

**Note:** The numbering of the answers in what follows is 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8 (this was the numbering in the previous edition of the book). These answers correspond to exercises 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.8 that I have assigned from the current edition of the book.

4.4

$$u_t = \ln c_t + b \frac{(1-l_t)^{1-\delta}}{1-\delta}$$

) one-period problem

$$\max \ln c + b \frac{(1-l)^{1-\delta}}{1-\delta}$$

$$\text{s.t. } c = wl$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \ln c + b \frac{(1-l)^{1-\delta}}{1-\delta} + \lambda [wl - c]$$

FONC:

$$c: \quad \frac{1}{c} = \lambda \quad (1)$$

$$l: \quad -b(1-l)^{-\delta} + \lambda w = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\lambda: \quad wl = c \quad (3)$$

from (1), (2):

$$b(1-l)^{-\delta} = \frac{w}{c}$$

using (3):

$$b(1-l)^{-\delta} = \frac{w}{wl}$$

$$\Rightarrow b(1-l)^{-\delta} = \frac{1}{l}$$

this is independent of the wage  $w$ .

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(b) Two-period Problem

$$\max \left\{ \ln c_1 + \frac{b(1-l_1)^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} + e^{-\rho} \left[ \ln c_2 + \frac{b(1-l_2)^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} \right] \right\}$$

s.t.

$$w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{1+r}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \ln c_1 + \frac{b(1-l_1)^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} + e^{-\rho} \left[ \ln c_2 + \frac{b(1-l_2)^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} \right]$$

$$+ \lambda \left\{ w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} - c_1 - \frac{c_2}{1+r} \right\}$$

FONC:

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

$$l_1: -b(1-l_1)^{-\gamma} + \lambda w_1 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$c_2: \frac{e^{-\rho}}{c_2} = \frac{\lambda}{1+r} \quad (3)$$

$$l_2: -e^{-\rho} b(1-l_2)^{-\gamma} + \lambda \frac{w_2}{1+r} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda: w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{1+r} \quad (5)$$

From (2), (4):

$$b(1-l_1)^{-\gamma} = \frac{w_1}{w_2} e^{-\rho} (1+r) b(1-l_2)^{-\gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2} \right)^{\gamma} = \frac{w_2}{w_1} \cdot \frac{1}{1+r} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{-\rho}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2} = \left( \frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{e^{-\rho}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

- how does the relative demand for leisure depend on the relative wage?

$$\frac{d\left(\frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2}\right)}{d\left(\frac{w_2}{w_1}\right)} = \frac{1}{\delta} \left(\frac{w_2}{w_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}-1} \left(\frac{1}{1+r}\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left(\frac{1}{e^{\rho}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} > 0.$$

so a rise in  $w_1$  relative to  $w_2$  (i.e. a ~~rise~~ ↓ in  $\frac{w_2}{w_1}$ ) means a ~~rise~~ decrease in  $\frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2}$  or a rise in  $l_1$  relative to  $l_2$ .

Intuition: if you expect to make more today relative to tomorrow you work a bit harder today to take advantage of the good opportunity.

- how does the relative demand for leisure depend on the interest rate?

$$\frac{\partial\left(\frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2}\right)}{\partial r} = \left(\frac{w_2}{w_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left(\frac{1}{e^{\rho}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta} \left(\frac{1}{1+r}\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}-1} \left(-\frac{1}{(1+r)^2}\right) < 0$$

so a rise in the interest rate implies a decrease in  $\frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2}$  and thus a rise in  $l_1$  relative to  $l_2$ .

Intuition: as  $r$  rises it becomes more attractive for you to save b/c next period you will have a higher payoff. Thus you will work harder today to make some extra cash to take advantage of the better savings opportunities.

• low  $\delta \Rightarrow$  high  $\frac{1}{\delta}$  and thus higher

effect of  $\frac{w_2}{w_1}$  or  $r$  on the relative demand for leisure.

• low  $\delta$  means that utility is not very sharply curved in  $l \Rightarrow$  people are more willing to tolerate (change) movement in  $l$  in response to a change in wages or the interest rate.

$$\bullet \quad \epsilon_w = \frac{\partial \left( \frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2} \right)}{\partial \left( \frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)} \cdot \frac{w_2/w_1}{(1-l_1)/(1-l_2)} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}-1} \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{e^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \frac{w_2}{w_1} \frac{1-l_2}{1-l_1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{e^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \frac{1-l_2}{1-l_1} = \frac{1}{\delta}$$

$$\bullet \quad \epsilon_r = \frac{\partial \left( \frac{1-l_1}{1-l_2} \right)}{\partial \left( \frac{1+r}{1+r} \right)} \cdot \frac{1+r}{(1-l_1)/(1-l_2)} =$$

$$= \left( \frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{e^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}-1} \left( -\frac{1}{(1+r)^2} \right) \frac{(1+r)(1-l_2)}{1-l_1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{e^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \frac{(1-l_2)}{(1-l_1)} = -\frac{1}{\delta}$$

