

The Incidence of Capital Income Taxes in a Life Cycle Economy with Firm Heterogeneity

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Capital income taxation

1. Firm: Corporate income tax

- ▶ Corporate income: total revenue - expenses and operating costs

2. Household: Personal income tax

- ▶ Personal income: labor, **capital** and other incomes
 - ▶ Capital incomes: dividends, capital gains and interests

Capital tax reforms in the US

- ▶ Before 2003
 - ▶ Corporate income tax: 35%
 - ▶ Capital gains and dividend tax rates: 25%

- ▶ 2003: Job and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act 2003: Bush's tax cuts
 - ▶ Corporate tax: Kept at 35%
 - ▶ Capital gains and dividend tax rates: Down to 15% (temporary)

- ▶ 2018: The US Tax Cuts and Jobs Act 2017: Trump's tax cuts
 - ▶ Corporate income tax: Down to 21%
 - ▶ Capital gains and dividend tax rates: 15%

The incidence of capital income taxes

- ▶ How is the burden of capital income taxation allocated among different households and generations?
 - ▶ Corporate income tax
 - ▶ Dividend tax
 - ▶ Capital gains tax
- ▶ How would a tax reform proposal affect each household group?
 - ▶ Efficiency vs. equity

This paper

- ▶ Provides a tax incidence analysis
- ▶ Using a dynamic general equilibrium model
- ▶ Key model features:
 - ▶ Heterogeneous households: Life cycle structure and productivity differences
 - ▶ Heterogeneous firms: Differences in real and financial positions
 - ▶ Dynamic general equilibrium

Excess burden or deadweight loss of taxation (DWL)

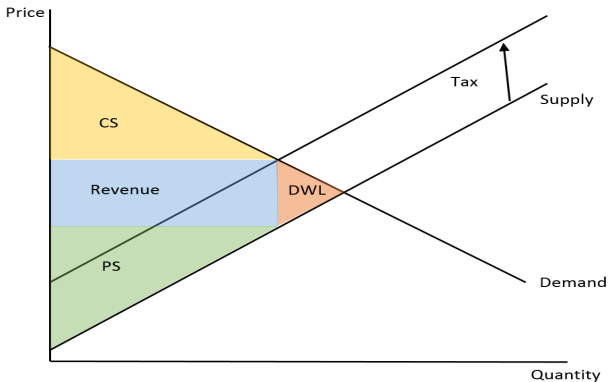


Figure: Measuring excess burden: Harberger's triangle

Harberger's triangle and marginal excess burden (MEB)

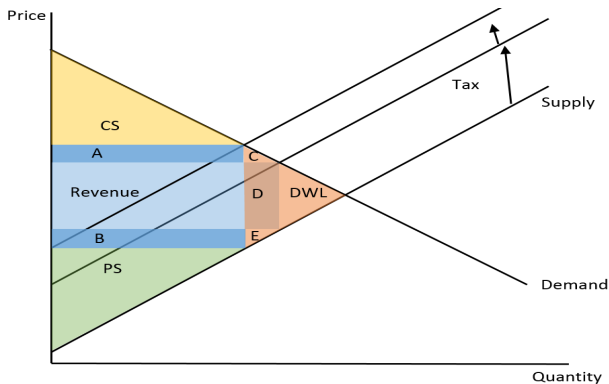


Figure: Marginal excess burden of a tax increases

► $MEB = \Delta \text{welfare} / \Delta \text{revenue} = (C+D+E)/(A+B-D)$.

A marginal excess burden (MEB) analysis in general equilibrium

- ▶ Measuring welfare costs
 - ▶ $MEB = (\text{Marginal change in welfare}) / (\text{Marginal change in revenue})$
- ▶ quantify the incidence of three capital taxes
 - ▶ Corporate income tax (CIT), dividend tax (DT) and capital gain tax (CGT)

Main results

- ▶ The burden of the three capital taxes are large and significantly different.
 - ▶ The marginal excess burden (MEB)
- ▶ The burden of each capital tax is allocated unevenly among income groups and generations.
- ▶ The modeling features matter for the quantitative results
 - ▶ Firm heterogeneity
 - ▶ Life-cycle structure
 - ▶ Market incompleteness
- ▶ Cutting corporate tax leads to efficiency gains,
 - ▶ but opposing welfare effects across households and generations

Marginal excess burden (MEB): Efficiency effect

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Table: Marginal excess burden of raising 1 dollar revenue in NPV terms

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Distribution of MEB: Distributive effect

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Table: MEB by skill and age group

Model features and marginal excess burden (MEB)

Model	CIT	DT	CGT	DT&CGT	LIT
Benchmark	\$0.67	\$1.56	-\$0.28	\$0.50	\$0.22
Neoclassical	\$0.79	\$0.80	\$0.77	\$0.79	\$0.26

Table: MEB of raising 1 dollar revenue in NPV terms in different models

- ▶ Benchmark model: Heterogeneous firms, life-cycle households, financing constraint, and DRS technology
- ▶ Neoclassical model: Representative firm, representative household, and CRS technology

Related literature

▶ Tax incidence:

- ▶ Classic work: Harberger (1962) and Fullerton and Metcalf (2002) for a survey
- ▶ Recent development: Sachs, Tsyvinski and Werquin (2019), Saez and Zucman (2019) and Tran and Wende (2017)

▶ Capital income taxation:

