

$$Y = AK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$$

Marginal product of capital

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial K} = \alpha AK^{\alpha-1} L^{1-\alpha} = \frac{\alpha AK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}}{K} = \alpha \frac{Y}{K} = r$$

Take the last equality, multiply through by K and divide by Y

$$\alpha = \frac{rK}{Y}$$

$rK$  is capital income, hence  $\alpha$  is capital's share of total output (i.e., capital's share of income). Similar story for labor's share.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{A_1 K_1^\alpha L_1^{1-\alpha} + A_2 K_2^\alpha L_2^{1-\alpha}}{K^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}} \\ A &= \frac{60^{0.34} 60^{(1-0.34)} + 40^{0.34} 40^{(1-0.34)}}{100^{0.34} 100^{(1-0.34)}} = 1.0 \\ A &= \frac{70^{0.34} 30^{(1-0.34)} + 30^{0.34} 70^{(1-0.34)}}{100^{0.34} 100^{(1-0.34)}} = 0.92495 \end{aligned}$$

Profit for a firm

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= (1 - \tau_Y) PY - (1 + \tau_k) rK - wL \\ &= (1 - \tau_Y) PAK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha} - (1 + \tau_k) rK - wL \end{aligned}$$

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If  $\tau_k > 0$ , you are unfavored (raises cost of capital), and if  $\tau_k < 0$ , you are favored

Hiring decision. Hire labor until the marginal contribution to profits is 0. Differentiate profits with respect to labor to find its marginal contribution,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial L} &= (1 - \tau_Y) \underbrace{P(1 - \alpha) AK^\alpha L^{-\alpha}}_{\text{True contribution}} - \omega = 0 \\ P(1 - \alpha) AK^\alpha L^{-\alpha} &= \frac{w}{(1 - \tau_Y)} > w \end{aligned}$$