Economic Development

Population

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Definition (Fertility)

The quality of being able to produce young

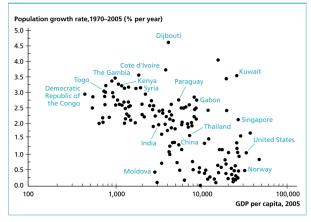
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Fact

'With every mouth God sends a pair of hands.'

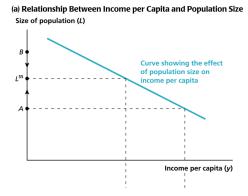
An old saying

Growth and Fertility Development Facts

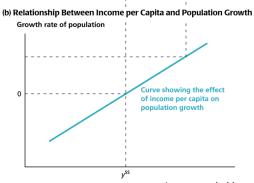


Source: Heston et.al. (2006), World Bank (2007a).

Malthus Theory

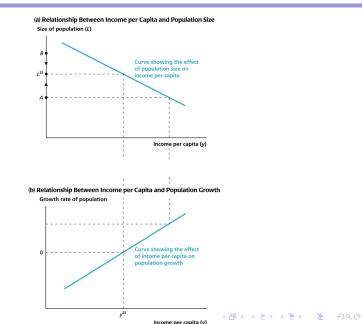


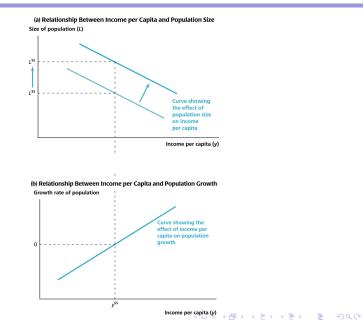
Malthus Theory



Income per capita (y)

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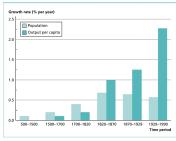




Corollary

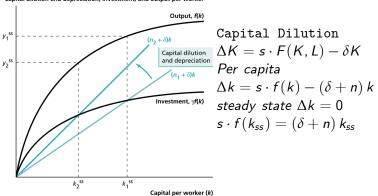
Unless 'passion between sexes' is suppressed, the human race is doomed to breed itself into poverty.

Fact



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Source: Galor and Weil (2000).



Capital dilution and depreciation, investment, and output per worker

Quantitative Analysis

$$f(k) = Ak^{\alpha}$$

$$k_{ss} = \left(\frac{sA}{n+\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$$

$$\frac{y_{ss}^{A}}{y_{ss}^{B}} = \left(\frac{n_{B}+\delta}{n_{A}+\delta}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}$$

$$sAk^{\alpha} = (\delta + n) k$$

$$y_{ss} = A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \left(\frac{sA}{n+\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$$

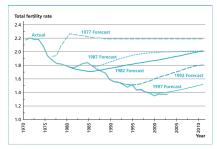
$$\frac{y_{ss}^{A}}{y_{ss}^{B}} \stackrel{\alpha=\frac{1}{3}}{=} \left(\frac{0,04+0,05}{0,00+0,05}\right)^{1/2} = 1,34$$

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Corollary

Higher population growth dilutes the per-worker capital stock more quickly and so lowers the steady-state level of output per worker.

Fact



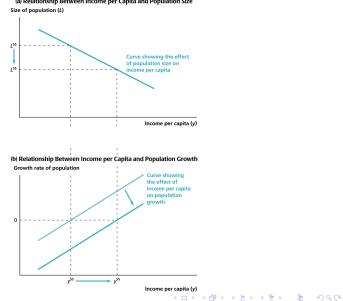
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Source: Yashiro (1998).

