

Growth theory without constant returns

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Overview “Growth theory without constant returns”

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Solow-type model with two new features:

- the population of worker-capitalists is divided in m groups which differ in s , δ , n , and k_0
- non-constant returns

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Problem: marginal-product payments do not exhaust the product

Solution: continuous Shapley value introduced by Aumann and Shapley (1974)

The population and its structure I

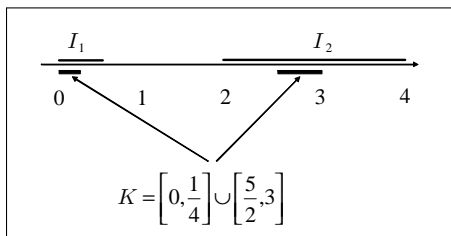
- not n players but by m intervals of workers
- $\vec{L} = (L_1, \dots, L_m) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ where L_i
- $\lambda =$ Lebesgue-Borel measure on \mathbb{R}
- m intervals $I_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, such that $\lambda(I_i) = L_i$ holds for every $i = 1, \dots, m$
- $I := \cup_{i=1}^m I_i =$ set of all workers with cardinality $L := \sum_{i=1}^m L_i = \lambda(I)$
- $\mathcal{B} =$ set of Borel sets of I
- define $\mu_i^{\vec{L}}$ by $\mu_i^{\vec{L}}(K) := \lambda(K \cap I_i), K \in \mathcal{B}$
- $\mu_i^{\vec{L}}$ is a measure on (I, \mathcal{B})
- $\mu^{\vec{L}} = \prod_{i \in N} \mu_i^{\vec{L}} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N, K \mapsto \left(\mu_i^{\vec{L}}(K) \right)_{i \in N} =$ Cartesian product of these measures

The population and its structure II

$\vec{L} = (\frac{1}{2}, 2)$ and intervals $I_1 = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and $I_2 = [2, 4]$. For $K := [0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup [\frac{5}{2}, 3] \in \mathcal{B}$ we obtain

$$\mu_1(K) = \lambda(K \cap I_1) = \lambda\left(\left[0, \frac{1}{4}\right]\right) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and}$$

$$\mu_2(K) = \lambda(K \cap I_2) = \lambda\left(\left[\frac{5}{2}, 3\right]\right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$



Factors of production and production function

- k_i = amount of capital owned by a worker of group i
- Thus,

$$K_i : = k_i L_i \text{ for group } i, \text{ and}$$

$$K : = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i L_i \text{ for all groups together.}$$

- define

$$g = (g_K, g_L) : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2,$$
$$(L_1, \dots, L_m) \mapsto \left(\sum_{i=1}^m k_i L_i, \sum_{i=1}^m L_i \right),$$

- For a production function $Y = F(K, L)$,

$$F \circ g : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$(L_1, \dots, L_m) \mapsto F(g_K(L_1, \dots, L_m), g_L(L_1, \dots, L_m))$$

yields the output producible by the m groups of size L_1, \dots, L_m .

Vector measure game and Shapley value I

Vector measure game

$$v := F \circ g \circ \mu : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Given a coalition $S \in \mathcal{B}$,

- $\mu(S)$ specifies how to divide S among the m groups,
- g shows the labor and capital available to all those groups and
- F yields the product.

Vector measure game and Shapley value II

- If F is continuously differentiable, so is $F \circ g$.
- If $F(0, 0) = 0$, we also have $(F \circ g)(0) = 0$.

Assume these two properties. Then, we can apply the continuous Shapley value as proposed by Aumann and Shapley (1974).

For $S \in \mathcal{B}$, it is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Sh(v)(S) &= \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j(S) \int_0^1 \frac{\partial (F \circ g)}{\partial L_j} \Big|_{(\tau\mu_1(I), \dots, \tau\mu_m(I))} d\tau \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda(S \cap I_j) \int_0^1 \frac{\partial (F \circ g)}{\partial L_j} \Big|_{(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m)} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Diagonal formula!

