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ON OPTIMUM ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper presents an attempt to develop a model of economic growth designed to provide a framework for dealing with the problem of optimal allocation of resources (investments). The allocation is assumed to be carried out by a decision center out of "savings" from two sources: depreciation allowances and household saving. Depreciation allowances are determined in accordance with a specific depreciation policy d which specifies the amount $d(t)dt$ committed for allocation (reinvestment) during the period $(t, t+dt)$ following the original investment at time 0 in production and public goods production sectors. At any moment, the difference between gross national product and the total rate of reinvestment (depreciation expense) is paid out to household and constitutes their net income out of which a constant fraction is instantaneously saved and partly reinvested. The remaining part of the net national income yields the value of individual consumption. The gross product is obtained from production and public good production sectors. The production process with its dynamics (inertia and delays) is approximated by a dynamic nonlinear operator.

A part of the net national product accumulated over a given time interval is allocated to several categories of resources for individual consumption, production investments and other government expenditures for public consumption and services. These resources are then assigned to the n production sectors. Individual saving are partly being used for the purchase of durable consumer goods, to acquire equity in houses and to accelerate the development of agriculture.

The amount of resources to be allocated are given exogenously while the resources in each category of government expenditures are selected based on a strategy yielding optimum of a utility function subject to budget constraints.

A dynamic problem of optimum allocation of investment is formulated as the maximization of a total net product per capita over a given time interval subject to accumulated "investments" constraints. The optimal solutions depend only on exogenous variables.

The presented model provides also framework for dealing with the optimal selection of prices assuring the satisfaction of all production sectors demands

for labour, productive investments and government expenditures for public consumption and services.

For a single, homogeneous commodity that does duty as input, output, consumption good and capital good a similar model for optimal selection of investment projects was used in [4] by J. Chipman. The idea of using Hölder and Minkowski inequalities in the proof of Theorem 1 was taken from R. Kulikowski [5] where a similar optimization problem for $m=1, n=1$ was formulated.

2. PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Suppose there are n production and public goods production sectors in the considered economy. Each sector produces a given product and cooperates with the remaining sectors as shown in Figure 1*. Besides, each sector has to reinvest part of its production in order to increase the production capacity or at least to slow the rate of production decline. This reinvestment is usually called the maintenance. Without the maintenance, as shown in Figure 2, the production sector i would suffer a decline, the output of the sector would gradually decline through use and age of the machines and technology. Main-

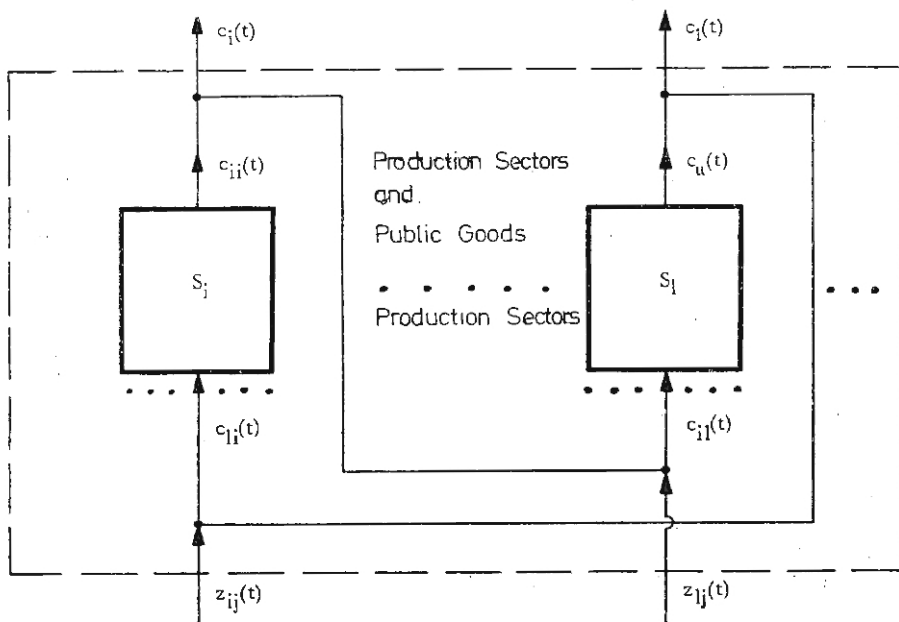


Figure 1. Cooperation between production sectors (i and l)

*) Cooperation between sectors will not be discussed in the paper. It has been discussed e. g. in [3] and [6].

