

1. As in the lectures, let  $\tilde{k} = \frac{K}{AL}$  stand for capital per efficiency units of labour. The equation for evolution of capital is given by

$$\Delta k = \text{Savings} - (\delta + n + g)\tilde{k}$$

If all the capital income is saved and if capital earns its marginal product, then savings equals  $MPK \cdot \tilde{k}$ . Substituting this in the above equation we find that

$$\Delta k = MPK \cdot \tilde{k} - (\delta + n + g)\tilde{k}$$

In steady state:

$$MPK \cdot \tilde{k} = (\delta + n + g)\tilde{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow MPK = (\delta + n + g)$$

which means the economy is at its Golden rule steady state.

2. A straight-forward questions on endogenous growth.
- Discuss the divergence between social and private return. The discussion should focus on the externalities of act of capital investment.

Derive the model:

$$Y = K^\alpha (A \cdot L)^{1-\alpha}$$

If there are externalities associated with capital investment, we would have

$$A = \lambda k$$

The rate of growth of the economy is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta y}{y} &= \frac{\Delta k}{k} = s \cdot \frac{y}{k} - (\delta + n) \\ &= s \cdot \lambda^{1-\alpha} - (\delta + n) \end{aligned}$$

Discuss the implication of the above given model.

- (a) Non-convergence: low income countries do not necessarily grow faster.
  - (b) Growth rate depends on the saving rate of the economy
  - (c) Higher population growth,  $n$ , implies that slower growth in output per head leading to so called "poverty traps".
3. A question on endogenous growth again. The key relation is the complementarity between training and capital per worker in the economy.

$$Y = K^\alpha (T \cdot L)^{1-\alpha}$$

The per-worker production function for the economy is given by

$$y = T^{1-\alpha} k^\alpha$$

where  $T$  is the training that agents acquire. This is a function of the capital intensity in the economy.

$$T = \beta k$$

This basically means that as capital intensity in the economy increases, the worker are required to be more trained / skilled to work with the capital.

$$Y = K^\alpha (T \cdot L)^{1-\alpha}$$

The growth rate of output per worker  $y$  and capital per worker  $k$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta y}{y} &= \frac{\Delta k}{k} = s \cdot \frac{y}{k} - (\delta + n) \\ &= s\beta^{1-\alpha} - (\delta + n) \end{aligned}$$

Implications are that that

- i. The growth rate of  $y$  and  $k$  increases with  $\beta$ . That means the greater the “Productivity-effect”, the higher the  $\beta$ , the faster the economy grows.
- ii. The growth rate of  $y$  and  $k$  increases with saving rate  $s$ .
- iii. The growth rate of  $y$  and  $k$  decreases with  $n$  and  $\delta$ .