

1. a) Product rule: $dz = x dy + y dx$
To get growth rates, divide by z on the LHS and $x \cdot y$ on the RHS

$$\frac{dz}{z} = \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dy}{y}$$

- b) Similarly

$$\frac{dz}{z} = \frac{dx}{x} - \frac{du}{u} - \frac{dv}{v}$$

2. First order conditions of the firm's profit maximisation problem give us the demand for factors

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial K} &= F_K(K, L) - r = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial L} &= F_L(K, L) - w = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now for the Cobb Douglas function $Y = K^\alpha (AL)^{1-\alpha}$ (with *labour augmenting technological progress*), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_K(K, L) &= \alpha (AL)^{1-\alpha} K^{\alpha-1} \\ F_L(K, L) &= (1-\alpha) A^{1-\alpha} K^\alpha L^{-\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the demand for factors is

$$\begin{aligned} K^d &= AL \left(\frac{\alpha}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \\ L^d &= A^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} K \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{w} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

A increases both demands, with elasticity 1 and $\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}$ respectively, because it makes factors more productive.

3. i. Assume K and L are fixed. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{K}}{\bar{L}} &= g(r, A) = A \left(\frac{\alpha}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \\ \frac{\bar{L}}{\bar{K}} &= f(w, A) = A^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{w} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $g_r < 0$, $f_w < 0$, $g_A > 0$, $f_A > 0$, it follows that if A goes up, so do r and w .

- ii. Now assume that the capital is infinitely elastic. This implies that $r = \bar{r}$. We then have

$$\frac{K}{L} = g(\bar{r}, A)$$
$$\frac{\bar{L}}{K} = f(w, A)$$

Given the above partial derivatives, it follows that if A goes up, so does w but r remains fixed at \bar{r} .