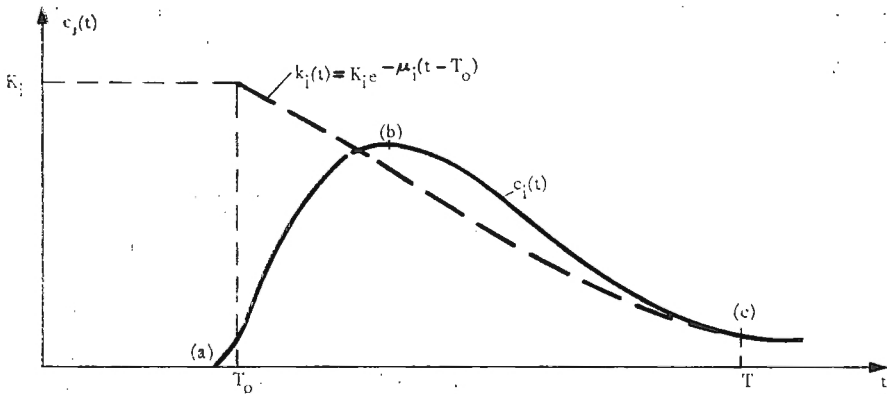


Figure 2. Production operator $c_i(t)$ with $\varphi_i(t) = 1(t)$ and typical $k_i(t)$

tenance can increase the output level but on the other hand it must be subject to decreasing returns to scale. Therefore, the additional production due to increased reinvestment must be balanced against the additional expenses for maintenance. The maintenance policy should be selected as to maximize the discounted net product consisting of gross product minus maintenance expense. Let us now turn to a specific formulation of the following problem. Suppose there exists a vector (z_1, \dots, z_m) of commodity goods, where z_1 is interpreted as a consumption good (labour)**, z_2 as a capital good (productive investments) and z_3, \dots, z_m as capital goods which correspond to government expenditures for education, research and development, medical care, administration etc. These resources are assigned to the production sectors of the economy by means of a matrix (z_{ij}) , $i = 1, \dots, n$; $j = 1, \dots, m$, where the element z_{ij} is the j -th commodity good assigned to production sector i . Let the function $\psi_i(z^i(\tau))$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $z^i(\tau) = (z_{i1}(\tau), \dots, z_{im}(\tau))$ be the output-result of a transformation which assigns the above commodity goods (labour and capital), to the production sector i at time τ . This instantaneous function may be assumed in the form of a constant elasticity of substitution (C.E.S.) function

$$\psi_i(z^i(\tau)) = \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j z_{ij}^{-\nu}(\tau) \right]^{-\frac{r}{\nu}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1)$$

where δ_j , $-\nu$, r are given positive numbers, $\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j = 1$, $\nu \in (-1, 0]$ and $z_{ij}(\tau)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$; $j = 1, \dots, m$ are the input costs of this transformation at a given point in time τ . In order to take into account the dynamics of the production process (inertia and delays) the process will be approximated by

***) Labour is assumed to be homogenous given by the logistic growth model $\dot{z}_1(t) = c_1 z_1(t) [Z_1 - z_1(t)]$, where Z_1 is the maximum possible labour force at the end of planning interval and $z_1(t)$ is the sustainable labour at time t .

an integral operator. Thus, **the aggregated**, over different vintage "investments"*) **gross output** of the i -th production sector is determined by an integral equation of the form

$$c_i(t) = c_i(z^i(t)) = \int_0^t \tilde{k}_i(\tau) \psi_i(z^i(\tau)) d\tau + c_{oi}(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (2)$$

where $\tilde{k}_i(\tau)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ are given, positive, continuous functions, $t \in [0, T]$ and $c_{oi}(t)$ is an exogenous term which may be interpreted as consisting of returns at time t from investments made prior to calendar time 0.

An "investment" \tilde{k}_i is a function defined on $(0, \infty)$ indicating the return $\lambda k_i(\tau) d\tau$ during the interval $(t_0 + \tau, t_0 + \tau + d\tau]$ from the initial investment of λ units at time $t_0 \geq 0$.

If $\psi_i(z^i(\tau))$ approximates an unitary pulse and $c_{oi}(t) = 0$, then $c_i(t)$ changes in a manner similar to that shown in Figure 2. From the moment of investment (calendar time 0) up to stage (a) no production can be obtained. The interval $[0, (a)]$ corresponds to an investment delay (gestation lag). An increase of production occurs over interval $((a), (b))$, followed by a slow depreciation of investment resulting in the sector production decrease.

Collapsibility of Production Function

In the above model the quantity of capital must be given a consistent meaning. As described by Solow* and Leontief** only in a narrow class of cases the various capital inputs can be summed up in a single index-figure so that the production function can give output as a function of inputs of labour (assumed here homogenous) and services of several capital goods treated as the overall index of capital.

A necessary and sufficient condition for the collapsibility of the production function $\psi(L, C_1, \dots, C_m)$ with m distinct kinds of capital to the production function $\varphi(L, K)$ with the single index of the quantity of capital is that the marginal rate of substitution of one kind of capital good for another must be independent of the amount of labour in use,

Then, we can write $\psi(L, C_1, \dots, C_m) = \varphi(L, K)$ and for the purposes of production any patterns of inputs C_1, \dots, C_m are equivalent so long as they yield the same value of the index K , $K = \Phi(C_1, \dots, C_m)$.

The index-function Φ and the collapsed function φ have the characteristics we usually associate with production functions.

The marginal rate of substitution which does not involve labour L can be obtained for the general class of production functions with "means" $\psi =$

*) The term investments refers here to all capital expenditures of the government z_j , $j = 1, \dots, m$ with labour included.