Vector measure game and Shapley value III

- From the previous chapter, we know

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(\tau K, \tau L)} = \tau^{d-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(K, L)}$$

- Therefore, we can write the derivative $\frac{\partial(F \circ g)}{\partial L_j} \Big|_{(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m)} d\tau$ as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(g_K(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m), g_L(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m))} \frac{\partial g_K}{\partial L_i} \Big|_{(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m)} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(g_K(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m), g_L(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m))} \\ = & \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(\tau \sum_{j=1}^m k_j L_j, \tau \sum_{j=1}^m L_j)} k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(\tau \sum_{j=1}^m k_j L_j, \tau \sum_{j=1}^m L_j)} \\ = & \tau^{d-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(\sum_{j=1}^m k_j L_j, \sum_{j=1}^m L_j)} k_i + \tau^{d-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(\sum_{j=1}^m k_j L_j, \sum_{j=1}^m L_j)} \\ = & \tau^{d-1} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(K, L)} k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(K, L)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Vector measure game and Shapley value IV

- Finally, we calculate the integral

$$\int_0^1 \tau^{d-1} d\tau = \frac{1}{d} \tau^d \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{d}.$$

Now, for $S := I_i$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Sh(v)(I_i)}{L_i} &= \frac{1}{L_i} \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda(I_i \cap I_j) \int_0^1 \frac{\partial(F \circ g)}{\partial L_j} \Big|_{(\tau L_1, \dots, \tau L_m)} d\tau \\ &= \int_0^1 \tau^{d-1} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(K,L)} k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(K,L)} \right] d\tau \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(K,L)} k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(K,L)} \right] \int_0^1 \tau^{d-1} d\tau \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(K,L)} k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(K,L)} \right] \frac{1}{d} \end{aligned}$$

Vector measure game and Shapley value V

Special case

$$Y = F(K, L) = K^\alpha L^\beta, \quad 0 < \alpha, \beta$$

homogeneous of degree $d := \alpha + \beta$

vector measure game given by

$$v(S) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m k_i \lambda(S \cap I_i) \right)^\alpha (\lambda(S))^\beta,$$

and the Shapley value for group i

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i & : = Sh(v)(I_i) \\ & = L_i \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial g_K} \Big|_{(K,L)} k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial g_L} \Big|_{(K,L)} \right] \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \\ & = L_i \left[\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} K^{\alpha-1} L^\beta k_i + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} K^\alpha L^{\beta-1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Problem

Simplify

$$Y_i = L_i \left[\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} K^{\alpha-1} L^\beta k_i + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} K^\alpha L^{\beta-1} \right]$$

for the one-group case ($m = 1$, dropping the i -index) and comment!

Labor and capital immigration I

Definition

We have labor immigration into an economy if $L_{m+1} > 0$ and $k_{m+1} = 0$ hold. We have capital immigration (capital imports) into an economy if $L_{m+1} = 0$, $k_{m+1} > 0$ hold.

Definition

Group $i = 1, \dots, m$ is said to be welcoming towards labor (capital) immigration if $\frac{dY_i}{dL} > 0$ ($\frac{dY_i}{dK} > 0$) holds.

Theorem

Considering immigration at time into an economy, we find:

- *Group i benefits from labor immigration in case of*

$$k_i > \frac{1 - \beta}{\alpha} \frac{K}{L}.$$

$k_i = \frac{K}{L} \longrightarrow$ *group i welcomes labor immigration iff increasing returns to scale hold*

$d = 1 \longrightarrow$ *more-than-average capital-rich groups welcome labor immigration*

Theorem

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$$\frac{K}{L} > \frac{1 - \alpha}{\beta} k_i.$$

$k_i = \frac{K}{L} \longrightarrow$ *group i welcomes capital immigration iff increasing returns to scale hold*

$d = 1 \longrightarrow$ *more-than-average capital-rich groups oppose capital immigration*

- *Increasing returns to scale are a necessary condition for any group to be welcoming to both capital and labor.*

Dynamics of per-head capital endowment I

Taking depreciation into account, the capital stock of group i develops in accordance with

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(L_{it}k_{it})}{dt} &= \frac{dK_{it}}{dt} = s_i Y_{it} - \delta_i K_{it} \\ &= s_i L_{it} \left[\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} K_t^{\alpha-1} L_t^\beta k_{it} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} K_t^\alpha L_t^{\beta-1} \right] - \delta_i L_{it} k_{it}.\end{aligned}$$

and we obtain

$$\frac{\dot{k}_{it}}{k_{it}} = s_i \left[\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{L_t^\beta}{K_t^{1-\alpha}} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{K_t^\alpha}{L_t^{1-\beta}} \cdot \frac{1}{k_{it}} \right] - (\delta_i + n_i).$$

$$m = 1 \longrightarrow \frac{\dot{k}_t}{k_t} = s \frac{L_t^\beta}{K_t^{1-\alpha}} - (\delta + n) \text{ and}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 1 \longrightarrow \frac{\dot{k}_t}{k_t} = \frac{s}{k_t^{1-\alpha}} - (\delta + n)$$