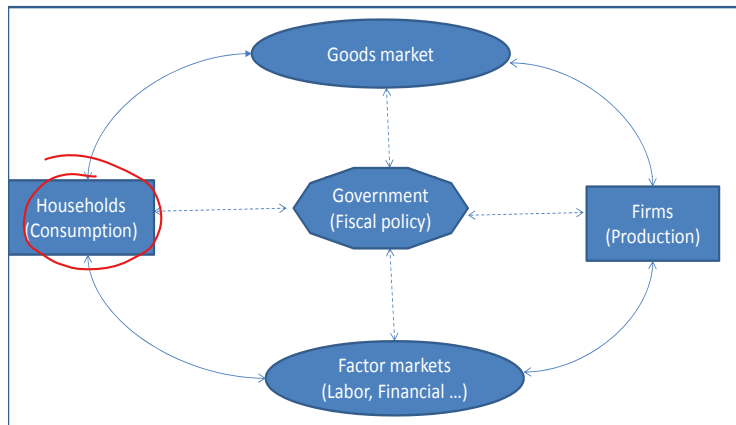
- ▶ Zero capital tax: Judd (1985), Chamley (1986)
- ▶ Positive capital tax: Hubbard and Judd (1986), Erosa and Gervais (2002), Aiyagari (1995), Imrohoroglu (1998) and ~~Conesa, Krueger and Kitao (2009)~~

▶ Capital taxes, investment and aggregates

- ▶ Corporate income taxes: McGrattan and Prescott (2005), Santoro and Wei (2011) and Anagnostopoulos, Carceles-Poveda and Lin (2012), Anagnostopoulos, Carceles-Poveda and Lin (2012)
- ▶ Dividend and capital gains taxes: Gourio and Miao (2010) and Gourio and Miao (2011)
- ▶ Firm heterogeneity and corporate taxes: Anagnostopoulos, Atesagaoglu and Carceles-Poveda (2015) and Wills and Camilo

Model

The model: Overview



An incomplete market model with heterogeneous agents

- ▶ Dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) model
- ▶ Overlapping generations of life-cycle households as in Auerbach and Kotlikoff (1987) with skill heterogeneity and borrowing constraints.
- ▶ Heterogeneous firms as in Gourio and Miao (2010) with idiosyncratic productivity shocks, financing constraints and financial policy
- ▶ Calibrated to the US data in early 2010s

Households I

- ▶ Demographics: 20 to 100 years
- ✓ ▶ Preferences: Households value consumption and leisure and maximize the discounted lifetime utility
- ✓ ▶ Endowments: Newborns with different skills that define the life-cycle profiles of labor efficiency units
- ✓ ▶ A household begins with zero assets and chooses consumption, labor supply and asset holdings to maximise its utility over its lifetime.
- ✓ ▶ Saving technology: equity, $\theta_{i,j,t}$, and bonds, $B_{i,j,t}$, but can not short sell equity or debt $\theta_{t,j,i} \geq 0$, $B_{t,j,i} \geq 0$.
- ✓ ▶ Income sources: labor income, dividends, $d_t(\mu_t)$, capital gains, interest payments, accidental bequests, $BQ_{t,i}$, and government transfers $T_{t,j,i}$.

Households II

- ▶ Taxes: Consumption tax, labor income tax, and taxes on dividends, capital gains and interest income with rates τ^l , τ^d , τ^g and τ^i respectively.
- ▶ The household problem is given by

$$U = \sum_{j=20}^{100} S_j \beta^j \frac{(c_j^\gamma l_j^{1-\gamma})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

subject to

↙ no asset holding

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & (1 + \tau^c) C_j + \int p_t \theta_{j+1} d\mu_t + B_{j+1} \\ & = (1 - \tau^l) W_t (1 - l_t) e_j + (1 + (1 - \tau^i) r_t) B_j + T_j + BQ_j \\ & + \int (p_t^0 + (1 - \tau^d) d_t - \tau^g (p_t^0 - p_{t-1})) \theta_j d\mu_{t-1}. \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Simplified household problem I

- ▶ No arbitrage condition implies

$$(1 - \tau^i) r_{t+1} = \frac{E_t [(1 - \tau^d) d_{t+1} + (1 - \tau^g)(p_{t+1}^0 - p_t)]}{p_t}$$



- ▶ Assuming that households hold similar an equal share of each firm, so that we can express asset portfolios in terms of the representative asset

$$A_{t+1,j+1,i} = \left(\int p_t \theta_{t+1,j+1,i} d\mu_t + B_{t+1} \right)$$

and the return on the asset, r_t^a , is given by

$$r_t^a = \frac{(1 - \tau^i) r_t B_t + \int [(1 - \tau^d) d_t + (1 - \tau^g)(p_t - p_{t-1})] d\mu_{t-1}}{B_t + \int p_{t-1} d\mu_{t-1}}$$

- ▶ The household's budget constraint can be re-written as

$$(1 - \tau^c) C_{t,j,i} + A_{t+1,j+1,i} = (1 - \tau^l) W_t (1 - l_{t,j,i}) e_{j,i} + (1 + r_t^a) A_{t,j,i} + T_{t,j,i} + BQ_{t,i}$$

