence (2 countries)

Let $s_1 = s_2$, $\delta_1 = \delta_2$, $f_1 = f_2$ but $k_1 < k_2$ at time $t = 0$. Then

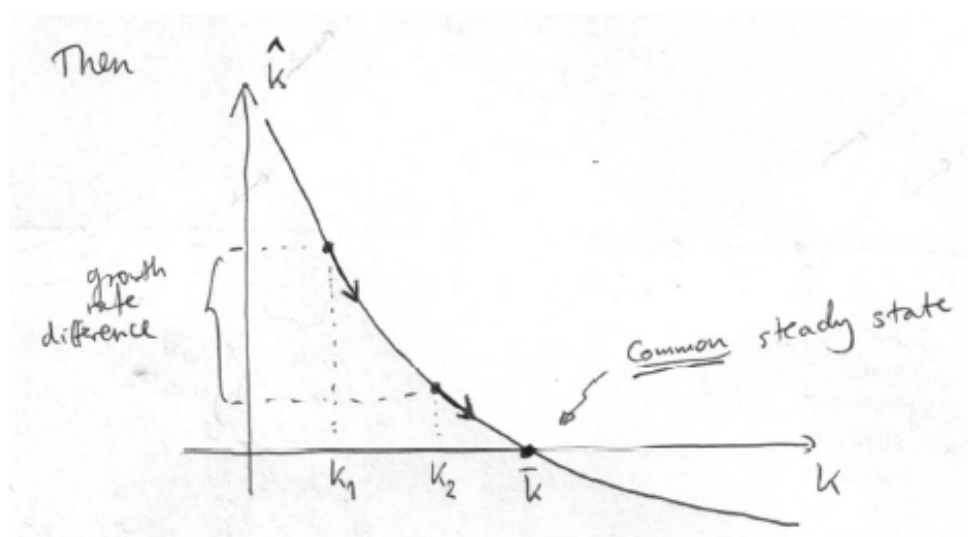


Figure 16

The richer country grows slower, whereas the poorer country catches up (gradually, never fully!).

11.1.1 Conditional convergence (2 countries)

⇒ If 'ceteris paribus' doesn't hold then countries converge to different steady states.

⇒ Part of the difference in their output is permanent ('structural', 'fundamental')

⇒ Let $k_1 < k_2$ but either $s_1 \neq s_2$ $\delta_1 \neq \delta_2$ or $f_1 \neq f_2$. For example $s_1 \neq s_2$.

