

# 1. Model

(a) jump:  $C_t, I_t, A_t$ ; endog states:  $K_t$ ; exog states:  $\emptyset$

$$(b) \max E \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left\{ \log(C_t) + \lambda_{1,t} (C_t - A_t (K_t^\alpha + I_t)) + \lambda_{2,t} (K_{t+1} - (1-\delta)K_t - I_t) \right\}$$

$$\{C_t, I_t, K_{t+1}\}$$

FOC

$$\underline{C_t} \quad \frac{1}{C_t} = \lambda_{1,t}$$

+ constraints & LOM for A

$$\underline{I_t} \quad \lambda_{1,t} = \lambda_{2,t}$$

$$\underline{K_{t+1}} \quad \lambda_{2,t} = \beta E_t \left[ \lambda_{2,t+1} (\alpha A_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + 1-\delta) \right]$$

$$(c) \max E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left\{ \log(C_t) + \theta_{1,t} (C_t + I_t - A_t K_t^\alpha) \right. \\ \left. + \theta_{2,t} (K_{t+1} - (1-\delta)K_t - I_t) \right. \\ \left. + \theta_{3,t} (A_t - (K_t)^{a_0}) \right\}$$

$$\{C_t, I_t, A_t, K_{t+1}\}$$

FOC

$$\underline{C_t} \quad \frac{1}{C_t} = \theta_{1,t}$$

$$\underline{I_t} \quad \theta_{1,t} = \theta_{2,t}$$

$$\underline{A_t} \quad \theta_{1,t} (-K_t^\alpha) + \theta_{3,t} = 0$$

①

$$\underline{K_{t+1}} \quad \lambda_{2,t} = \beta E_t \left[ \lambda_{2,t+1} (\alpha A_{t+1} K_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + 1-\delta) + \theta_{3,t+1} (a_0 K_{t+1}^{a_0-1}) \right]$$

②

$$(d) \quad V(k_t) = \max_{k_{t+1}} \left\{ \log \left( k_t^{\alpha_0} k_t^{\alpha} + (1-\alpha)k_t - k_{t+1} \right) + \beta E_t V(k_{t+1}) \right\}$$

FOC

$$\frac{1}{c_{t+1}} = \beta E_t V'(k_{t+1})$$

But envelope says

$$V'(L) = \frac{1}{C_t} \left( (a_0 + \alpha) k_{t+1}^{a_0 + \alpha - 1} + (1-\alpha) \right)$$

Combine to get

$$1 = E_t \left[ \frac{C_t}{C_{t+1}} \left( (a_0 + \alpha) k_{t+1}^{a_0 + \alpha - 1} + 1 - \alpha \right) \right]$$

Now use ① & ② from (c) ...

$$\theta_{3t} = \frac{1}{C_t} k_t^{\alpha}$$

so ② implies

$$\frac{1}{C_t} = \beta E_t \left[ \frac{1}{C_{t+1}} \alpha k_{t+1}^{\alpha_0} k_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + 1 - \delta + \frac{1}{C_{t+1}} k_{t+1}^{\alpha} a_0 k_{t+1}^{a_0-1} \right]$$

(Combine terms)

$$= \beta E_t \left[ \frac{1}{C_{t+1}} (\alpha + a_0) k_{t+1}^{a_0 + \alpha - 1} + 1 - \delta \right]$$

same ✓

e) In S.P. economy, steady state implies

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = (\alpha + a_0) K^{\alpha + a_0 - 1} \Rightarrow K = \left( \frac{1}{\beta (\alpha + a_0)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha + a_0 - 1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \left( \beta (\alpha + a_0) \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha - a_0}}$$

In decentralized economy <sup>don't forget</sup>

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = \alpha K^{\alpha + a_0 - 1} \Rightarrow K = \left( \beta (\alpha) \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha - a_0}}$$

Since the exponent is positive, and  $\beta \alpha < \beta (\alpha + a_0)$   
it's clear the latter is smaller.