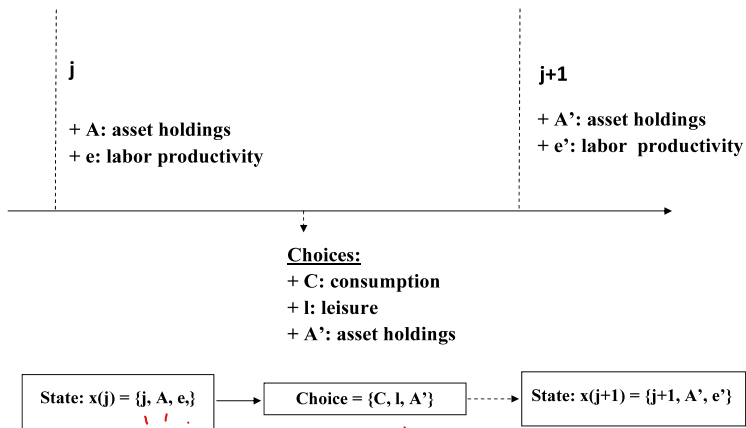
Simplified household problem II

- ▶ The household's dynamic programming problem is given by

$$V_j(A_{t,j,i}) = \max_{\{C_{t,j,i}, l_{t,j,i}, A_{t+1,j+1,i}\}} \{u(C_{t,j,i}, l_{t,j,i}) + \hat{\beta}sp_{j+1} V_{j+1}(A_{t+1,j+1,i})\}$$

subject to the household's budget constraint, the credit constraint, $A_{t+1,j+1,i} \geq 0$, and the non-negativity of leisure and consumption $C_{t,j,i} > 0$ and $1 \geq l_{t,j,i} > 0$.

Timing of household decision



Firms

- ▶ The production sector consists of a continuum of ex-ante identical firms exposed idiosyncratic productivity shocks.
- ▶ The firms own capital and chooses investment, dividends, equity and labor demand to maximize their cum dividend equity price.
- ▶ Firms differ ex-post in terms of the histories of productivity shocks and capital stock.

corporate Finance

Technology

- ▶ Production function

$$F(k, n; z) = z k^{\alpha_k} n^{\alpha_n}$$

where $\alpha_k + \alpha_n < 1$ (DRS)

- ▶ Productivity evolves according to

$$\ln z_t = \rho \ln z_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

where ϵ_t IID $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

- ▶ Capital accumulation

$$k_t = (1 - \delta) k_{t-1} + i_t$$

- ▶ Investment cost

$$C(i) = i + \frac{\psi i^2}{2k}$$

- ▶ Earnings after wages

$$\pi = z k^{\alpha_k} n^{\alpha_n} - w n$$

Corporate finance I



- ▶ The firm is owned by equity holders who receive a return on equity by receiving dividends d_t , and also capital gains on changes in the equity price.
- ▶ Investment finance: Internal finance from earnings after wages and taxes and external finance by issuing new equity, s_t .
- ▶ Non-negative dividends constraint

$$\underline{d_t \geq 0.}$$

- ▶ Equity buy-backs constraint

$$\underline{s_t \geq -\bar{s}}$$

- ▶ No dividend payout unless the firm is fully utilising its ability to pay out returns through the buy-backs giving the constraint

$$d_t(s_t + \bar{s}) = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

Corporate finance II

- ▶ The value of a firm's equity after issuance is given by the pre-issuance value plus the value of issuance

$$p_t = s_t + p_t^0.$$

- ▶ The firm pays corporate income tax on its income which is revenue minus wages, $\tau^k (zk^{\alpha_k} n^{\alpha_n} - w_t n_t)$.
- ▶ The firm can also deduct from its taxable income a fraction of its investment and capital depreciation.
- ▶ Using the households' first order condition for equity yields

$$(1 - \tau^j)r_{t+1} = \frac{E_t [(1 - \tau^d)d_{t+1} - (1 - \tau^g)s_{t+1} + (1 - \tau^g)(p_{t+1} - p_t)]}{p_t}.$$

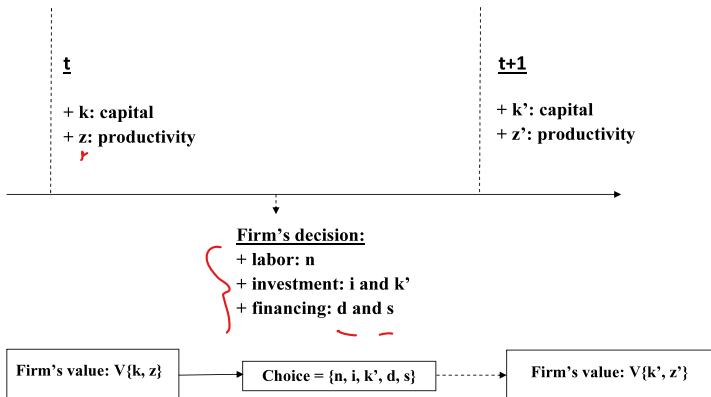
Corporate finance III

- ▶ The no arbitrage condition for the fair price of equity is given by

$$p_t = \frac{E_t [(1 - \tau^d)/(1 - \tau^g)d_{t+1} + p_{t+1} - s_{t+1}]}{1 + r_{t+1}^i/(1 - \tau^g)}.$$

Here $r_t^i = (1 - \tau^i)r_t$ is the after tax interest rate.

