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Harrod Domar Model

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There were 3 sets of issues that was raised by Harrod.

First, the possibility of steady growth in a model of fixed capital-output ratio C and a fixed savings-output ratio S is noted. A unit of capital will produce $\frac{1}{C}$ unit of output, which in turn will generate S units of net savings. So that the rate of growth of capital stock will equal S/C . Since output is proportional to capital, that will be the rate of growth of output as well.

Harrod's second point is concerned with showing the instability of this path of steady growth in the simple Harrod Domar model. It is assumed that invest is determined entirely by planned savings and there is no independent invest function based on the expectation of the future which of course, rather pre-keynesian in its approach and may not make much sense in an

an unplanned economy.

Harrod's gn are the following: -

- (a) When will the investor's expectations be realized? and
(b) What will happen if they are not realised?

As mentioned earlier the model consists of a fixed capital-output ratio C and fixed savings output ratio S .

ie $C = \frac{K}{Y}$ and $S = \frac{S}{Y}$

As it was also mentioned that in this model it is assumed that invest is determined entirely by "planned" savings.

~~XX~~ Hence $S = \frac{S}{Y}$ is the invest rate as well
 $\rightarrow$ pre Keynesian approach.

$$\frac{K}{Y} = C \Rightarrow Y = \frac{K}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta Y = \frac{\Delta K}{C} \quad \left(\text{as } C \text{ is a const} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{\Delta K / C}{Y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{\Delta K / C}{K / C} \quad \left(\text{as } Y = \frac{K}{C} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{\Delta K}{K}$$

∴ Growth rate of output equals that of capital
 This is only true as mentioned earlier due to
 the fact that output is proportional to capital
 [i.e. $Y = \frac{K}{C}$]

We know

$$Y = \frac{K}{C} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{S}{Y} = s$$

(i)

$$\Rightarrow S = sY$$

$$S = s \cdot \frac{K}{C} \quad (\text{from (i)})$$

$$\text{--- (ii)}$$

Also we know $\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{\Delta K}{K}$ --- (iii)

from (ii) $S = \frac{s}{C} \cdot K = \Delta K$

(As change in
 cpl stock equals
 savings in Harrod
 model)

This (iii) becomes

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{S}{C} = \frac{\Delta K}{K}$$

Suppose $s = 0.25$
 $C = 5$

then $\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{0.25}{5} \Rightarrow \Delta Y = 0.05 Y$

∴ Growth rate of Y (output) is @ 5%

As said this model is realistic for planned economies. Harrod thus introduced an investment function of the 'accelerator' type.

Expectations of add effective demand determines the level of investment in the Harrod model and that investment, through the multiplier generates a certain level of effective demand in a Keynesian manner.

Taking expected demand in period $t - X_t$

Period	Actual demand	Cpl Stock
$t-1$	Y_{t-1}	$C Y_{t-1}$
t	X_t	$C X_t$

$\Rightarrow$ Expected add flow of output
 $= X_t - Y_{t-1}$
~~and investment in this is~~

Inst in this accelerator model in time t i.e. I_t will be C times expected add^t flow of output

Hence $I_t = C (X_t - Y_{t-1})$

⑧ During these times we take X_t as d_x but now it is Y_{t-1} .

Actual g_t is d_y .

$$Y_t = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{c}{s} (X_t - Y_{t-1})$$

(We know that $\Delta Y = \frac{A}{1-c} \Delta T$ here $A = \bar{I}$ and $1-c = s$ hence $\frac{A}{1-c} = \frac{\bar{I}}{s}$.)

$$Y_t = \frac{X_t - Y_{t-1}}{s/c}$$

$$\frac{Y_t}{X_t} = \frac{(X_t - Y_{t-1})/X_t}{s/c} \quad (\text{eqn 3 in textbook})$$

where

$$\text{Expected rate of growth} = g_t = \frac{X_t - Y_{t-1}}{X_t} \quad (*)$$

$$* \Rightarrow \frac{Y_t}{X_t} = \frac{g_t}{s/c} \quad (\text{eqn 4 in textbook})$$

Thus it is obvious that expectations will be realized i.e. X_t will equal Y_t iff the expected growth rate g_t equals s/c .

The rate of growth s/c which is realized if expected is what is called the 'warranted' rate of growth - g_w .

$$\left[\begin{aligned} (\text{See}) - \frac{Y_t}{X_t} &= \frac{g_t}{s/c} \Rightarrow Y_t = X_t \cdot \frac{g_t}{s/c} \\ &\Rightarrow Y_t = X_t \Leftrightarrow g_t = s/c \end{aligned} \right]$$

what if $\hat{g}_t \neq \frac{s}{c}$?