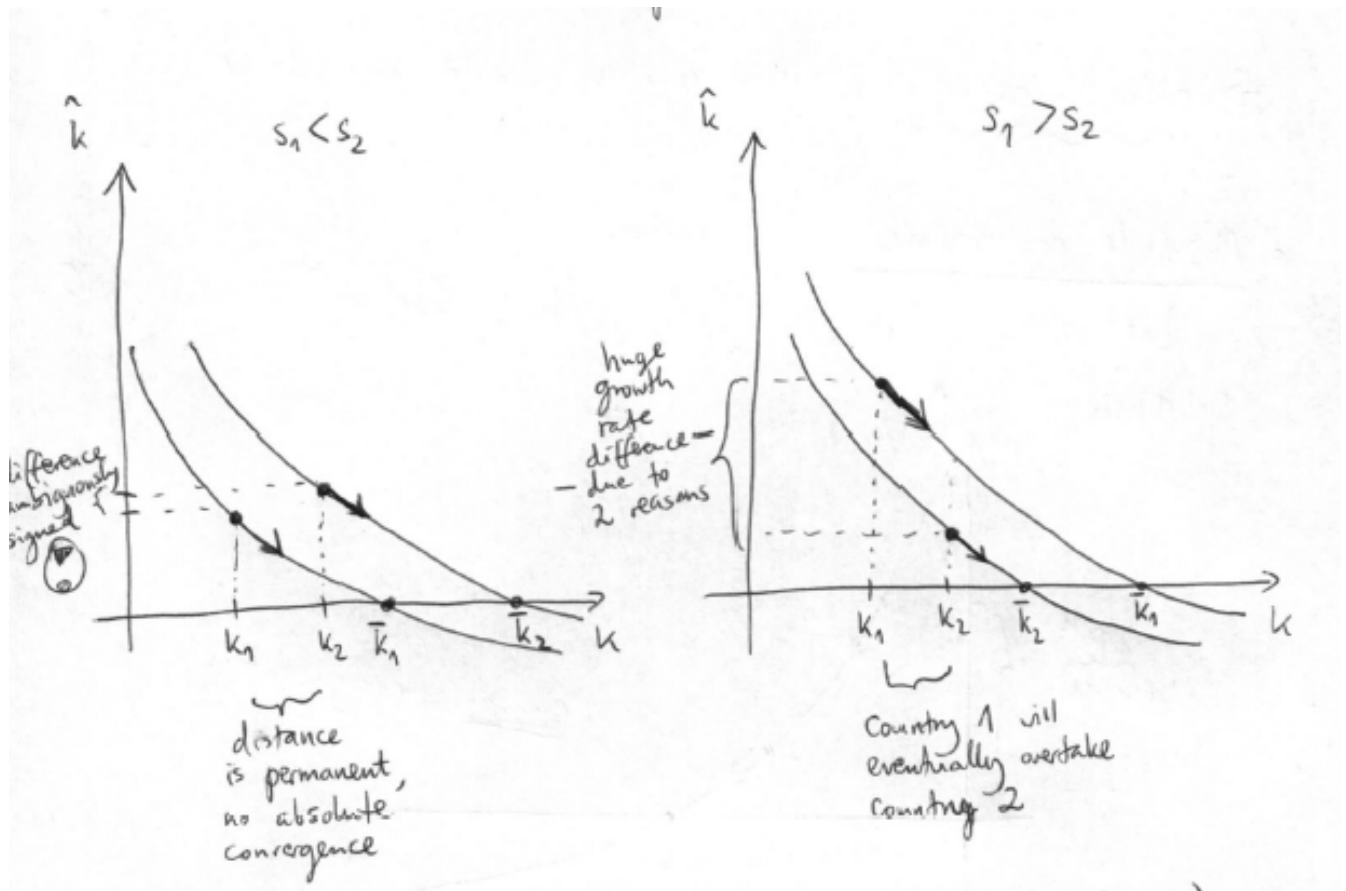


Figure 17

-Conditional on the difference (controlling for the differences) in structural characteristics, richer countries should grow slower.

11.2 SPEED OF CONVERGENCE

Consider the Cobb-Douglas case for simplicity $f(k) = Ak^\alpha$

$$\hat{k} = sAk^{\alpha-1} - \delta$$

-The steady state is

$$\hat{k} = 0 \iff \bar{k}^{\alpha-1} = \frac{\delta}{sA} \iff \bar{k} = \left(\frac{sA}{\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$$

Definition: 7: The speed of convergence

The speed of convergence is

$$\beta = -\frac{\partial \hat{k}}{\partial \ln k} = \frac{\partial \hat{k}}{\partial k} \cdot \frac{\partial k}{\partial \ln k} = \frac{\partial \hat{k}}{k} \cdot k$$

-In the Solow model

$$\beta = -sA(\alpha - 1)k^{\alpha-1} = (1 - \alpha)sAk^{\alpha-1}$$

-In the vicinity of the steady state ($\bar{k}^{-1} = \frac{\delta}{sA}$)

$$\beta = (1 - \alpha)\delta$$

Notes

- in Solow model with population growth and technology progress

$$\beta = (1 - \alpha)(\delta + n + g)$$

- the saving rate and technology level A affect the level of the steady state, but not the pace of convergence β
- any model with a neoclassical production function predicts β -convergence
- e.g., the AK model doesn't feature transitional dynamics \Rightarrow no β -convergence

11.3 β -CONVERGENCE VS σ -CONVERGENCE**Definition: 8: Detecting σ -convergence**

σ -convergence is observed if the standard deviation σ of output decreases over time in a group of countries

Theorem: 3: Convergence

σ -convergence implies β -convergence

-Take the Solow model again

Assume $s_1 = \dots = s_n$, $\delta_1 = \dots = \delta_n$, $f_1 = \dots = f_n$ but $k_1 \leq k_2 \dots \leq k_n$