- Child Labour
- Old-age Insurance
- Tandem Effect
- Family Planning (Malthus)
- Income and Substitution Effects for Female labor

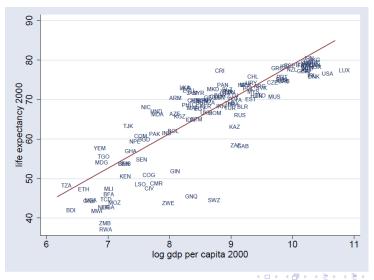
Quality-quantity Tradeoff

Explaining reduced fertility (Malthus)

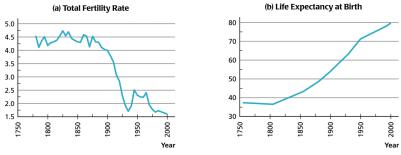


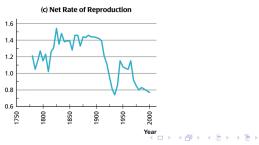
(a) Relationship Between Income per Capita and Population Size

GDP and Life Expectancy

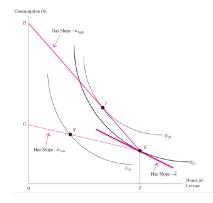


Explaining reduced fertility (Tandem)





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Human Capital

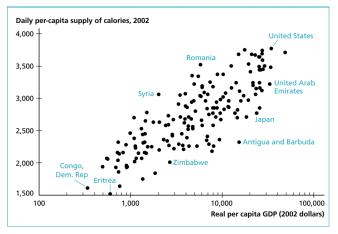
Definition

Human capital refers to the stock of competences, knowledge and personality attributes embodied in the ability to perform labor so as to produce economic value.

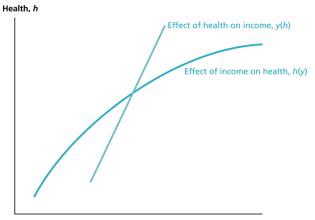
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Health

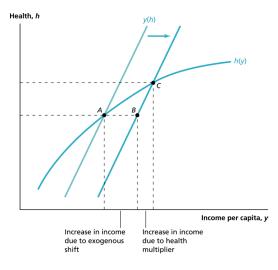


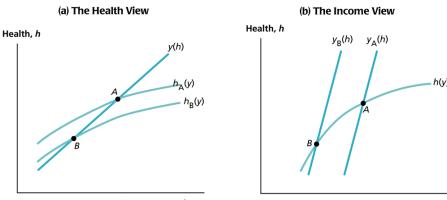


Sources: FAOSTAT database, Heston, Summers, and Aten (2006).



Income per capita, y

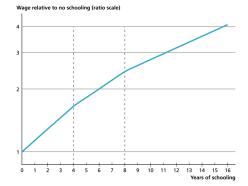




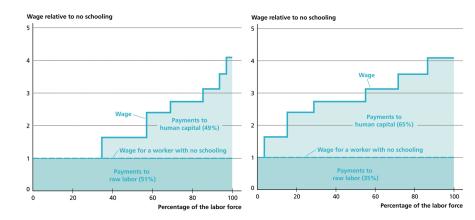
Income per capita, y

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Returns to Education



Human Capital's Share of Wages



Quantitative Analysis

$$egin{aligned} Y &= A K^lpha \left(h L
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$$y_{ss}^{OLD} = A^{rac{1}{1-lpha}} \left(rac{s}{n+\delta}
ight)^{rac{lpha}{1-lpha}}$$

Now:

$$y_{ss} = (h^{1-\alpha}A)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \left(\frac{s}{n+\delta}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ = h \times \left[A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \left(\frac{s}{n+\delta}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}\right]$$

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Quantitative Analysis

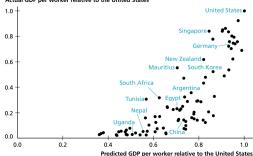
$$\frac{y_{ss}^{A}}{y_{ss}^{B}} = \frac{h_{A} \times \left[A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \left(\frac{s}{n+\delta}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}\right]}{h_{B} \times \left[A^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \left(\frac{s}{n+\delta}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}\right]} = \frac{h_{A}}{h_{B}}$$

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Corollary

The difference in incomes is fully explained by the difference in the human capital.

Fact



Actual GDP per worker relative to the United States