*) see Review of Economic Studies XXIII (1955—1956) pp. 101—108: The Production Function and The Theory of Capital.

**) see Econometrica, Vol. 15, No 4, 1947, p. 364, Proposition I.

$= f^{-1}[f(L) + f(C_1) + \dots + f(C_m)]$, usually restricted to be homogeneous of first degree with the functions Φ and φ having all the desired properties of homogeneity and convexity. In the case of CES function (1) the marginal rate of substitution of, for instance, C_1 for C_j i.e. z_{l+1} for z_{j+1} is $\frac{\delta_{l+1}}{\delta_{j+1}} \left(\frac{z_{j+1}}{z_{l+1}} \right)^{-\frac{r}{\nu}}$.

In the model, investment is assumed to be carried out by a production and business sector out of funds coming from two sources: depreciation allowances and household savings.* Depreciation allowances are determined in accordance with a specific depreciation policy d , which is a function defined on $(0, \infty)$ and indicates the amount of resources $\lambda d(\tau) d\tau$ set aside during the interval $(t_0 + \tau, t_0 + \tau + d\tau)$ for purposes of reinvestment committed for this purpose when an investment of λ units was made at time t_0 .** These set aside resources will be referred to as business and production saving.

Depreciation Policy

The **present value** of the time stream k at interest rate r , given any function k defined on $(0, \infty)$, is defined by $\int_0^T e^{-r\tau} k(\tau) d\tau$.

When $T \rightarrow \infty$ it can be defined by the Laplace transform $L[k(t)] = K(\bar{r}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\bar{r}t} k(t) dt$, whenever the integral converges. The interest rate can be treated as a coefficient indicated a cost rate of using the capital.

The **current value** (worth) of an investment project \tilde{k} after t units of time have elapsed following its initiation, at discount rate \bar{r} , is defined as

$$\tilde{w}(t) = e^{\bar{r}t} \int_t^T e^{-\bar{r}\tau} \tilde{k}(\tau) d\tau = \int_t^T e^{\bar{r}(t-\tau)} \tilde{k}(\tau) d\tau \quad (3)$$

Let the **rate of depreciation** $d(t)$ be the rate of decrease of the current value of the investment, which is in turn defined as the present value discounted to time t , of the stream of returns $\tilde{k}(\tau)$ $\tau > t$, due to an investment of one unit at time zero, at some interest rate \bar{r} .

Consider the depreciation policy of sector i defined by

$$d_i(t) = \tilde{k}_i(t) - \bar{r}(v_i - \int_0^t d_i(\tau) d\tau) \quad (4)$$

for some $\bar{r} > 0$, $T > 0$ and some $v_i > 0$, where $v_i = \tilde{w}_i(0)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ is the initial book value of the capital investment of one unit, the term in the paren-

*) In the centralized economy the rate of business and production saving (funds for allocation available from production sectors) and the depreciation rate are subject to the Decision Center policy.

**) The word "reinvestment" has been used since it is assumed that the investment which determines a level of further production follows an initial investment, given exogenously.

theses represents the book value at time t of the original investment. Multiplying this by \bar{r} , which can be interpreted as an accounting interest rate, gives the accounting cost rate at time t of the use of the capital, equivalent to the value of the original investment.

The rate of depreciation at time t is chosen to equalize this cost rate and the rate of net yield of the investment $\tilde{k}_i(t) - d_i(t)$.

The depreciation policy d_i associated with the investment project $\tilde{k}_i(t)$ is assumed to satisfy the condition

$$\int_0^{\infty} d_i(t) dt < \infty, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

From the definitions (4) and (3) and the assumption that $\tilde{w}_i(t) = v_i - \int_0^t d_i(\tau) d\tau$ follows that the **declining value depreciation policy** associated with k_i at discount rate \bar{r} is given by

$$d_i(t) = -\tilde{w}_i'(t)$$

and may also be expressed as

$$d_i(t) = \tilde{k}_i(t) - \bar{r}\tilde{w}_i(t)$$

Thus, there exists the explicit solution for $d_i(t)$ of equation (4), given $k_i(t)$.

Allocation Model

The **aggregate reinvestment** in sector i , determined by the depreciation expense $x_i(t)$, is defined by

$$x_i(t) = \int_0^t d_i(\tau) \psi_i(z^i(\tau)) d\tau + x_{i0}(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (5)$$

where $x_{i0}(t)$ is an exogenous term denoting the rate of business and production saving resulting from commitments already made prior to time 0 (it includes depreciation policies initiated before that date).

The **net product** of sector i at time t , $y_i(t)$, is the difference between the gross product $c_i(t)$ (the total rate of return from past investments) and the total rate of business and production reinvestment $x_i(t)$, (depreciation expense), i.e.

$$y_i(t) = c_i(t) - x_i(t) = \int_0^t k_i(\tau) \psi_i(z^i(\tau)) d\tau + y_{oi}(t), \quad (6)$$

where $k_i(\tau) = \tilde{k}_i(\tau) - d_i(\tau)$ $i = 1, \dots, n$ is the cost rate of using the capital equal to the value of the original investment at time τ and $y_{oi}(t) = c_{oi}(t) - x_{oi}(t)$. The net product is assumed to be paid out to households, which in turn save a constant fraction \bar{s}_i , $0 < \bar{s}_i < 1$, of their net incomes. This constant fraction is "reinvested" in selected sectors of the economy.

