

Solow growth model

Labor productivity, $\gamma > 0$, $X_{t+1} = (1 + \gamma) X_t \Rightarrow \frac{X_{t+1}}{X_t} = 1 + \gamma, t = 0, 1, \dots$

Population grow at rate of $n > 0$, $L_{t+1} = (1 + n)L_t \Rightarrow \frac{L_{t+1}}{L_t} = 1 + n$

Effective labor force $N_t = X_t L_t$

Production function $Y_t = A K_t^\alpha N_t^{1-\alpha}, 0 < \alpha < 1$

Consumption demand is a fraction of their income: $C_t = (1 - s) Y_t$

Aggregate resource constraint: $C_t + I_t = Y_t$

Capital accumulation: $\delta = 1 \Rightarrow K_{t+1} = I_t$

$C_t + I_t = Y_t \Rightarrow I_t = Y_t - C_t \Rightarrow I_t = Y_t - (1 - s) Y_t = s Y_t = K_{t+1}$

$\frac{N_{t+1}}{N_t} = \frac{X_{t+1} L_{t+1}}{X_t L_t} = (1 + \gamma) (1 + n)$

Efficiency unit of capital $k_t = \frac{K_t}{N_t}, k_{t+1} = \frac{K_{t+1}}{N_{t+1}}$

$K_{t+1} = s Y_t \Rightarrow \frac{K_{t+1}}{N_t} = s \frac{Y_t}{N_t}$

$\frac{K_{t+1}}{N_t} = \frac{K_{t+1}}{N_{t+1}} \frac{N_{t+1}}{N_t} = s \frac{Y_t}{N_t} \Rightarrow k_{t+1} (1 + \gamma) (1 + n) = s \frac{A K_t^\alpha N_t^{1-\alpha}}{N_t} = s A K_t^\alpha N_t^{-\alpha} = s A \left(\frac{K_t}{N_t} \right)^\alpha = s A k_t^\alpha$

$k_{t+1} (1 + \gamma) (1 + n) = s A k_t^\alpha$

In the steady state, $k_{t+1} = k_t = k$

$k (1 + \gamma) (1 + n) = s A k^\alpha \Rightarrow k^{1-\alpha} = \frac{s A}{(1 + \gamma) (1 + n)} \Rightarrow k = \left(\frac{s A}{(1 + \gamma) (1 + n)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$

Two economy: a and b,

Economy b has higher saving rate $s_b > s_a$ and higher labor productivity growth $\gamma_b > \gamma_a$

$\frac{s_b}{1 + \gamma_b} = \frac{s_a}{1 + \gamma_a}$

$k_a \geq < k_b?$

$k = \left(\frac{s A}{(1 + \gamma) (1 + n)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$

