

## Recitation 5

## 1. Growth

a. Complete the table below using Year 1 as the base year!

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
P(A)	7	5	4
Q(A)	5	5	4
P(B)	2	5	6
Q(B)	8	3	5
P(C)	6	3	5
Q(C)	5	5	2
nGDP	81	55	56
rGDP	81	71	50
Growth rate	—	-12.3	-29.6

$$nGDP = P(A) \cdot Q(A) + P(B) \cdot Q(B) + P(C) \cdot Q(C)$$

$$rGDP = 7 \cdot Q(A) + 2 \cdot Q(B) + 6 \cdot Q(C) \text{ using prices of year 1 since year 1 as base year}$$

$$\text{growth rate} = \frac{rGDP_t - rGDP_{t-1}}{rGDP_{t-1}} \cdot 100$$

## 2. Growth projections (The Rule of 70)

The **Rule of 70** is used to estimate the number of years it will take for a quantity to double.

$$\text{Doubling time (years)} = \frac{70}{\text{annual growth rate (\%)}}$$

a. Approximately how long will it take for a country to double its rGDP if that is subject to a constant annual growth rate of 4%?

$$\frac{70}{4} = 17.5$$

b. If a country doubled its rGDP in 35 years, estimate its constant annual growth rate!

$$35 = \frac{70}{\text{annual growth rate}}$$

$$\text{Annual growth rate} = 2\%$$

c. A country's rGDP is \$3.5 billion in 2021 and is \$3.85 billion in 2022. Assuming a constant growth rate, in how many years will the country's rGDP reach \$7 billion?

$$\text{annual growth rate} = \frac{3.85 - 3.5}{3.5} = 10\%$$

$$\frac{70}{10} = 7 \text{ years}$$

3. The components of economic growth

Determine how each of the following changes will impact a country's pGDP?

- a. The age for compulsory education is reduced from 18 to 16.  
**pGDP decreases since human capital decreases**
- b. Artificial intelligence is used to increase the level of automation in manufacturing.  
**pGDP will go up.**
- c. A new natural gas reserve is discovered.  
**Natural resources go up, pGDP also go up.**