In recent years a part of the households saving has been used to finance credits for the development of agriculture and private housing. These areas

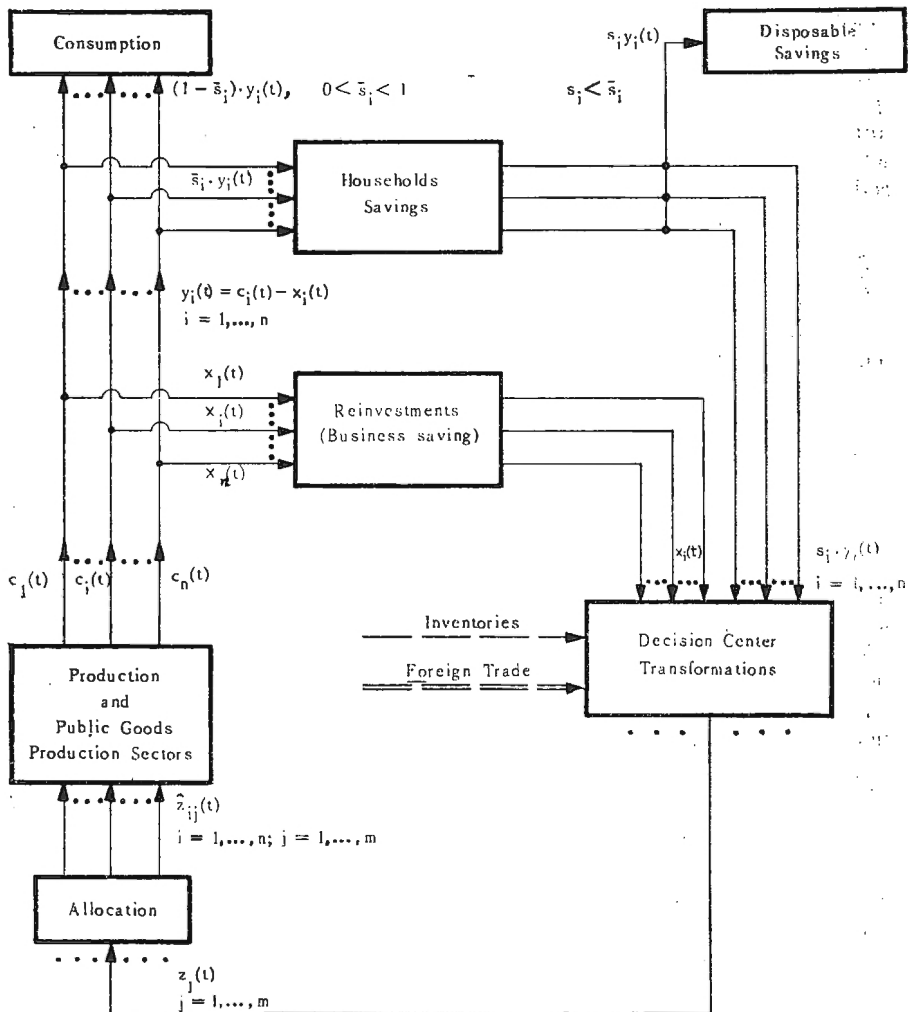


Figure 3. A closed model of economic growth

of the economy seem to be crucial to the overall development and the supply of agricultural production and housing facilities still does not satisfy the demand for them*. However, only a part of accumulated, over a long time period, households saving can be used for the above purposes and they should not be used for productive investments.

The amount of credits coming from individual saving should be evaluated very carefully and result from thorough investigations.

*) In Poland over 80 per-cent of cultivated land is privately owned.

Assume that a fraction s_i , $s_i < \bar{s}_i$ of net households income is used for credits to develop agriculture and private housing. This means that at any instant of time there exists a disposable, over a short period of time, e.g. one year, saving that can be paid back to individuals. Then, the system can be closed by stipulating the equality of gross saving and investment where the gross saving includes this part of household saving which over a long time period has been used for financing credits in agriculture and housing.

The equality can be written in the following form

$$\sum_{j=1}^m w_j(t) z_j(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(t) + s_i y_i(t) \quad (7)$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n z_{ji}(t) = z_j(t)$, $\bar{y}_i(t) = \bar{c}_i(t) - \bar{x}_i(t)$,

$$\bar{x}_i(t) = \int_0^t d_i(\tau) \psi_i(w_j(t) z_{ij}(\tau)) d\tau + x_{oi}(t),$$

$$\bar{c}_i(t) = \int_0^t \bar{k}_i(\tau) \psi_i(w_j(t) z_{ij}(\tau)) d\tau + c_{oi}(t)$$

and $w_j(t)$, $j = 1, \dots, m$ denotes prices of labour and capital services of government for productive investments and public consumption sectors.

