

We assume that the rate of entry into the work force, $D(t)$ satisfies the following relation:

$$\frac{dD(t)}{dt} = \pi D(t). \quad (3.4)$$

This implies

$$D(t) = D_0 e^{\pi t}, \quad (3.5)$$

where D_0 is a given constant. The parameter π is also the percentage growth rate of the labor force.¹

We also assume that wages are governed by a constant percentage growth rate; i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial w(t, x)}{\partial x} = \gamma w(t, x),$$

which implies

$$w(t, x) = e^{\gamma t} w(x) \quad (3.6)$$

where $w(x)$ is a given positive and continuous function² of x for $0 \leq x \leq g$.

Now, after substituting into (3.3) on the basis of (3.5) and (3.6) we get

$$r(t) = \frac{D_0 e^{\pi(t-g)} \int_0^g w(x) e^{\gamma(t-g+x)} r(t-g+x) e^{\alpha(g-x)} dx}{\int_0^g w(x) e^{\gamma t} D_0 e^{\pi(t-x)} dx}. \quad (3.7)$$

¹ Define:

$P(t)$ = Total work force at t .

$B(t)$ = Cumulative entries in the work force at t .

$E(t)$ = Cumulative departures from the work force at time t .

Then

$$P(t) = B(t) - E(t),$$

and since

$$E(t) = B(t-g), \quad P(t) = B(t) - B(t-g).$$

We assume

$$\frac{dB(t)}{dt} = \pi B(t).$$

This implies: (i)

$$B(t) = B_0 e^{\pi t},$$

and

$$\frac{dB(t)}{dt} = \pi (B_0 e^{\pi t}) = (\pi B_0) e^{\pi t};$$

since

$$D(t) = \frac{dB(t)}{dt}$$

we have

$$D(t) = D_0 e^{\pi t}$$

where

$$D_0 = \pi B_0;$$

and (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP(t)}{dt} &= \frac{dB(t)}{dt} - \frac{dB(t-g)}{dt} \\ &= \pi B(t) - \pi B(t-g) \\ &= \pi (B(t) - B(t-g)) \\ &= \pi P(t). \end{aligned}$$

² $w(x)$ is a function that gives the wage rate for each cohort, x , where $0 \leq x \leq g$. This is a profile of wages versus time in the work force. The entire profile inflates at the percentage rate γ . One of the results of this model is that the stability of the social security system does not depend on the shape of the profile $w(x)$.