

Nominal GDP

Year	Quantity	Price	Nom. GDP
1999	5	2	10
2000	5	4	20
2001	7	5	35

Real GDP in 1999 Prices

Year	Quantity	Price	Real GDP
1999	5	2	10
2000	5	2	10
2001	7	2	14

Another price index: The GDP deflator.

$$\text{GDP deflator} = \text{Nominal GDP} \times 100 / \text{Real GDP}$$

e.g., suppose only prices rise. In 2000, nominal GDP is 20, real GDP is 10. Then the GDP deflator is 200.

Year	Price	Nom. Wage	Real Wage
1999	5	10	2
2000	5	20	4 (↑)
2001	20	20	1 (↓)
2002	1	20	20 (↑)

Important Relationship.

$$Y = C + I + G + X - M$$

Ignore $X - M$

$$Y = C + I + G$$

What do people do with income, Y ?

$$Y = C + S + T$$

Therefore,

$$C + I + G = C + S + T$$

$$\Rightarrow I + G = S + T$$

$$\Rightarrow I = S + (T - G)$$

Long-Run Growth: How does Y_t evolve over time?

Large differences in output over time and across countries

$\frac{70}{g}$ rule

Classical Dichotomy.

No Output Gap

Potential Output:

$$Y_t = A_t K_t^\alpha L_t^{1-\alpha} \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

A_t is *total factor productivity*

What is A ?

Innovation

Human Capital

Climate/Geography Competition/Openness to Trade

Conflict

Social Infrastructure

Culture

Political Institutions

Neoclassical Growth Model

Model: used to give predictions about policy changes etc.

L people: all work

All people the same

All units of capital the same

No government

Closed Economy (so Current Account is zero)

People save a constant fraction s of income.

So they consume a fraction $1 - s$ of income.

$$\Delta K_t = I_t - \delta K_t$$

$$\Delta K_t = S_t - \delta K_t$$

$$\Delta K_t = sY_t - \delta K_t$$

Key Idea: if $sY_t > \delta K_t$, capital grows (and vice versa.)

$$Y_t = A_t K_t^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\Delta K_t = sY_t - \delta K_t$$

Graphical Analysis

$$Y_t = \underbrace{A_t L^{1-\alpha}}_{\text{constant}} K_t^\alpha, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

$$Y_t = \beta K_t^\alpha, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

Depreciation when $\delta = .1$

K	δK
0	0
10	1
20	2
30	3