

Assignment 1

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1. (a) The steady state condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta k &= sy - \delta k = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0.3k^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 0.1k \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} k^* = 9 \\ y^* = (k^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3 \\ i^* = \delta k^* = 0.9 \\ c^* = y^* - i^* = 2.1 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

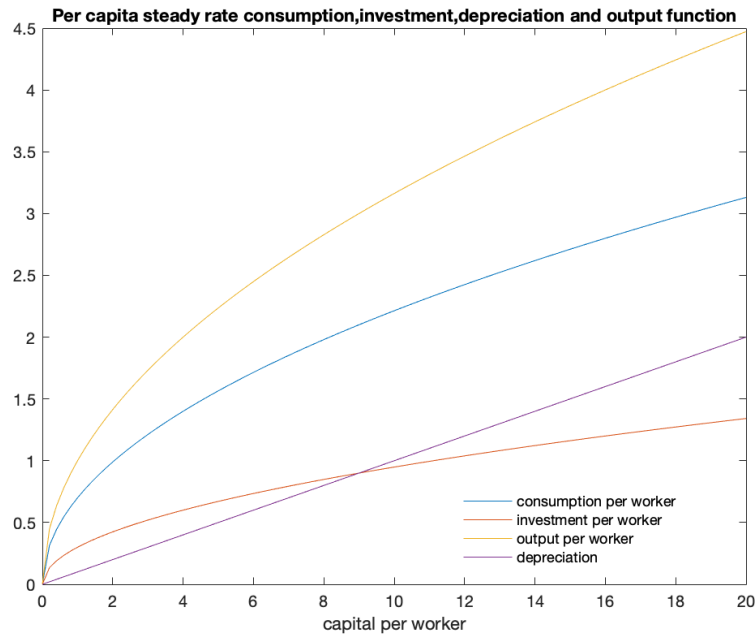


Figure 1: The steady state of Solow Model

(b) The MATLAB code is in attached file “solow_1_bc.m”.

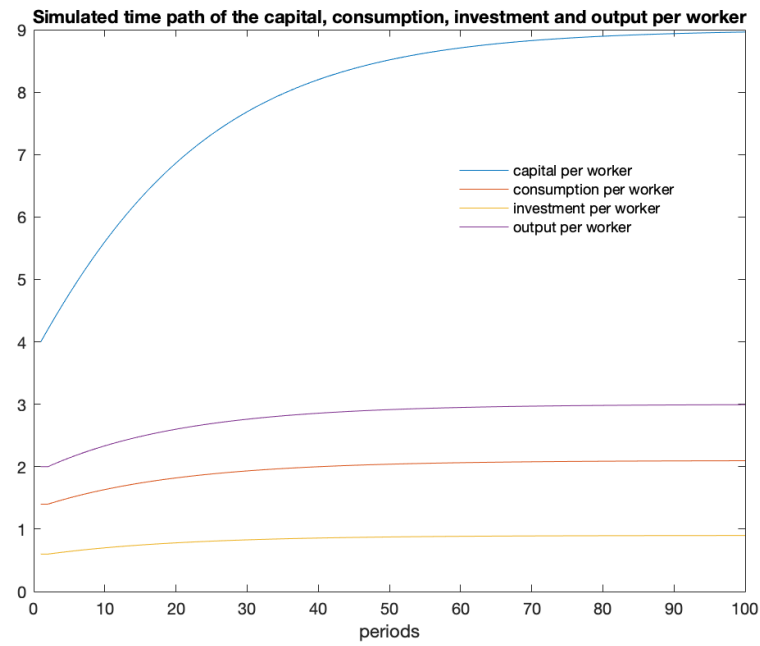


Figure 2: Simulation of Solow Model with $k_0=4$

(c) The MATLAB code is in attached file “solow_1_bc.m”.

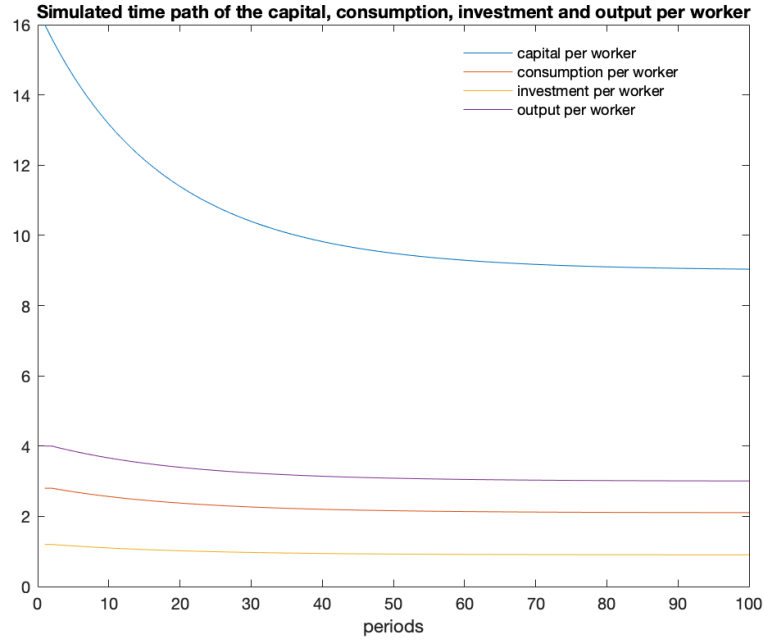


Figure 3: Simulation of Solow Model with $k_0=16$

(d) At the steady state of this economy:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} \frac{i}{y} = \frac{\delta k}{y} = \frac{sy}{y} = 0.08 \\ \frac{k}{y} = 2.5 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} s^* = 0.08 \\ \delta^* = 0.032 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) The MATLAB code is in attached file “solow_2_abc.m”.

