

Two periods of time

number of people per household is 1 in period 1 and  $L_2$  in period 2. Initial wealth per household is  $K_0$

1 unit saved in period 1 get  $e^{r_2}$  in period 2

$$\max \ln(C_{p1}) + e^{-r_2} (L_2 \ln(C_{p2}))$$

after working period 1 each household has

$$K_0 + w_1$$

$$\text{Saves } K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1}$$

Wealth at beginning of period 2 is

$$(K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2}$$

So after working have

$$(K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} + L_2 w_2$$

so

$$L_2 C_{p2} = (K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} + L_2 w_2$$

$$L_2 C_{p2}e^{-r_2} = (K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1}) + L_2 w_2e^{-r_2}$$

$$L_2 C_{p2}e^{-r_2} + C_{p1} = (K_0 + w_1) + L_2 w_2e^{-r_2}$$

Almost as simple 3 periods 1 per household period 1,  $L_2$  period 2, and  $L_3$  period 3

So after working period 2 have

$$(K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} + L_2 w_2$$

Consume  $L_2 C_{p2}$  and save

$$(K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} + L_2 w_2 - L_2 C_{p2}$$

for one unit saved in period 2 get  $e^{r_3}$  in period 3

So wealth before working period 3 is

$$((K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} + L_2 w_2 - L_2 C_{p2})e^{r_3}$$

get  $L_3 w_3$  and now consume everything because they can't take it with them so

$$\begin{aligned} L_3 C_{p3} &= ((K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} + L_2 w_2 - L_2 C_{p2})e^{r_3} + L_3 w_3 \\ &= ((K_0 + w_1 - C_{p1})e^{r_2} e^{r_3} + L_2 w_2 e^{r_3} - L_2 C_{p2} e^{r_3} + L_3 w_3 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$L_3 C_{p3} + C_{p2} e^{r_3} + C_{p1} e^{r_2+r_3} = ((K_0 + w_1)e^{r_2+r_3} + L_2 w_2 e^{r_3} - L_2 C_{p2} e^{r_3} + L_3 w_3$$

dividing by  $e^{r_2+r_3}$

$$L_3 C_{p3} e^{-(r_2+r_3)} + C_{p2} e^{-r_2} + C_{p1} = ((K_0 + w_1) + L_2 w_2 e^{-r_2} + L_3 w_3 e^{-(r_2+r_3)})$$

Present value of consumption equals initial wealth plus present value of labor income

$$\sum_{t=1}^3 e^{-\sum_{s=2}^t r_s} L_t C_{pt} = K_0 + \sum_{t=1}^3 e^{-\sum_{s=2}^t r_s} L_t W_t$$

Now to get to the discount factor in Romer, generalize to sum of  $t$  from one to  $T$ , then take the limit as  $T$  goes to infinity

$$\sum_{t=1}^{\infty} e^{-\sum_{s=2}^t r_s} L_t C_{pt} = K_0 + \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} e^{-\sum_{s=2}^t r_s} L_t W_t$$

OK finally move from discrete time to continuous time so sums become integrals.