Timing of firm decision



Firm problem I

- ▶ Each firm maximises its cum dividend value which is defined as

$$V_t = \frac{1 - \tau^d}{1 - \tau^g} d_t - s_t + p_t$$

- ▶ The firms problem can be written as

$$V_t(k_t, z_t) = \max_{d_t, s_t, i_t, n_t, k_{t+1}} \frac{1 - \tau^d}{1 - \tau^g} d_t - s_t + \frac{E_t [V_{t+1}(k_{t+1}, z_{t+1})]}{1 + r_{t+1}^i / (1 - \tau^g)}$$

s.t.

$$i_t + \frac{\psi i_t^2}{2k_t} + d_t = (1 - \tau^k)(z_t k_t^{\alpha_k} n_t^{\alpha_n} - w_t n_t) + \tau^k \delta k_t + s_t,$$

$$k_{t+1} = (1 - \delta)k_t + i_t$$

$$d_t \geq 0, s_t \geq -\bar{s}, d_t(s_t + \bar{s}) = 0.$$

Government

- ▶ The government collects taxes to finance government consumption and transfers. The government budget is given by

$$B_{t+1} = TAX_t - G_t - T_t - (1 + r_t) B_t.$$

- ▶ B_{t+1} is new government debt issued at time t and B_t outstanding government debt issued at time $t - 1$.

Calibration

Benchmark calibration

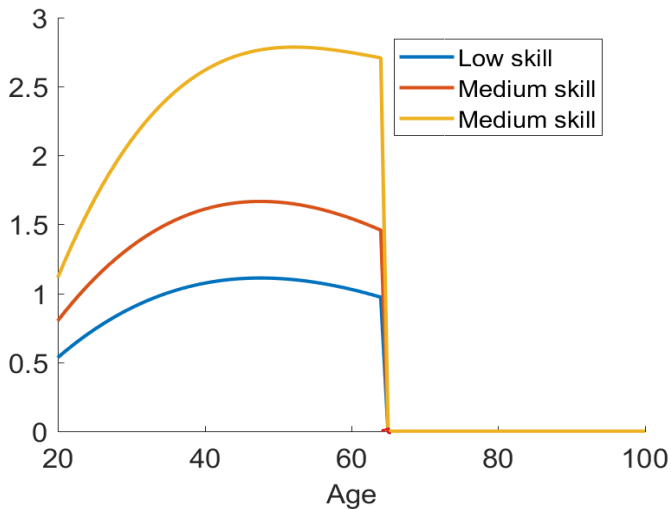
- ▶ To match the US economy in early 2010s
- ▶ Macroeconomic aggregate data
- ▶ Firm level data from COMPUSTAT

Calibration value

	Parameter	Value
Exponent on capital	α_k	0.311
Exponent on labor	α_l	0.650
Shock persistence	ρ	0.767
Shock standard deviation	σ	0.211
Depreciation rate	δ	0.095
Adjustment cost	ψ	0.890
Equity buy-back constraint	\bar{s}	0.085
Discount factor	β	0.983
Consumption share	γ	0.25
Inter-temporal elasticity	$1/\sigma$	0.4
Corporate income tax	τ^k	0.340
Dividend tax	τ^d	0.200
Capital gains tax	τ^g	0.200
Interest income tax	τ^i	0.250
labor income tax	τ^n	0.240
Consumption tax	τ^n	0.025
Deductibility of depreciation	χ^δ	1.00
Deductibility of investment	χ^I	0.00

Table: Model Calibrations

Household: Labor productivity



Firm: Productivity

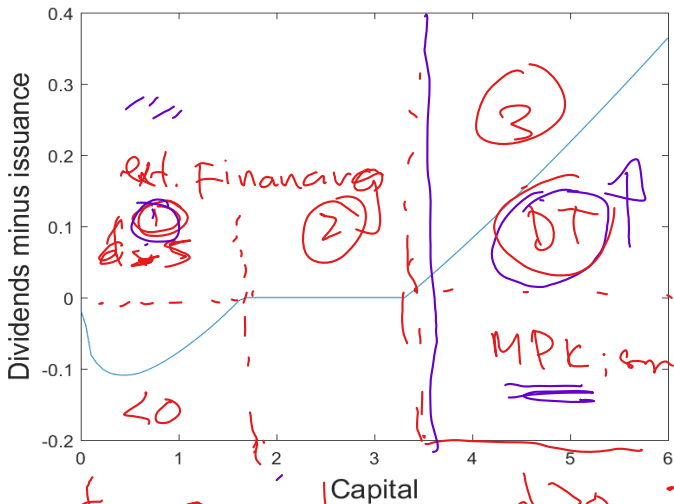
$z =$	0.36	0.47	0.59	0.73	0.90	1.11	1.36	1.69	2.13	2.79
$\pi =$	0.31	0.46	0.20	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.06	0.33	0.40	0.17	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.01	0.11	0.35	0.36	0.14	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.02	0.17	0.37	0.32	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.22	0.39	0.27	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.27	0.39	0.22	0.04	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.17	0.40	0.33	0.06
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.20	0.46	0.31

Table: Productivity levels and transition matrix

Firm: Equity issuance or dividend distribution

MPK: high.