A structural constraint must be adopted in the model to assure that the production of a given sector i , in natural units, is sufficient to satisfy the demand of all sectors for the i -th aggregated sector good treated as an input to production and public goods production sectors

$$\sum_{j=1}^m z_{ij}(t) \leq \frac{\bar{c}_i(t)}{p_i(t)} \quad (8)$$

where $p_i(t)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ is the aggregated sector price.

It is assumed that both sector and, labour and capital prices are exogenous in the model. The aggregated sector prices are viewed as equilibrium prices. In general they must depend on the quantity of output, the price for labour and for government capital expenditures and the consumption structure.

One of the most difficult problems in the socialist economy seems to be the construction of price model. Prices should provide market equilibrium, and the maximum of a social utility. The resulting, optimum consumption structure should stimulate the incentives of producers, compensate the impact of personal saving on the market and provide for inexpensive basic consumption goods.

It should be emphasized that the aggregated sector prices p_i , the same for all commodities produced by sector i , are by far not a perfect approach. However, even their impact on the structural relation (8) and on the optimal allocation strategy is very difficult to investigate.

The following approach seems acceptable.

Let X_i and Y_i denote the i -th sector output in natural and monetary units respectively. Then, the sector price $p_i = Y_i/X_i$. The average sectoral price p_i can be defined by

$$p_i = \frac{C_i(X_i)}{X_i}$$

where C_i is the production cost of sector i (cost of material, labour and capital, turn-over tax and profit). The minimum value of price p_i equals equilibrium price p_i and is always equal to the marginal production cost $\frac{\partial C_i(X_i)}{\partial X_i}$.

The discounted cumulative net product per capita from n production sectors (the net national product) per capita over time interval $[0, T]$ is

$$\pi(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \frac{e^{-rt}}{z_i(t)} \bar{y}_i(t) dt, \quad (9)$$

where $z_i(t)$ denotes labour force at time t and e^{-rt} is the discounting function.*

For the model described by equations (1)–(9) one could think of formulating two distinct optimization problems. In both of them the same objective can be used, i.e. maximization over interval $[0, T]$, of the discounted net national product $\pi(T)$ which is equivalent to maximization of the per capita consumption in the system since

$$\text{Consumption} = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \bar{s}_i) \bar{y}_i, \quad 0 < s_i < \bar{s}_i < 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The above closed system has only theoretical and illustrative meaning since it could be applied only in the case when the net balance of foreign trade is zero and the inventories are kept constant over time at their initial value. Therefore, the problem will be formulated to optimize the consumption per capita in the open system with foreign trade balance and inventories included in the disposable national income.

3. OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

Solution is given to only one optimization problem formulated for the model in which the structural equation is checked after the problem has been solved.

This refers to the case when the problem is being solved analytically.

* For the discussion of discounting functions in the investment optimization problem, see [1] pp. 41–45 — Strotz Phenomenon.

Assume the following values to be given:

- the discount rate $\bar{r} > 0$
- the time interval $[0, T]$, $T > 0$
- the continuous, positive functions, depreciation $d_i(t)$ and investment return $\bar{k}_i(t)$, defined over $(0, \infty)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$.
- the parameters of the CES production function (1), i.e. positive numbers

$$r, \delta_j, -v, \text{ where } \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j = 1 \text{ and } v \in (-1, 0].$$

e) the sector prices $p_i(t)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ and the prices for labour $w_1(t)$, productive investments $w_2(t)$ and government expenditures $w_3(t), \dots, w_m(t)$. Then, we can look for the optimal allocation strategy, i.e. the optimum values $z_{ij}(t) = \hat{z}_{ij}(t)$, $i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m$ such that the global net product per capita $\pi(t)$, given by (9), is optimum, provided that the funds (for allocation) Z_j in each class of government expenditures j are given exogenously and are defined by

$$Z_j(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^t \bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) d\tau, \quad j = 1, \dots, m, \quad (10)$$

where $\bar{z}_{ij}(t) = w_j(t) z_{ij}(t)$, $t \in [0, T]$.

The values $Z_j(t)$ depend on inventories, net balance of foreign trade, prices and the national product per capita generated over time $[0, t]$. These functional dependences are briefly discussed at the end of this section. Substituting $\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)$ in $\bar{c}_i(t)$, $\bar{x}_i(t)$ and using (1), (2), (7) and (8) the problem of maximization of the net national product per capita can be written

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z_{ij}(\tau) \in \Omega} \left\{ \pi(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \frac{e^{-rt}}{z_1(t)} \bar{y}_i(t) dt = \right. \\ \left. = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \frac{e^{-rt}}{z_1(t)} \left[\int_0^t k_i(\tau) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^{-v} \right)^{-\frac{r}{v}} d\tau + \bar{y}_{oi}(t) \right] dt \right\}, \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = \left\{ z_{ij}(\tau) : \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \leq Z_j, z_{ij}(\tau) > 0, \tau \in [0, T], \right. \\ \left. i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m \right\}, \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1