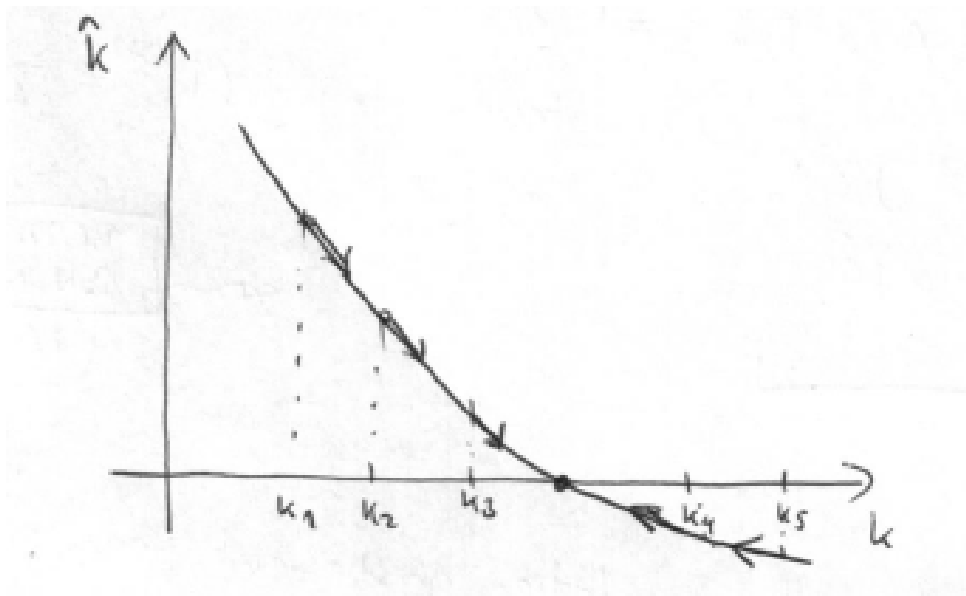


Figure 18

There is β -convergence. Eventually $(k_1, \dots, k_n) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$ as $k_1, \dots, k_n \rightarrow \bar{k}$.

-When there is only conditional convergence, σ -convergence need not (and typically will not) hold.

$$(k_1, \dots, k_n) \rightarrow (\bar{k}_1, \dots, \bar{k}_n) > 0$$

Observation: 4: Add stochastic disturbance

$$\ln(y_{it}) = a + (1 - b) \ln(y_{i,t-1}) + u_{it}$$

$$b \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \text{absolute convergence} \quad u_{it} \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma_u^2)$$

Compute dispersion

$$D_t = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\ln y_{it} - \mu_t)^2$$

-For large N we obtain

$$D_t \approx (1 - b)^2 D_{t-1} + \sigma_u^2$$

-The steady state $\{D_t\}$ is D^* such that $D^* = (1 - b)^2 D^* + \sigma_u^2$

$$D^* = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{1 - (1 - b)^2} \quad (b = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Random Walk})$$

$$D_t \rightarrow D^* \quad \text{monotonically (could be growing!)}$$

-Galton's fallacy

-Overall β -convergence does not imply σ -convergence.

11.4 TECHNOLOGY DIFFUSION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CATCH-UP

- Nelson-Phelps (1966) model of technology diffusion (m -leader country, i -given country)

$$\frac{\dot{A}_i}{A_i} = g_i + c_i \left(\frac{A_m}{A_i} - 1 \right)$$

- Solution for $A_i(t)$:

$$A_i(t) = (A_i(0) - \omega A_m(0))e^{(g_i - c_i)t} + \omega A_m(0)e^{g_m t}$$

with $\omega = \frac{c_i}{c_i - g_i + g_m} > 0$

- For example when $g_m = g_i$ then $\omega = 1$. Otherwise $g_m > g_i$ and $\omega < 1$ - diffusion lag.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_i(t)}{A_m(t)} = \omega$$

- Important implication: eventually all countries grow at the same rate
- g_i, c_i may be functions of human capital (Benhabib & Spiegel, 2005)
- $g_i \approx$ domestic technological progress
- $c_i \approx$ pace of technological adoption

Modified (logistic) Nelson-Phelps diffusion process

$$\frac{\dot{A}_i}{A_i} = g_i + c_i \left(1 - \frac{A_i}{A_m} \right) = g_i + c_i \frac{A_i}{A_m} \left(\frac{A_m}{A_i} - 1 \right)$$

- Solution for $A_i(t)$

$$A_i(t) = \frac{A_i(0)e^{(g_i + c_i)t}}{1 + \frac{A_i(0)}{A_m(0)\tilde{\omega}}(e^{(c_i + g_i - g_m)t} - 1)}$$

- with $\tilde{\omega} = \frac{c_i + g_i - g_m}{c_i} > < 0$ For example when $g_m = g_i$ then $\tilde{\omega} = 1$. Otherwise $g_m > g_i$ and $\tilde{\omega} < 1 \Rightarrow$ Diffusion lag