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$$\max \left\{ \ln c_1 + b \ln(1-l_1) + \bar{e}^p [\ln c_2 + b \ln(1-l_2)] \right\}$$

s.t.

$$w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{1+r}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \ln c_1 + b \ln(1-l_1) + \bar{e}^p [\ln c_2 + b \ln(1-l_2)]$$

$$+ \lambda \left[ w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} - c_1 - \frac{c_2}{1+r} \right]$$

FONC:

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

$$l_1: \quad \frac{-b}{1-l_1} + \lambda w_1 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$c_2: \quad \frac{\bar{e}^p}{c_2} = \frac{\lambda}{1+r} \quad (3)$$

$$l_2: \quad \frac{-\bar{e}^p b}{1-l_2} = \lambda \frac{w_2}{1+r} \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda: \quad w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{1+r} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (1):} \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{From (2):} \quad l_1 = 1 - \frac{b}{\lambda w_1} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{From (3):} \quad c_2 = \frac{\bar{e}^p (1+r)}{\lambda} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{From (4):} \quad l_2 = 1 - \frac{\bar{e}^p b (1+r)}{\lambda w_2} \quad (9)$$

sub. (6) - (9) into (5) :

$$\omega_1 \left(1 - \frac{b}{\lambda \omega_1}\right) + \frac{\omega_2}{1+r} \left(1 - \frac{\bar{e}^p b(1+r)}{\lambda \omega_2}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{\bar{e}^p(1+r)}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 - \frac{b}{\lambda} + \frac{\omega_2}{1+r} - \frac{\bar{e}^p b}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{\bar{e}^p b}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 + \frac{\omega_2}{1+r} = \frac{1+b}{\lambda} + \frac{\bar{e}^p(1+b)}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 + \frac{\omega_2}{1+r} = \frac{1+b}{\lambda} (1 + \bar{e}^p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{(1+b)(1 + \bar{e}^p)}{\omega_1 + \frac{\omega_2}{1+r}} \quad (10)$$

To solve for  $l_1, l_2$  sub. (10) into (7) and (9)

$$l_1 = 1 - b$$

$$\omega_1 \left( \frac{(1+b)(1 + \bar{e}^p)}{\omega_1 + \frac{\omega_2}{1+r}} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{b}{(1+b)} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \cdot \frac{1}{1+r}\right)}{(1 + \bar{e}^p)}$$

$$l_2 = \frac{1 - b\bar{e}^p(1+r)}{1 + w_2} = 1 - \frac{b}{1+b} \frac{\bar{e}^p(1+r)}{1 + \bar{e}^p \left( \frac{w_1}{w_2} + \frac{1}{1+r} \right)}$$

From the solutions to  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  we see that they depend only on the relative wage

thus a change in  $w_1$  that is offset by a change in  $w_2$  will leave the rel. wage unaffected and thus the labor demands unaffected.

(b) (i) 4.23 continues to hold b.c.  
 $z$  does not affect FOCs.

(ii) does the result above continue to hold?

No.

inter. b.c. now:

$$w_1 l_1 + \frac{w_2 l_2}{1+r} + z = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{1+r}$$

follow same steps to get:

$$\lambda = \frac{(1 + \bar{e}^p)(1+b)}{z + w_1 + \frac{w_2}{1+r}}$$



Follow same steps to get:

$$l_1 = \frac{1 - b \left( \frac{z}{w_1} + 1 + \frac{w_2}{w_1} \frac{1}{1+r} \right)}{(1+\bar{e}^P)(1+b)}$$

$$l_2 = \frac{1 - b(1+r)\bar{e}^P \left[ \frac{z}{w_2} + \frac{w_1}{w_2} + \frac{1}{1+r} \right]}{(1+\bar{e}^P)(1+b)}$$

so changes in  $w_1$  or  $w_2$  even if they leave  ~~$w_2$~~   $\frac{w_2}{w_1}$  unchanged will affect.

$l_1, l_2$ .

in particular:  $\uparrow w_2$  by  $dw_2 = dw_1$

will lead to a rise in  $l_1, l_2$ .

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2 period model with preferences  $\ln c_1 + \ln c_2$ .

Let.  $r = Ecr + \epsilon$   
          ↓  
          mean → mean zero random disturbance.