MPK = same

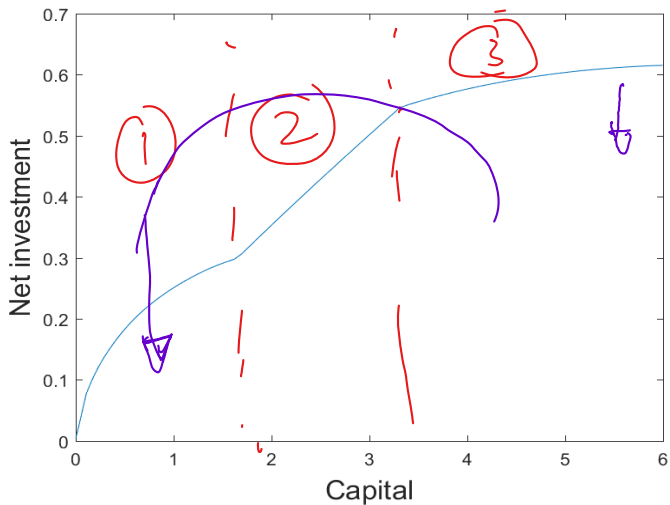


$d = 0$
 $s > 0$

Capital
 $d = 0$
 $s = 0$

$d > 0$ size
 $s \leq 0$

Firm: Net investment by capital level



Marginal excess burden analysis

Experiments: Marginal excess burden analysis

- ▶ Raise 1 dollar of net tax revenue (in NPV terms) in each future period
- ▶ Compute the welfare costs of such tax increase
 - ▶ Using equivalent variation (EV) as a measure of the welfare costs
- ▶ Compute marginal excess burden (MEB) = (Marginal change in welfare) / (Marginal change in tax revenue)
- ▶ Taxes: Corporate income tax (CIT), dividend tax (DT), capital gains tax (CGT) and labor income tax (LIT)

Harberger's triangle and marginal excess burden (MEB)

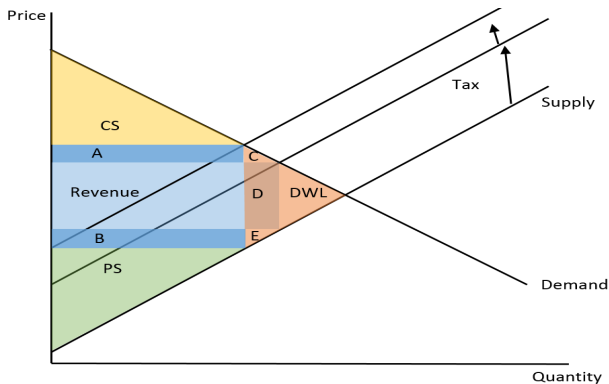


Figure: Marginal excess burden of a tax increases

► $MEB = \Delta \text{welfare} / \Delta \text{revenue} = (C+D+E)/(A+B-D)$.

Efficiency effect: Marginal excess burden (MEB)

DT > CIT

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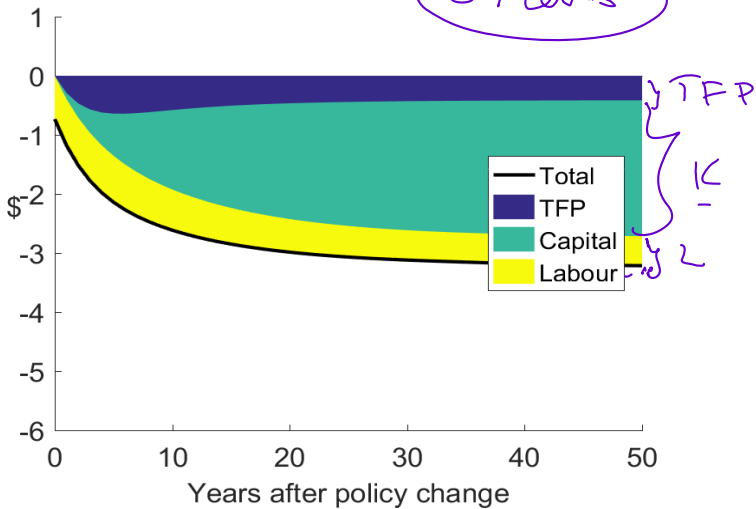
-28 cents

Corporate income tax (CIT)

