

Solve the problem with LOG utility first.  
 (a)  $L = \alpha \log(c_1) + (1-\alpha) \log(l_1) + \beta [\alpha \log(c_2) + (1-\alpha) \log(l_2)]$

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$$+ \lambda \left[ -c_1 - \frac{c_2}{1+r} + w_1(1-l_1) + \frac{w_2(1-l_2)}{1+r} \right]$$

FOC's:  
 (c1):  $\frac{\alpha}{c_1} = \lambda$       (l1):  $\frac{1-\alpha}{l_1} = \lambda w_1$

(c2):  $\frac{\beta \alpha}{c_2} = \frac{\lambda}{1+r}$       (l2):  $\frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{l_2} = \frac{\lambda w_2}{1+r}$

Insert  $c_1, c_2, l_1, l_2$  from FOC's into the lifetime budget constraint

$$\frac{\alpha}{\lambda} + \frac{\beta \alpha}{\lambda} + \frac{1-\alpha}{\lambda} + \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{\lambda} = w_1 + \frac{w_2}{1+r} = I(r)$$

$$\frac{1+\beta}{\lambda} = I(r) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{I(r)}{1+\beta}$$

Insert  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  into FOC's

$$c_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = \frac{\alpha}{1+\beta} I(r) ; c_2 = \frac{(1+r) \beta \alpha}{\lambda} = \frac{\alpha \beta (1+r)}{1+\beta} I(r)$$

$$l_1 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\lambda w_1} = \frac{I(r)(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)w_1} = \frac{(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta} \left[ 1 + \frac{w_2}{w_1} \frac{1}{1+r} \right]$$

$$l_2 = \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1+r)}{\lambda w_2} = \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1+r)}{(1+\beta)w_2} \left[ w_1 + \frac{w_2}{1+r} \right]$$

$$l_2 = \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta} \left( (1+r) \frac{w_1}{w_2} + 1 \right)$$

(b) Now solve the problem with ~~LOG~~  $U(c_1, l_1) = (c_1^\alpha l_1^{1-\alpha})^{1-\sigma}$

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$$U(c_1, l_1) = \frac{(c_1^\alpha l_1^{1-\alpha})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

Lagrangian:

$$L = \frac{(c_1^\alpha l_1^{1-\alpha})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \beta \frac{(c_2^\alpha l_2^{1-\alpha})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

$$+ \lambda \left[ -c_1 - \frac{c_2}{1+r} + w_1(1-l_1) + \frac{w_2(1-l_2)}{1+r} \right]$$

FOC's

(c1):  $\frac{\alpha(1-\sigma) c_1^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} l_1^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}}{1-\sigma} = \lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha c_1^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} l_1^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)} = \lambda$$

(l1):  $(1-\alpha) c_1^{\alpha(1-\sigma)} l_1^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)-1} = \lambda w_1$

Take the ratio of two FOC's.

$$\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{c_1}{l_1} = w_1 \Rightarrow w_1 l_1 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} c_1 \Rightarrow l_1 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{c_1}{w_1}$$

(c2):  $\beta \alpha c_2^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} l_2^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)} = \frac{\lambda}{1+r}$

(l2):  $\beta(1-\alpha) c_2^{\alpha(1-\sigma)} l_2^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)-1} = \frac{\lambda w_2}{1+r}$

Take ratio of these FOC's to obtain

$$w_2 l_2 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} c_2 \Rightarrow l_2 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{c_2}{w_2}$$

If we set  $\sigma = 1$ , we see that these FOC's become the same FOC's as in the LOG case. Therefore, solutions should be same when  $\sigma = 1$ .

Use the FOCs for  $C_1$  &  $C_2$  to obtain the following Euler Equation (take the ratio of the two FOCs):

$$C_1^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} l_1^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)} = \beta(1+r) C_2^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} l_2^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}$$

Insert  $l_1$  as a fnc. of  $C_1$  &  $l_2$  as a fnc. of  $C_2$  obtained in the previous page to the Euler Equation above.

$$C_1^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{C_1}{W_1} \right)^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)} = \beta(1+r) C_2^{\alpha(1-\sigma)-1} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{C_2}{W_2} \right)^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}$$

$$C_1^{-\sigma} \cdot \frac{1}{W_1^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}} = \beta(1+r) C_2^{-\sigma} \cdot \frac{1}{W_2^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}}$$

$$\left( \frac{C_2}{C_1} \right)^{\sigma} = \beta(1+r) \left( \frac{W_1}{W_2} \right)^{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}$$

$$C_2 = (\beta(1+r))^{1/\sigma} \left( \frac{W_1}{W_2} \right)^{\frac{(1-\alpha)(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \cdot C_1$$

Note that LBC reads

$$C_1 + \frac{C_2}{1+r} + \underbrace{W_1 l_1}_{\text{}} + \frac{W_2 l_2}{1+r} = W_1 + \frac{W_2}{1+r} = I(r)$$

$$C_1 + \frac{C_2}{1+r} + \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} C_1 + \frac{1}{1+r} \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} C_2 = I(r)$$

$$\# \Rightarrow C_1 + \frac{C_2}{1+r} = \alpha \cdot I(r)$$

$$\text{Set } W_1 = W_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = (\beta(1+r))^{1/\sigma} C_1$$

$$C_1 + \frac{1}{1+r} C_1 (\beta(1+r))^{1/\sigma} = \alpha I(r)$$

$$C_1 \left( 1 + \beta^{1/\sigma} (1+r)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}-1} \right) = \alpha I(r)$$

$$C_1 = \frac{\alpha I(r)}{1 + \beta^{1/\sigma} (1+r)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\alpha (\beta(1+r))^{1/\sigma}}{1 + \beta^{1/\sigma} (1+r)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \cdot I(r)$$

$$l_1 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{C_1}{W_1} = \frac{(1-\alpha)}{1 + \beta^{1/\sigma} (1+r)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1+r} \right)$$

$$l_2 = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{C_2}{W_2} = \frac{(1-\alpha) \beta(1+r)^{1/\sigma}}{1 + \beta^{1/\sigma} (1+r)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \left( \frac{1}{1+r} + 1 \right)$$