Let n production operators $c_i(t)$ be given by (2) and the assumptions a)—d) be satisfied. Then, there exists the unique, optimum allocation strategy $z_{ij}(\tau) = \hat{z}_{ij}(\tau)$ for $\tau \in [0, T]$,

$$\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) = \frac{Z_j f_i(\tau)}{F w_j(\tau)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m \quad (13)$$

which yields the global net product per capita $\pi(T)$ over time interval $[0, T]$ (with $y_{0i}(t)$ given)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\pi}(T) &= \max_{z_{ij}(\tau) \in \Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \frac{e^{-r\tau}}{z_1(t)} \int_0^t k_i(\tau) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j [w_j(\tau) \bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^{-\nu} \right)^{-\frac{r}{\nu}} d\tau dt = \\ &= F^q \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j Z_j^{-\nu} \right]^{-\frac{r}{\nu}} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T f_i(\tau) d\tau, \quad (15)$$

$$f_i(\tau) = \left\{ k_i(\tau) \int_{\tau}^T \frac{e^{-r\tau}}{z_1(t)} dt \right\}^{1/q} \quad q = 1 - r \quad (16)$$

Theorem 1 has been proved in Appendix.

It is assumed that the sum of "investment resources" over time is given

$$\sum_{j=1}^m Z_j = Z \quad (17)$$

where Z is exogenous. However, in planning practice Z is a disposable part of the net national income generated over the previous planning interval to be allocated to several categories of resources for labour (individual consumption) productive investments and other government expenditures including public consumption and services. These resources are then assigned to the n production and public goods production sectors.

Assuming $t = T_0$ to be a base year (beginning of a planning interval) and $t = 0$ to be the beginning of the previous planning interval

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^{T_0} [\bar{x}_i(t) + s_i \bar{y}_i(t)] dt + Z_{in}(0) - Z_{in}(T_0),$$

where Z_{in} denotes inventories with a net balance of the foreign trade incorporated into it.

Thus, it is necessary to find an allocation strategy \hat{Z}_j , $j = 1, \dots, m$, which maximizes the function (11).

The problem can be formulated as follows:

$$\max_{Z_j \in \Omega_1} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j Z_j^{-\nu} = [\hat{\pi}(T)]^{-\nu/r} \right\} \quad (18)$$

where

$$\Omega_1 = \{Z_j : \sum_{j=1}^m Z_j \leq Z, Z_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, m\},$$

and

$$\alpha_j = \delta_j \cdot F^{-\frac{v}{r}(1-r)}$$

The optimum allocation strategy

$$Z_j = \frac{\alpha_j^{\frac{1}{1+v}}}{\sum_{j=1}^m (\alpha_j)^{\frac{1}{1+v}}} Z, \quad j = 1, \dots, m \quad (19)$$

and

$$[\pi(T)]^{-v/r} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j^{\frac{1}{1+v}} \right)^{1+v} Z^{-v}$$

Thus, the optimum net product per capita

$$\hat{\pi}(T) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j^{\frac{1}{1+v}} \right)^{-\frac{1+v}{v}r} Z^r \quad (20)$$

One may compute now the marginal cost of a change in Z_j , $\frac{\partial \pi(T)}{\partial Z_j}$ which depends on the cost of using the invested capital, labour growth, the discounting function and the parameters of the CES function

4. EXTENSION OF THE MODEL AND CONCLUSIONS

Within presented framework another optimization problem can be formulated. In both problems a notion of a utility function can be used to derive optimal government expenditures.

Assuming conditions a) to d) to hold and given "savings" $Z_j, j=1, \dots, m$ and demands $z_{ij}(t), i=1, \dots, n; j=1, \dots, m$, find the sector prices $p_i(t)$ and prices $w_j(t)$ for labour, capital and capital expenditures, which yield the maximum per capita consumption in the model or equivalently the maximum net product per capita given by (11).

The above problem will not be pursued further in this paper.

Utility Function

The consumer utility function $U(Y)$ must be realvalued, order preserving vector function with an appropriate degree of concavity and differentiability. It can assume either Cobb-Douglas or CES form.

Maximization of a utility function with explicit individual and social preferences can ensure the overall satisfaction of a society.

Denote by $Y_j(t)$ a development level associated with government expenditures Z_j ,

$$Y_j(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t Z_j(\tau) d\tau$$

Let Z_j be (alternatively to (19)) defined by a solution of an optimization problem yielding optimum of a utility function subject to budget constraints.

$$\max_{Y_j} \{u = K \prod_{j=1}^m Y_j^{\beta_j}\}$$

subject to

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \omega_j Y_j \leq Z$$

where ω_j is the weight associated with Y_j and $\sum_{j=1}^m \omega_j = 1$.

Analytically the solution, in steady state, yields

$$\hat{Y}_j = \frac{\beta_j}{\omega_j} Z$$

but is difficult to derive effectively since the weights (with exception of the average wage) are unknown and $Y_j(\tau)$ depends inertially on $Z_j(\tau)$.

If we consider values Z_j to be lumped values, integrated over time, one can obtain optimal values $Z_j = \varepsilon_j Z$, $\sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j = 1$. However Z_j change over time due to changes in the GNP per capita and prices. They can be estimated based on "ex post" specification of the GNP per capita, prices and their elasticities.