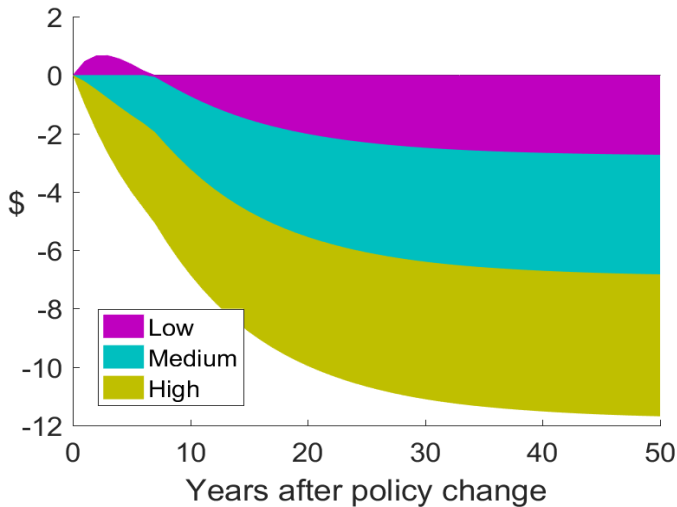
Corporate tax increase

Corporate income tax (CIT): Output

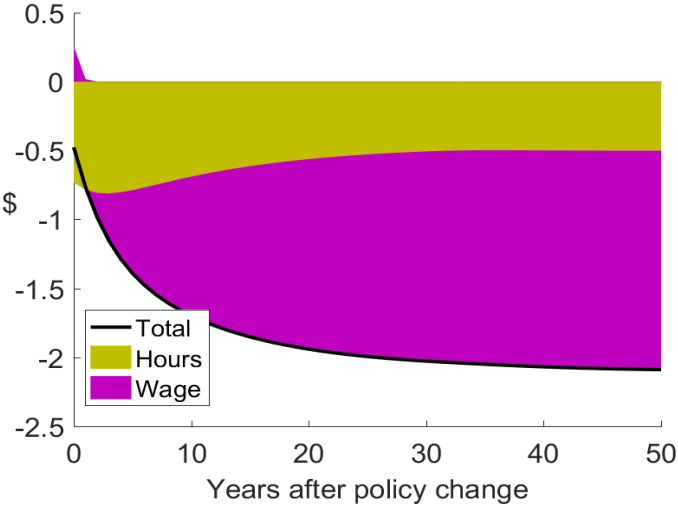
67 cents



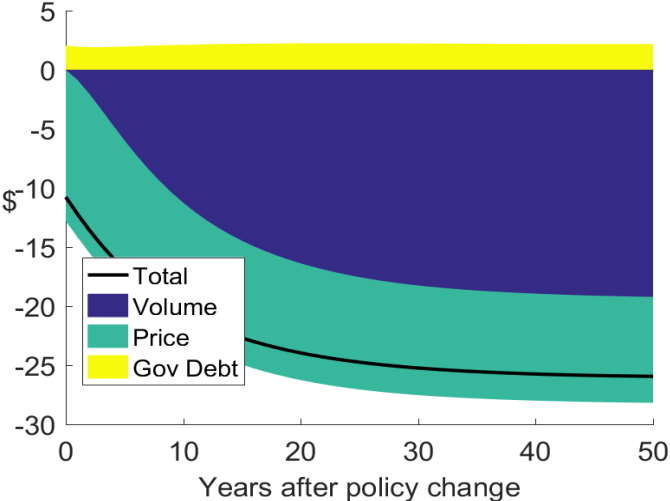
Corporate income tax (CIT): Capital by level of firm productivity



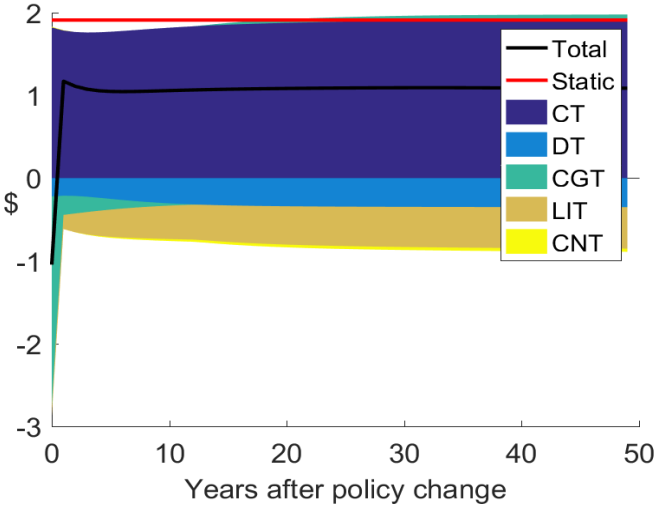
Corporate income tax (CIT): Labor income