- In the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_i(t)}{A_m(t)} = \begin{cases} \tilde{\omega}, & \text{if } \tilde{\omega} > 0 \\ \frac{A_i(0)}{A_m(0)} & \text{if } \tilde{\omega} = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{\omega} < 0 \end{cases}$$

- If the catching-up rate is too low ($c_i + g_i < g_m$) then country i will run away and there will be no catch-up.
- Again g_i, c_i may be functions of human capital

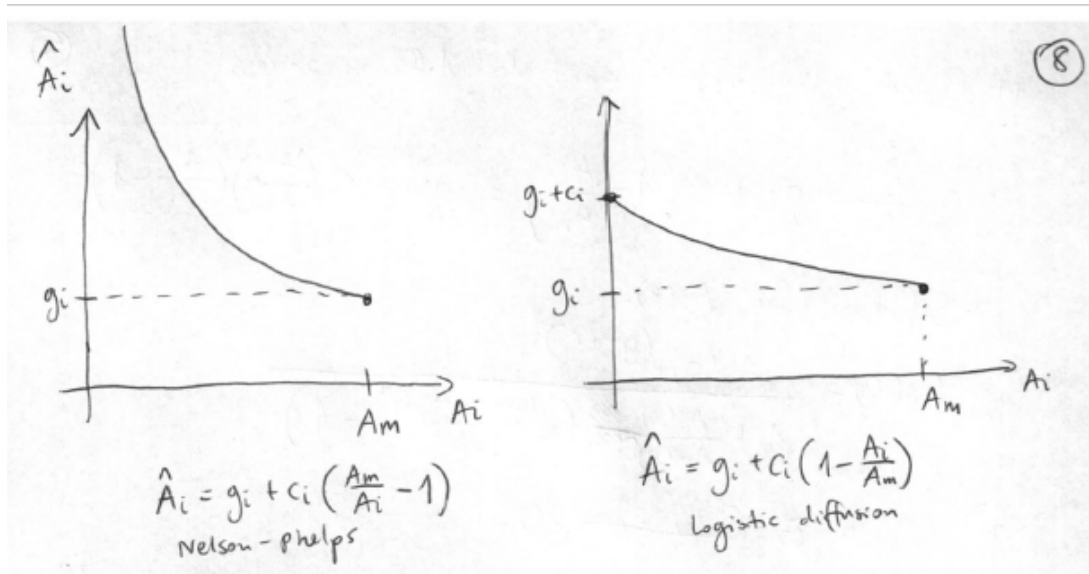


Figure 19

-Historically, after each technological revolution

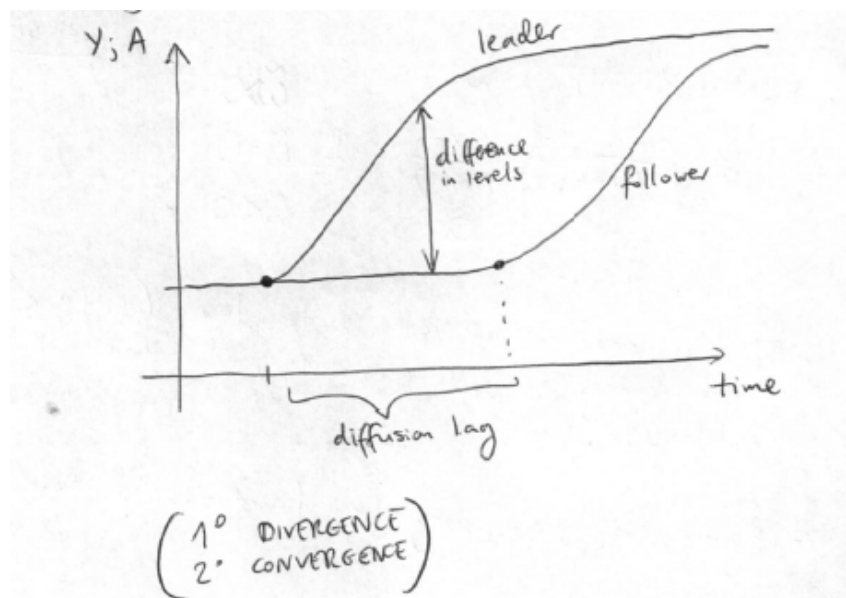


Figure 20

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