

Economics 614: Macroeconomics

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Problem Set #4

Due: Friday, February 26, 2010

$$Y = 6C + 7Z = 25K^{1/5}L^{4/5}$$

$$\dot{K} = Z - \frac{K}{5}$$

$$\frac{\dot{L}}{L} = 0.01$$

The problem is to maximize the $\int_0^T c(t)e^{-\delta t} dt$

s.t. the above production function and $k(0) = k_0$ and $k(T) \geq k_T$

a. $k_0 = 1, k_T = 1.5, \delta = 0.19, T = 10$. Calculate (k^*, q^*) and \bar{k} . Plot the optimal trajectory $\{k(t): 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ (you can approximate the time on the turnpike if necessary)

b. $k_0 = 1, k_T = 3, \delta = 0.19, T = 10$. Do the same exercises as in part a.

c. $k_0 = 1, k_T = 3, \delta = -0.01, T = 10$. Do the same exercises as in part a.