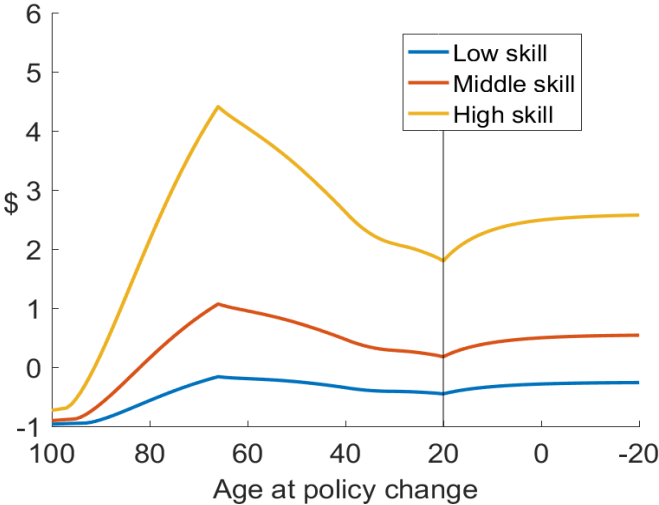
Corporate income tax (CIT): Assets



Corporate income tax (CIT): Revenue



Corporate income tax (CIT): Welfare change

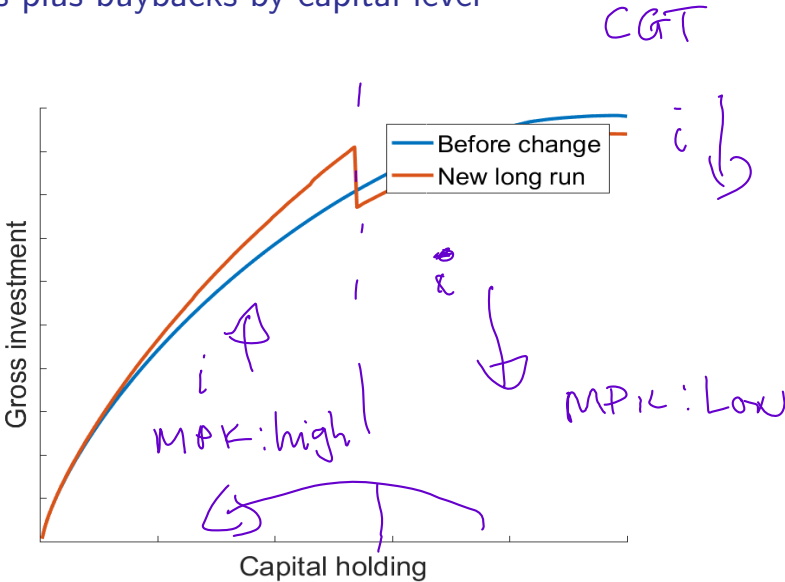


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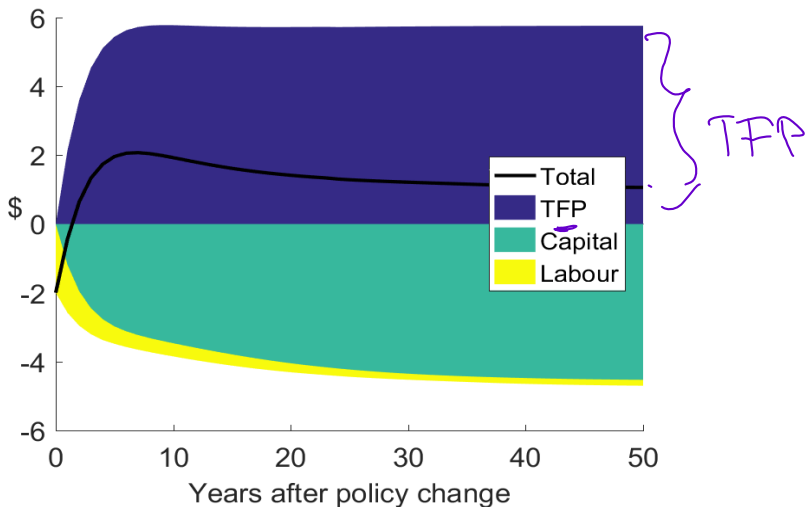
Capital gains tax increase