$$2. (a) \quad 1 = \beta E_t \left[ \frac{C_t}{C_{t+1}} \left( \alpha K_{t+1}^{\alpha+a_0-1} + 1 - \delta \right) \right] \quad (1)$$

$$C_t = K_t^{\alpha+a_0} + (1-\delta)K_t - K_{t+1} \quad (2)$$

2 (b) we have  $\frac{1}{\beta} = \alpha K^{\alpha+a_0-1} + 1 - \delta$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta \right)}{\alpha} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha+a_0-1}} = K_{ss} \quad \text{From euler equation}$$

from R.C.

$$C = K^{\alpha+a_0} + (1-\delta)K - K = K_{ss}^{\alpha+a_0} - \delta K_{ss}$$

(c)

Log linearize (1)

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = E_t \left[ \frac{\exp(C_t)}{\exp(C_{t+1})} \left( \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k_t) + 1 - \delta \right) \right]$$

Let's call  $f^1 = \frac{\exp(C_t)}{\exp(C_{t+1})} \left( \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k_t) + 1 - \delta \right)$

← optimal simpl. first

$$f^1_{C_t|ss} = \frac{\exp(C)}{\exp(C)} \left( \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k) + 1 - \delta \right) = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$f^1_{C_{t+1}|ss} = - \frac{\exp(C)}{\exp(C)^2} \left( \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k) + 1 - \delta \right) \exp(C) = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$f^1_{k_{t+1}|ss} = \frac{\exp(C)}{\exp(C)} \alpha \exp((\alpha+a_0-1)k) (\alpha+a_0-1)$$

So  $f^1 \approx f^1_{ss} + E_t \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} (\hat{C}_t - \hat{C}_{t+1}) + \alpha K^{\alpha+a_0-1} (\alpha+a_0-1) \hat{k}_{t+1} \right]$

$$C_t - K_t^{\alpha+\alpha_0} - (1-\sigma)K_t + K_{t+1} = 0 \in \text{coll } f^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(C_t) - \exp((\alpha+\alpha_0)K_t) - (1-\sigma)\exp(K_t) + \exp(K_{t+1}) = 0$$

$$f_{C_t}^2 = \exp(C)$$

$$f_{K_{t+1}}^2 = \exp(K)$$

$$f_{K_t}^2 = -\exp((\alpha+\alpha_0)K) (\alpha+\alpha_0) - (1-\sigma)\exp(K)$$

$$\text{So } f^2 \approx f_{ss}^2 + C \hat{C}_t + K \hat{K}_{t+1} - (K^{\alpha+\alpha_0} (\alpha+\alpha_0) - (1-\sigma)K) \hat{K}_t$$

2(d) using my equation ordering

$$F_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\left( K^{\alpha+a_0} (\alpha+a_0) - (-\alpha)K \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{B} \\ C \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{xp} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha K^{\alpha+a_0-1} (\alpha+a_0-1) \\ K \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{yp} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{B} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q4.

I would start by noting that the only aggregate state variable (the only way that agents are connected, effectively) is through equation (4). Second, I would note that we are only looking for a steady-state: once we know steady-state  $\bar{K}$ , we can solve the agent's individual problem without referring to other agent's choices. With those observations, I would

1. Conjecture a value for  $\bar{K}$ , and assume that individual capital stocks all start at  $\bar{K}$
2. Solve for individual optimal investment decision as a function of  $K(i,t)$  taking as given  $\bar{K}$ . For this step, I could use a variety of approaches, but the one I would naturally use is to use the "hat" basis functions to conjecture a policy  $k(i,t+1) = h(k(i,t), \text{eps}(i,t))$  and then use projection method to find the best approximate individual policies.

In step 2, I would approximate expectations by using the Gaussian-Hermite quadrature to approximate the distribution of  $\text{eps}(i,t+1)$  faced by the agent.

3. Using this policy function, I would draw a large random sample of  $\text{eps}(i,t)$  and compute the optimal capital choice  $k(i,t) = h(k(i,t), \text{eps}(i,t))$ . (In the first iteration,  $k(i,t) = \bar{K}$ .) Using this large population, could update by guess of  $\bar{K}$ .
4. I would iterate on steps (1)-(3) updating both individual and aggregate capital at each step, until convergence.