The optimization problem has been formulated for an open system in which the resources available for allocation are assumed to be given exogenously and the optimum allocation strategy is obtained under assumptions that the "investments" made prior to time zero yield given returns. This seems to be no drawback since in economic planning of centrally governed countries one has to know or assume given the amount of resources at time t to be allocated after that time. These given numbers can be checked for consistency with projections based on estimates of resources in previous years which are in turn based on historical data. Another possible extension of the paper could be the investigation of the invariance of the system with respect to the personal saving yielding its best utilization.

Also; the optimal solution in the closed model with zero balance of foreign trade and constant inventories would give more insight into allocation mechanism.

APPENDIX

Proof of Theorem 1

The global net product (11), is

$$\pi(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \frac{e^{-\bar{r}t}}{z_1(t)} \int_0^t k_i(\tau) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^{-\nu} \right)^{-\frac{r}{\nu}} d\tau dt \quad (21)$$

where $\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) = w_j(\tau) z_{ij}(\tau)$ and $\bar{y}_{oi}(t) = 0^*$.

Changing the integration order we have

$$\pi(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \int_0^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^{-\nu} \right)^{-\frac{r}{\nu}} \int_{\tau}^T \frac{e^{-\bar{r}t}}{z_1(t)} k_i(\tau) dt \right\} d\tau \quad (22)$$

Denoting by

$$Y_{ij}(\tau) = \delta_j \left\{ \int_{\tau}^T \frac{e^{-\bar{r}t}}{z_1(t)} k_i(\tau) dt \right\}^{-\frac{\nu}{r}} [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^{-\nu} \quad (23)$$

and substituting $Y_{ij}(\tau)$ into (22) yields

$$\pi(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^m Y_{ij}(\tau) \right)^l d\tau, \quad (24)$$

where $l = -\frac{r}{\nu}$.

The Minkowski inequality for integrals yields

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \left[\sum_{j=1}^m Y_{ij}(\tau) \right]^l d\tau \leq \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \left[\int_0^T \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right]^{\frac{1}{l}} \right\}^l \quad (25)$$

The equality in (23) holds iff

$$Y_{ij}(\tau) = c_j^{\frac{1}{l}} Y_{i,j+1}(\tau), \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \quad j = 1, \dots, m \quad (26)$$

where $c_j^{\frac{1}{l}}$ is a positive constant.

Consider the expression

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_{ij}(\tau)]^l d\tau \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T [Y_{ij}(\tau)]^l d\tau \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \delta_j^l \int_{\tau}^T \frac{e^{-\bar{r}t}}{z_1(t)} k_i(\tau) dt [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^r d\tau \end{aligned}$$

^{*)} This assumption does not affect the optimal solution.

and denote

$$f_i(\tau) = \left\{ \int_{\tau}^T \frac{e^{-r\tau}}{z_1(t)} k_i(\tau) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad q = 1 - r \quad (27)$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^T [Y_{j,i}(\tau)]^l d\tau = \delta_j^l \int_0^T f_i^q(\tau) [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^r d\tau \quad (28)$$

Applying Hölder inequality.

$$\delta_j^l \int_0^T f_i^q(\tau) [\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau)]^r d\tau \leq \delta_j^l \left\{ \int_0^T f_i(\tau) d\tau \right\}^q \left\{ \int_0^T \bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right\}^r \quad (29)$$

The equality in (29) holds iff

$$\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) = c_j^2 f_i(\tau), \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \quad j = 1, \dots, m; \quad (30)$$

where c_j^2 is a positive constant.

The optimum strategy $\hat{\bar{z}}_{ij}(\tau)$ yields the equality in constraints (12).

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) d\tau = Z_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, m, \quad (31)$$

Substituting (30) into (31) yields

$$c_j^2 = \frac{Z_j}{F}, \quad j = 1, \dots, m, \quad (32)$$

where $F = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T f_i(t) dt$

Thus, using (30) and (32)

$$\bar{z}_{ij}(\tau) = \frac{Z_j}{F} \cdot f_i(\tau) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{z}_{ij}(\tau) = \frac{Z_j}{F} \cdot \frac{f_i(\tau)}{w_j(\tau)} \quad (33)$$

The optimal value of the global profit per capita $\hat{\pi}(T)$, using (22), (23), (25), (28), (32) and (33) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\pi}(T) &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \left[\int_0^T \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{ij}^l(\tau) d\tau \right]^{\frac{1}{l}} \right\}^l = \\
&= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_j^l \left\{ \int_0^T f_i(\tau) d\tau \right\}^q \left\{ \int_0^T \hat{z}_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right\}^{r-\frac{1}{l}} \right]^l \right\}^l = \\
&= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_j^l \left(\frac{Z_j}{F} \right)^r \left\{ \int_0^T f_i(\tau) d\tau \right\}^q \left\{ \int_0^T f_i(\tau) d\tau \right\}^{r-\frac{1}{l}} \right]^l \right\}^l = \\
&= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T f_i(\tau) d\tau}{(F)^r} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j Z_j^{\frac{r}{l}} \right\}^l = F^{1-r} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j Z_j^{-r} \right]^{-\frac{r}{l}}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $q = 1 - r$ and $c_j^1 = \frac{Y_{ij}(\tau)}{Y_{i,j+1}(\tau)} = \frac{\delta_j Z_j}{\delta_{j+1} Z_{j+1}} = \text{const} > 0$ the equation (26) is satisfied.