With the number of samples $N = 1000$,

an approximation of the golden rule consumption per worker = 2.499997

an approximation of the golden rule savings rate = 0.499499

an approximation of the golden rule capital per worker = 24.949975

(b) The MATLAB code is in attached file “solow_2_abc.m”.

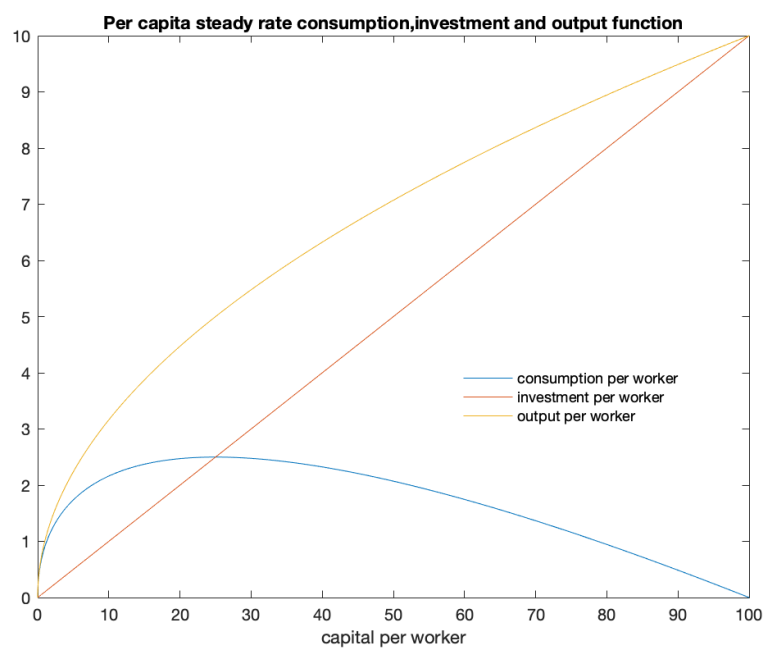


Figure 4: The steady state of Solow Model

(c) The MATLAB code is in attached file “solow_2_abc.m”.

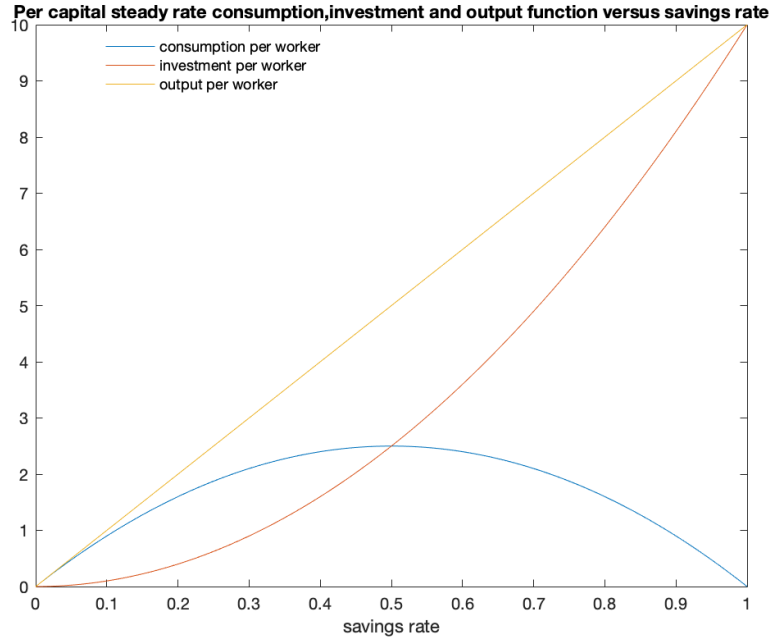


Figure 5: The steady state of Solow Model

(d) According to Golden Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= \delta \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}k^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= 0.1 \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} k_{gold} = 25 \\ y_{gold} = 5 \\ i_{gold} = 2.5 \\ c_{gold} = 2.5 \end{cases} \\
 \Rightarrow s_{gold} &= \frac{i_{gold}}{y_{gold}} = 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

which is aligned with the numerical results in part(a).

3. According to Golden Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= \delta \\ \Rightarrow \alpha k^{\alpha-1} &= \delta \\ \Rightarrow k^{1-\alpha} &= \frac{\alpha}{\delta} \\ \Rightarrow s = \frac{\delta k}{y} &= \frac{\delta k}{k^\alpha} \\ \Rightarrow s &= \delta k^{1-\alpha} = \delta \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\delta} = \alpha\end{aligned}$$