(a)

(i)  $Y_1 =$  first period labor income.

$$Y_2 = 0.$$

b.c.  $c_1 = Y_1 - S$

$$c_2 = (1+r)S = (1+r)(Y_1 - c_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + \frac{c_2}{1+r} = Y_1$$

HH solves

$$\max \ln c_1 + E \ln c_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } c_2 = (1+r)(Y_1 - c_1)$$

or  $\max \ln c_1 + E \ln (1+r)(Y_1 - c_1)$

$$\Rightarrow \max \ln c_1 + \ln (1+r)(Y_1 - c_1) + E \ln (1+r)$$

$$c_1 : \frac{1}{c_1} + \frac{(-1)}{Y_1 - c_1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_1 - c_1 = c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = Y_1/2$$

$c_1$  is indep. of  $r$ .

(ii)

$c_1$  indep. of whether  $r = Ecr$  or  $r = Ecr + \epsilon$ .  
uncertainty doesn't affect the choice of  $c_1$ .

(b)  $y_1 = 0$   
 $y_2 > 0$

b.c.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_1 &= B \\ c_2 &= y_2 - (1+r)B \end{aligned} \right\} c_2 = y_2 - (1+r)c_1$$

HH problem

$$\max \ln c_1 + E \ln c_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } c_2 = y_2 - (1+r)c_1$$

or  $\max \ln c_1 + E \ln [y_2 - (1+r)c_1]$

FONC:

$$L: \frac{1}{c_1} - E \left( \frac{1+r}{y_2 - (1+r)c_1} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_1} = E \left( (1+r) \cdot \frac{1}{c_2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_1} = E(1+r) \cdot E\left(\frac{1}{c_2}\right) + \text{cov}\left(1+r, \frac{1}{c_2}\right)$$

certainty:  $E(1+r) = 1+r$

$$\text{then } E\left(\frac{1}{y_2 - c_1(1+r)}\right) = \frac{1}{y_2 - c_1(1+r)}$$

$$\text{Cov}(1+r, \frac{1}{c_2}) = 0$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{c_1} = \frac{1+r}{y_2 - c_1(1+r)} \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{y_2}{(1+r)^2}$$

$\downarrow$   
E(r)

uncertainty

$$\text{cov}(1+r, \frac{1}{c_2}) > 0.$$

since higher  $\varepsilon \Rightarrow$  higher  $1+r$  and higher  $\frac{1}{y_2 - (1+r)c_1}$

Jensen's inequality:  $E(\frac{1}{c_2}) > \frac{1}{E(c_2)}$ .

since  $\frac{1}{c_2}$  is a convex function of  $c_2$ .

$$\frac{1}{c_1} = E(1+r) E(\frac{1}{c_2}) + \text{cov}(1+r, \frac{1}{c_2}) > E(1+r) E(\frac{1}{c_2}) > \frac{E(1+r)}{E(c_2)}$$

$$= \frac{1 + E(r)}{y_2 - c_1 (1 + E(r))}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 - c_1 (1 + E(r)) > c_1 (1 + E(r))$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 < \frac{y_2}{2(1 + E(r))}$$

uncertainty reduces the amount of first period cons. optimally chosen.

4.8

• constant pop. of infinitely lived individuals.

• pref.  $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{u(c_t)}{(1+p)^t}$ ,  $u(c_t) = c_t - \theta c_t^2$

•  $y_t = AK_t + e_t$  - linear PF.

•  $K_{t+1} = K_t + y_t - c_t$ . Note: Here we

•  $r = A$ . From linear PF. solve the Planner's problem. This is

• Assume  $A = p$ . equivalent to solving the decenter problem b/c FWT holds.

• Assume disturbance follows AR(1):  $e_t = \phi e_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ ,  $\phi \in (-1, 1)$ .  
 $\varepsilon_t$  iid with mean zero.

(a) Find FOC relating  $c_t$  to  $E_t c_{t+1}$ .

HH Problem:

$$\max \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+p)^t} (c_t - \theta c_t^2)$$

s.t.

$$K_{t+1} + c_t = (1+A)K_t + e_t$$

Lagrangian:

$$z = E \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} (c_t - \theta c_t^2) \right] + \lambda_t \left[ (1+A)k_t + e_t - c_t - k_{t+1} \right] \right\}$$

FONC:

$$c_t: E_t \left\{ \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} (1 - 2\theta c_t) - \lambda_t \right\} = 0. \quad (1)$$

$$k_{t+1}: E_t \left\{ -\lambda_t + \lambda_{t+1} (1+A) \right\} = 0. \quad (2)$$

$$\lambda_t: E_t \left\{ (1+A)k_t + e_t - c_t - k_{t+1} \right\} = 0. \quad (3)$$

From (1), (2):

$$\lambda_t = \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} (1 - 2\theta c_t).$$

$$\bullet \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} (1 - 2\theta c_t) = (1+A) E_t \left[ \frac{1}{(1+r)^{t+1}} (1 - 2\theta c_{t+1}) \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$1 - 2\theta c_t = \left( \frac{1+A}{1+r} \right) E_t (1 - 2\theta c_{t+1})$$

since AP by assumption.

