

First we solve the standard Ramsey model as a baseline case.

1 Standard Ramsey Model

Rewrite the expression of $\frac{\dot{\hat{c}}(t)}{\hat{c}(t)}$ into log-linearized form

$$\frac{d \ln \hat{c}}{dt} = \alpha \exp [(\alpha - 1) \ln \hat{k}] - \delta - \rho,$$

as well as the expression of $\frac{\dot{\hat{k}}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)}$

$$\frac{d \ln \hat{k}}{dt} = \exp [(\alpha - 1) \ln \hat{k}] - \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{k}} \right) \right] - \delta.$$

Applying first order Taylor expansion to these two equations around steady state, it's simple to get $\frac{\dot{\hat{c}}}{\hat{c}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \ln \hat{c}}{dt} &= \alpha(\alpha - 1) \exp [(\alpha - 1) \ln \hat{k}^*] \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \right] \\ &= (\alpha - 1)(\rho + \delta) \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

as well as $\frac{\dot{\hat{k}}}{\hat{k}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \ln \hat{k}}{dt} &= \left\{ (\alpha - 1) \exp [(\alpha - 1) \ln \hat{k}^*] + \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}^*}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \right] \right\} \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \right] \\ &\quad - \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}^*}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \right] \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*} \right) \right] \\ &= \rho \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \right] - \left(\frac{\rho + \delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \left[\ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, rewrite the linearized system as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d \ln \hat{k}}{dt} \\ \frac{d \ln \hat{c}}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & -\left(\frac{\rho + \delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \\ (\alpha - 1)(\rho + \delta) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ln \left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \\ \ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*} \right) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \ln \left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*} \right) \\ \ln \left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*} \right) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

To find the eigenvalues of matrix \mathbf{A} , solve

$$\begin{vmatrix} \rho - \lambda & -\left(\frac{\rho + \delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \\ (\alpha - 1)(\rho + \delta) & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2)$$

for λ and this gives

$$\lambda_{1R} = \frac{\rho - \sqrt{\rho^2 + 4(1-\alpha)(\rho+\delta)\left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta\right)}}{2} < 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_{2R} = \frac{\rho + \sqrt{\rho^2 + 4(1-\alpha)(\rho+\delta)\left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta\right)}}{2} > 0, \quad (4)$$

showing the existence of saddle path (λ_{1R} is the stable solution), and the subscript R denotes standard Ramsey model.

2 Ramsey Model with Labor / Leisure Choice

Rewrite the dynamic system using the result of question c)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{\hat{c}}(t)}{\hat{c}(t)} &= \alpha [\hat{k}(t)]^{\alpha-1} - \delta - \rho - \left(-\frac{1}{1+\eta} \frac{\dot{\hat{c}}(t)}{\hat{c}(t)} + \frac{\alpha}{1+\eta} \frac{\dot{\hat{k}}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} \right), \\ \frac{\dot{\hat{k}}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} &= \hat{k}(t)^{\alpha-1} - \frac{\hat{c}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} - \delta - \left(-\frac{1}{1+\eta} \frac{\dot{\hat{c}}(t)}{\hat{c}(t)} + \frac{\alpha}{1+\eta} \frac{\dot{\hat{k}}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

then rearrange to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{\hat{c}}(t)}{\hat{c}(t)} &= \alpha [\hat{k}(t)]^{\alpha-1} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \frac{\hat{c}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} + \frac{\alpha\delta}{\alpha+\eta} - \frac{(\rho+\delta)(1+\alpha+\eta)}{\alpha+\eta}, \\ \frac{\dot{\hat{k}}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} &= \hat{k}(t)^{\alpha-1} - \frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \frac{\hat{c}(t)}{\hat{k}(t)} - \frac{\eta\delta}{\alpha+\eta} - \frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha+\eta}, \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite these two equations into log-linearized form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \ln \hat{c}}{dt} &= \alpha \exp[(\alpha-1) \ln \hat{k}] + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{k}}\right)\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha\delta}{\alpha+\eta} - \frac{(\rho+\delta)(1+\alpha+\eta)}{\alpha+\eta}, \\ \frac{d \ln \hat{k}}{dt} &= \exp[(\alpha-1) \ln \hat{k}] - \frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{k}}\right)\right] - \frac{\eta\delta}{\alpha+\eta} - \frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha+\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying first order Taylor expansion to these two equations around steady state,

it's simple to get $\frac{\dot{\hat{c}}}{\hat{c}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d \ln \hat{c}}{dt} &= \left\{ \alpha(\alpha-1) \exp[(\alpha-1) \ln \hat{k}^*] - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}^*}{\hat{k}^*}\right)\right] \right\} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*}\right) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}^*}{\hat{k}^*}\right)\right] \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*}\right) \right] \\
&= \left[(\alpha-1)(\rho+\delta) - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \right] \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*}\right) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*}\right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

as well as $\frac{\dot{\hat{k}}}{\hat{k}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d \ln \hat{k}}{dt} &= \left\{ (\alpha-1) \exp[(\alpha-1) \ln \hat{k}^*] + \frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}^*}{\hat{k}^*}\right)\right] \right\} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*}\right) \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}^*}{\hat{k}^*}\right)\right] \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{(\alpha-1)(\rho+\delta) + \rho\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*}\right) \right] - \frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*}\right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, rewrite the linearized system as

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d \ln \hat{k}}{dt} \\ \frac{d \ln \hat{c}}{dt} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(\alpha-1)(\rho+\delta) + \rho\eta}{\alpha+\eta} & -\frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \\ \left[(\alpha-1)(\rho+\delta) - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \right] & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ln\left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*}\right) \\ \ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*}\right) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \ln\left(\frac{\hat{k}}{\hat{k}^*}\right) \\ \ln\left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}^*}\right) \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

To find the eigenvalues of matrix \mathbf{A} , solve

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{(\alpha-1)(\rho+\delta) + \rho\eta}{\alpha+\eta} - \lambda & -\frac{\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \\ \left[(\alpha-1)(\rho+\delta) - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) \right] & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right) - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

for λ and this gives

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\rho - \sqrt{\rho^2 + 4 \left(\frac{1+\eta}{\alpha+\eta} \right) (1-\alpha)(\rho+\delta) \left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta \right)}}{2} < 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{\rho + \sqrt{\rho^2 + 4\left(\frac{1+\eta}{\alpha+\eta}\right)(1-\alpha)(\rho+\delta)\left(\frac{\rho+\delta}{\alpha} - \delta\right)}}{2} > 0, \quad (6)$$

showing the existence of saddle path (λ_1 is the stable solution). Moreover notice that λ_1 differs from λ_{1R} only by the term $\frac{1+\eta}{\alpha+\eta}$, and this term is larger than 1 since $\alpha < 1$. Then

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_{1R}|,$$

suggesting that the speeds of convergence for $\hat{c}(t)$ and $\hat{k}(t)$ are higher than those for the standard Ramsey model.