Dynamics of per-head capital endowment II

Which of two groups i and j grows faster?

$$\frac{\dot{k}_{it}}{k_{it}} - \frac{\dot{k}_{jt}}{k_{jt}} = (s_i - s_j) \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{L_t^\beta}{K_t^{1-\alpha}} + \left(\frac{s_i}{k_{it}} - \frac{s_j}{k_{jt}} \right) \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{K_t^\alpha}{L_t^{1-\beta}} - (\delta_i + n_i) + (\delta_j + n_j)$$

Convergence in the special case: $n := n_i = n_j$, $\delta := \delta_i = \delta_j$, $s := s_i = s_j$

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$$\frac{\dot{k}_{it}}{k_{it}} - \frac{\dot{k}_{jt}}{k_{jt}} = \left(\frac{s}{k_{it}} - \frac{s}{k_{jt}} \right) \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{K_t^\alpha}{L_t^{1-\beta}}$$

The steady state for a one-group economy I

- Noting

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{L^\beta}{K^{1-\alpha}} &= \frac{(L_0 e^{nt})^\beta}{(L_0 e^{nt} k)^{1-\alpha}} = \frac{(L_0 e^{nt})^\beta}{(L_0 e^{nt})^{1-\alpha} k^{1-\alpha}} \\ &= L_0^{\alpha+b-1} \frac{(e^{nt})^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{k^{1-\alpha}} \\ &= L_0^{\alpha+b-1} \frac{e^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{k^{1-\alpha}},\end{aligned}$$

- normalizing $L_0 = 1$, we can work with

$$\frac{\dot{k}}{k} = s \frac{e^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{k^{1-\alpha}} - (\delta + n)$$

The steady state for a one-group economy II

If (!) a steady state exists, we find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\dot{\frac{k}{k}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \left(\frac{se^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{k^{1-\alpha}} - (\delta + n) \right)}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{se^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt} (\alpha + \beta - 1) n \cdot k^{1-\alpha} - (1 - \alpha) k^{-\alpha} \dot{k} \cdot se^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{k^{2(1-\alpha)}}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\frac{\dot{k}^c}{k^c} = \frac{\alpha + \beta - 1}{1 - \alpha} n \quad (\text{c=candidate}).$$

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$$\frac{se^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{k^{1-\alpha}} - (\delta + n) = \frac{\alpha + \beta - 1}{1 - \alpha} n$$

The steady state for a one-group economy III

... candidate equilibrium path

$$k^c = \left(\frac{se^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{\frac{(\alpha+\beta-1)n}{1-\alpha} + (\delta+n)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}.$$

with growth rate

$$\frac{d \left(\frac{se^{(\alpha+\beta-1)nt}}{\frac{(\alpha+\beta-1)n}{1-\alpha} + (\delta+n)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}}{dt} = \frac{\alpha + \beta - 1}{1 - \alpha} n (!)$$

→ $k^* := k^c$

The steady state for a one-group economy IV

- constant returns to scale \longrightarrow growth rate 0
- increasing returns to scale \longrightarrow per-head capital endowment grows at a constant rate
- decreasing returns \longrightarrow per-head capital endowment grows at a constant shrinks

both growth and shrinkage is leveraged by the growth of the population

The steady state for a one-group economy V

For $m = 1$, steady-state per-head consumption is given by

$$\begin{aligned}c & : = (1 - s) K^\alpha L^{\beta-1} \\ & = (1 - s) (e^{nt} k)^\alpha (e^{nt})^{\beta-1} \quad (L_0 = 1) \\ & = (1 - s) e^{nt(\alpha+\beta-1)} k^\alpha.\end{aligned}$$

$\alpha + \beta - 1 < 0$ = decreasing returns to scale (possibly due to shortage of land)

—> consumption tends to zero which makes a positive growth rate of the population unsustainable and gives rise to a Malthusian interpretation