$\Rightarrow$

$$c_t = E_t (c_{t+1}).$$

(b) Guess :  $C_t = \alpha + \beta K_t + \gamma e_t$ .

then  $K_{t+1} = (1+A)K_t - C_t + e_t$ .

$$\Rightarrow K_{t+1} = (1+A)K_t - \alpha - \beta K_t - \gamma e_t + e_t.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K_{t+1} = (1+A-\beta)K_t + (1-\gamma)e_t - \alpha.} \quad (*)$$

(c) what values must  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  have for the f.o.c. in (a) to be satisfied for all  $(K_t, e_t)$

we have guessed

$$C_t = \alpha + \beta K_t + \gamma e_t.$$

then

$$C_{t+1} = \alpha + \beta K_{t+1} + \gamma e_{t+1}.$$

sub. these in f.o.c

$$C_t = E_t(C_{t+1})$$

$$\alpha + \beta K_t + \gamma e_t = E_t(\alpha + \beta K_{t+1} + \gamma e_{t+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta K_t + \gamma e_t = \alpha + \beta K_{t+1} + \gamma E(e_{t+1})$$

but

$$e_{t+1} = \phi e_t + \varepsilon_{t+1}$$

with  $E(\varepsilon_{t+1}) = 0$ .

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$$x + \beta K_t + \gamma e_t = x + \beta K_{t+1} + \gamma \phi e_t$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{t+1} = \frac{\beta}{\beta} K_t + \frac{\gamma(1-\phi)e_t}{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{t+1} = K_t + \frac{\gamma(1-\phi)}{\beta} e_t \quad (**)$$

DM (\*), (\*\*), it must be that

$$1+A-\beta=1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{A=\beta}$$

$$\frac{\gamma(1-\phi)}{\beta} = (1-\gamma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\gamma(1-\phi)}{A} = 1-\gamma$$

$$\boxed{\alpha = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma(1-\phi) = A - \gamma A$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma(1-\phi + A) = A$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = \frac{A}{1+A-\phi}}$$



(d) effects of a one time shock to  $\varepsilon$   
on the paths of  $y, K, C$ ?

one time shock

$$\varepsilon_t = 1$$

$$\varepsilon_{t+j} = 0 \quad \text{for } j=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Assume economy is initially on its BGP:

$$e_t = 1$$

$$e_{t+1} = \phi e_t = \phi.$$

$$e_{t+2} = \phi e_{t+1} = \phi^2$$

$\vdots$

$$e_{t+j} = \phi^j$$

We have that

~~$$K_{t+1} = K_t + \delta(1-\phi)$$~~

$$K_{t+1} = K_t + (1-\delta)e_t.$$

on BGP:

$$K_t = K^{SS}$$

$$K_{t+1} = K_t + (1-\delta) \cdot e_t.$$

$$= K^{SS} + (1-\delta) \cdot 1$$

$$K_{t+2} = K_{t+1} + (1-\delta) e_{t+1}$$

$$= K^{SS} + (1-\delta) + (1-\delta)\phi.$$

$$= K^{SS} + (1-\delta)(1+\phi).$$

$$K_{t+3} = K_{t+2} + (1-\delta)e_{t+2}$$

$$= K^{SS} + (1-\delta)(1+\phi) + (1-\delta)\phi^2.$$

$$= K^{SS} + (1-\delta)(1+\phi+\phi^2)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$K_{t+j} = K^{SS} + (1-\delta)(1+\phi+\phi^2+\dots+\phi^{j-1})$$

As  $j \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} K_{t+j} = K^{SS} + \frac{1-\delta}{1-\phi}.$$

then for cons.

$$c_t = AK_t + \delta e_t.$$

$$= AK_t + \delta$$

$$c_{t+1} = AK_{t+1} + \delta e_{t+1}$$

$$= AK_{t+1} + \delta\phi$$

$$c_{t+2} = AK_{t+2} + \delta e_{t+2}$$

$$= AK_{t+2} + \delta\phi^2.$$

$\vdots$

$$c_{t+j} = AK_{t+j} + \delta\phi^j$$

$$c_{\infty} = AK_{\infty}.$$

Then for output.

$$Y_t = AK_t + e_t.$$

$$= AK_t + 1$$

$$Y_{t+1} = AK_{t+1} + \phi$$

$$, Y_{t+2} = AK_{t+2} + \phi^2.$$

$$Y_{t+j} = AK_{t+j} + \phi^j,$$

$$Y_{\infty} = AK_{\infty}$$

Thus at time  $t+n$  we have

$$k_{t+n} - k^{ss} = (1-\delta) (1 + \phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^{n-1}).$$

~~$k_{t+n}$~~

$$c_{t+n} - c^{ss} = A k_{t+n} + \delta \phi^n - A k^{ss}.$$

$$y_{t+n} - y^* = A k_{t+n} + \phi^n - A k^{ss}.$$