

Problem 1
Implicit Function Rule

There are two sectors in the economy, A and B . They have their own capital – K_A and K_B – which are given and constant. They share a pool of labor L , however, so that:

$$L = L_A + L_B \quad (1)$$

Output is produced with the following production functions:

$$Y_A = K_A^\alpha L_A^{1-\alpha} \quad (2)$$

and

$$Y_B = K_B^\beta L_B^{1-\beta} \quad (3)$$

Here, we constrain $0 < \beta < \alpha < 1$.

Assume wages are equal to marginal products of labor (perfect competition). Assume workers are mobile, so they move to the sector where wages are higher. In equilibrium, we know that

$$w_A = w_B \quad (4)$$

Assume the economy is in equilibrium and then industry A receives a gift of capital, so that $dK_A > 0$. Find:

$$\frac{\partial L_A}{\partial K_A} \quad (5)$$

using the Implicit Function Rule. That is, how much labor (per unit of capital) moves to the A -Sector after capital is increased there?