Thus, we have proved Theorem 1 and found the optimal solution to the investment allocation problem.

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SUMMARY

This paper develops a model of economic growth designed to provide framework for optimal allocation of resources such as labour, capital and public consumption services. The resources are assumed to be the result of savings over a time interval $(0, T)$. The savings come from two sources: depreciation allowances and household savings. Mathematically the problem is characterized by a nonlinear dynamic system.

The objective of the system is to maximize the net national product over $(0, T)$. The problem possesses a unique global optimal solution expressible in exogenous variables.

An extension of the model is possible which provides a framework for dealing with optimal selection of prices and determining the optimal level of savings, satisfying demands of production for resources.

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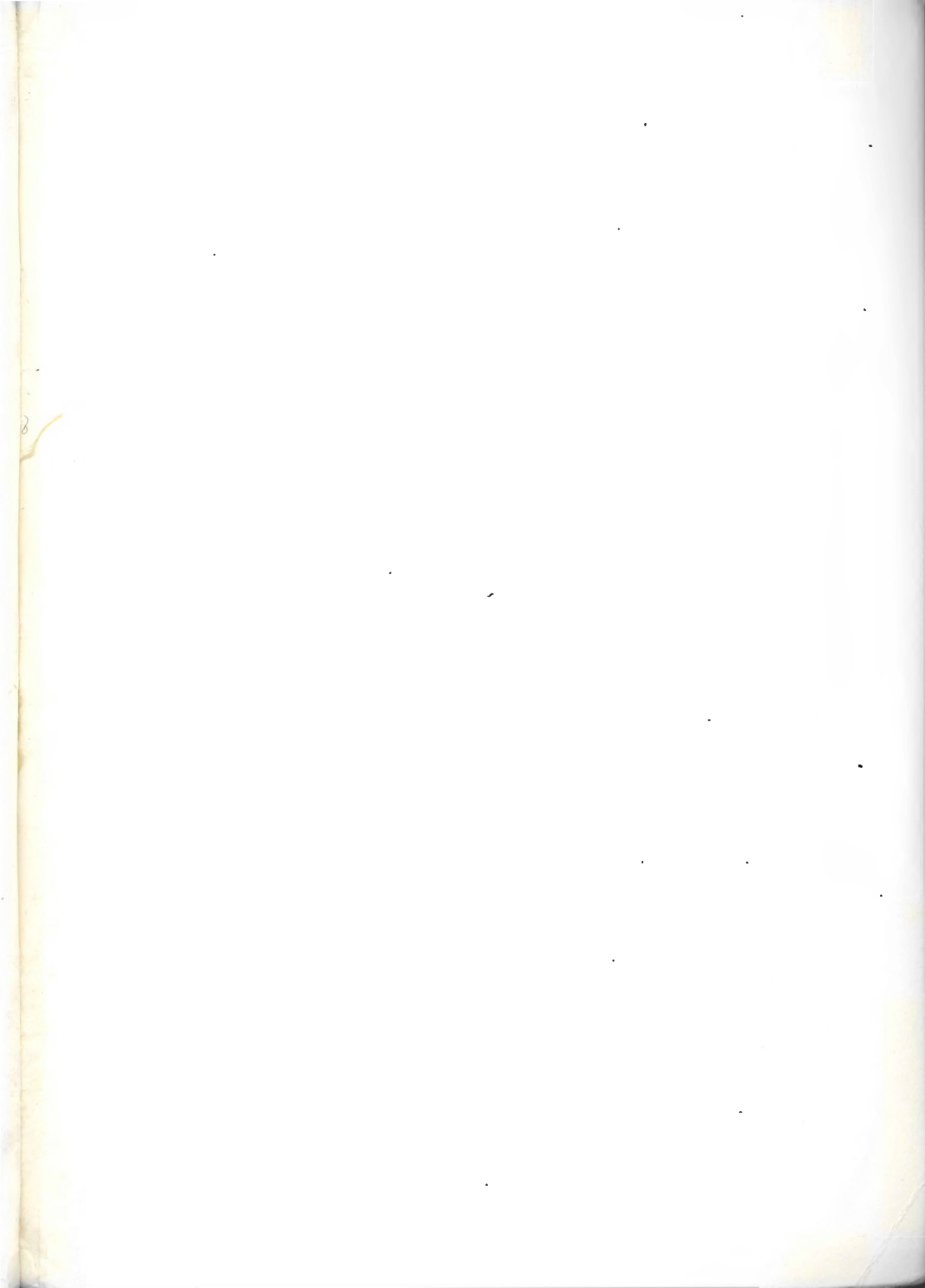
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