Defining actual rate of growth

$$g_t = \frac{Y_t - Y_{t-1}}{Y_t}$$

so

expected rate of growth $\hat{g}_t = \frac{X_t - Y_{t-1}}{X_t}$

$$g_t = 1 - \frac{Y_{t-1}}{X_t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_{t-1} = X_t (1 - g_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow X_t = \frac{Y_{t-1}}{1 - g_t}$$

if

$$g_t = \frac{Y_t - Y_{t-1}}{Y_t}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{Y_{t-1}}{Y_t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_t = \frac{Y_{t-1}}{1 - g_t}$$

Accelerator $\frac{\Delta K}{\Delta Y}$

lever output $\Rightarrow$
 lever capital $\Rightarrow$ from any point from equilibrium

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Thus $\frac{Y_t}{x_t}$

$\frac{Y_t}{x_t} / 1 - g_t$

$\frac{Y_t}{x_t} / 1 - \hat{g}_t$

$$\frac{Y_t}{x_t} = \frac{1 - \hat{g}_t}{1 - g_t}$$

$$= g_t / s_t$$

If $\boxed{\hat{g}_t > s_t}$

If $\boxed{\hat{g}_t < s_t}$

then $1 - \hat{g}_t > 1 - g_t$

then $1 - \hat{g}_t < 1 - g_t$

③ $\Rightarrow \boxed{g_t > \hat{g}_t}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{g_t < \hat{g}_t}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{Y_t > x_t}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{Y_t < x_t}$

Expectations less than actual

$SS < DD$ ($\Rightarrow$ Inflation)

Expectations more than actual

$SS > DD$

Deflation

This is the beginning of Harrod's Instability problem.

⑧ If the investors anticipate more than the warranted rate of growth s_t then the actual growth rate of demand will exceed even the high expected growth rate, so that instead of feeling that they expected too much they are likely to feel that they expected too little. Same reasoning goes for the other way around. Hence market give perverse signal and thus we move further and further away from equilibrium.

A possible explanation for the same is the underlying AEH as this has been dealt in the previous semester (AEH's limitations for continuously T/d bonds)

→ i.e. $g_t - g_{t-1} = \lambda(g_{t-1} - g_{t-2})$ and hence the problem.

g:

$s = 0.20$

$C = 2$

→ $\frac{s}{c} = \frac{0.20}{2} = 0.10$

Suppose $y_{t-1} = 90$

→ with $g_t = s/c = 0.10$

$$y_t = \frac{y_{t-1}}{1 - g_t} = \frac{90}{1 - 0.10} = 100$$

i.e. if the current level of output is 90, then a 10% sustained growth rate will mean a movement to 100.

The $y_t = 100$

$$\frac{1}{t} = \frac{2(100 - 90)}{20}$$

$$y_t = \frac{20}{0.2} = 100$$

Thus if investors in fact expect an output of 100 and they invest 20 units in trying to create a capacity for an addl 10 units of dd. And this invest of 20 units will generate through the multiplier of 5 (implicit in a savings coefficient of 20%), a dd level of 100, so that expenditures will be realized.

Take: $x_t = 99$ $\frac{95}{99}$ $\frac{10\%}{3\% \leq s/c}$

$\Rightarrow i_t = 18$ or $2(99 - 90)$

$\Rightarrow y_t = \frac{18}{0.2} = 90$ Here $g = 9.09\%$

$g_t = 10\%$

$s/c = 10\%$

Case if $x_t = 101$ $g_t > s/c$

$i_t = 2(101 - 90) = 22$ $10.9\% > 10\%$

$y_t = \frac{22}{0.2} = 110$

Case A if they anticipate too little say 99 units of dd, invest will be 18 units and actual demand y_t will be 90.

Case B if they expect too much say 101 units of demand, then invest will be 22 units to create capacity for 11 addl units > the dd generated will be 110.

What will happen with $Y_t > X_t$?

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$Y_t < X_t$

If actual dd $Y_t <$ expected dd X_t , then underutilisation of capacity results. but should $Y_t > X_t$, then how will the actual demand be met?

$Y_t > X_t$

One way is to deplete the existing inventory but with Harrod's cumulative divergence from the warranted growth path for indefinitely, this can't be a case as the existing stock'll be exhausted.

Second way is to assume that any excess of Y over X is met by an unforeseen rise in price level.

Transferability

Condition

It cannot be explained

Problem in the one price level