CGT

Dividends plus buybacks by capital level

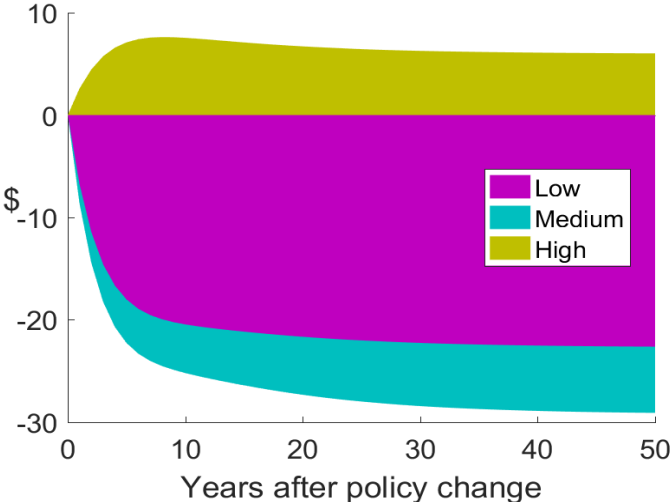


Capital gains tax: Output

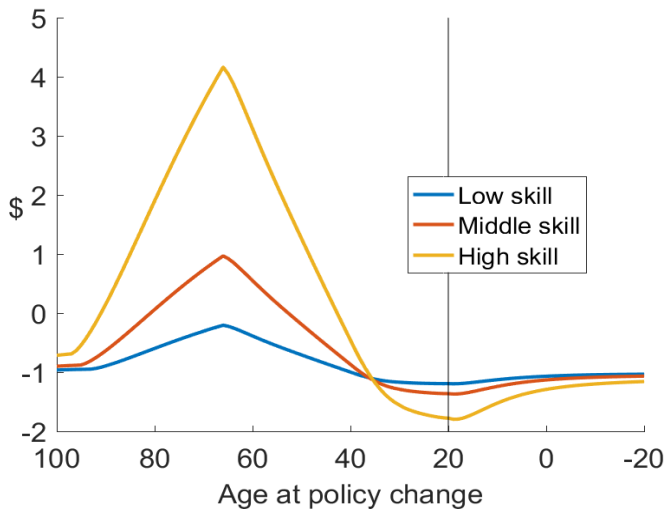


$$TFP = Y / (K^{\alpha_K} N^{\alpha_N})$$

Capital gains tax: Capital by level of firm productivity



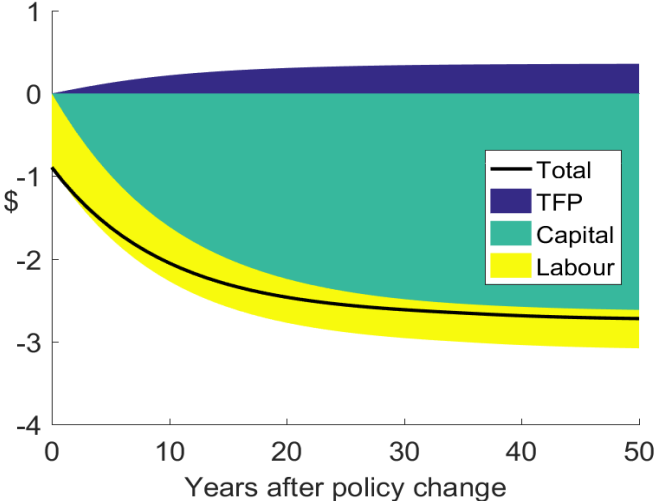
Capital gains tax: Welfare change



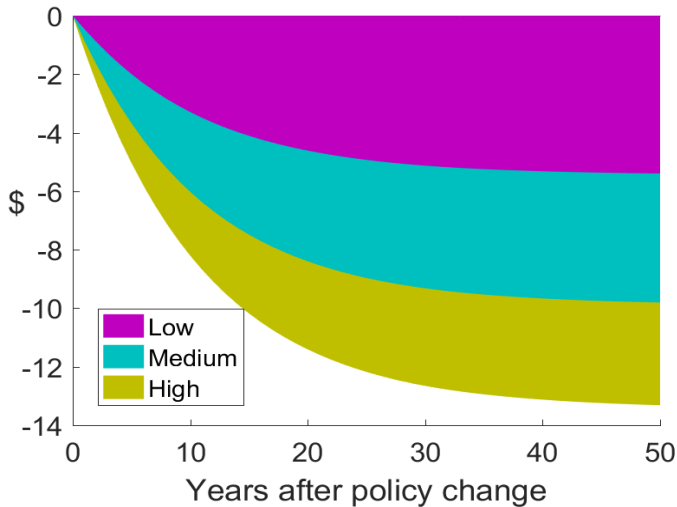
Dividend and capital gains taxes

Dividend and capital gains tax increase

Dividend and capital gains taxes: Output



Dividend and capital gains taxes: Capital by productivity



Distributive effect: MEB by age and skill

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Model features and MEB

Model features

- ▶ Our benchmark model
 - ▶ Heterogeneous firms w/ different productivity shocks and investment finance regimes
 - ▶ Heterogeneous lifecycle households w/ different ages and skills
 - ▶ DRS technology

- ▶ How important are these features?

- ▶ Considering a range of different models:
 1. Model A: Rep. firm, lifecycle households, internal finance, DRS
 2. Model B: Rep. firm, lifecycle households, external finance, DRS
 3. Model C: Heterogeneous firms, rep. household, DRS
 4. Model D: Rep. firm, rep. household, external finance, DRS
 5. Model E: Rep. firm, rep. household, CRS technology (Neoclassical model)

Marginal excess burden: Model comparison

misallocation

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2. Mod. B: H HH, R firm, EF	\$0.54	\$0.66	\$0.22	\$0.52	\$0.24
3. Mod. C: R HH, H firm	\$0.71	\$1.95	-\$0.36	\$0.52	\$0.22
4. Mod. D: R HH, R Firm, IF	\$0.58	\$0.75	\$1.21	\$0.48	\$0.16
5. Mod. E: R HH, R Firm, EF, CRS	\$0.79	\$0.80	\$0.77	\$0.79	\$0.26

Table: Marginal excess burden

$$\tau^K = 36\%$$

Efficiency and distributive effects of taxes: Model features

- ▶ Household heterogeneity introduces distributional consequences
 - ▶ Model 0 and Models A and B with heterogeneous households
- ▶ Firm heterogeneity introduces a new channel of efficiency effects
 - ▶ Misallocation channel
 - ▶ Model 0 and Model C with heterogeneous firms

Firm heterogeneity and misallocation channel

- ▶ Productivity and capital levels
 - ▶ Technology shocks
 - ▶ Investment and capital accumulation
 - ▶ Age of firms
- ▶ Investment finance
 - ▶ Internal financing through retained profits
 - ▶ External financing through equity issuance
- ▶ Different capital taxes affect firms differently.
- ▶ Tax distortions and financial constraints lead to inefficient allocation of capital across firms.

Tax reforms

Corporate tax reforms

- ▶ Principle: Move away from taxes w/ high MEB
- ▶ Action: Cut taxes on corporate income (Firm): CIT cuts
- ▶ Shift tax burden to personal income (Household)
 1. Dividend tax
 2. Dividend and capital gains taxes
 3. Labor income tax
- ▶ Outcome: Efficiency and distributive effects

Reform 1: The CIT cuts financed by dividend tax

CIT rate (%)	0	8	16	24	32
Output change (%)	-	-	0.5	-0.3	-0.4
Welfare change (%)	-	-	-1.98	-1.42	-0.35
Retired welfare Δ (%)	-	-	-5.46	-2.86	-0.26
Working welfare Δ (%)	-	-	-2.49	-1.6	-0.33
Future welfare Δ (%)	-	-	-0.3	-0.76	-0.39
Low skill Δ (%)	-	-	-1.6	-1.23	-0.34
Medium skill Δ (%)	-	-	-1.9	-1.39	-0.35
High Skill Δ (%)	-	-	-2.15	-1.51	-0.36
Population support (%)	-	-	0	0	0
τ^d (%)	-	-	73.8	53.9	26.3

Table: The welfare effects of the CIT cuts financed by dividend tax.

Reform 2: The CIT cuts financed by dividend and capital gains taxes

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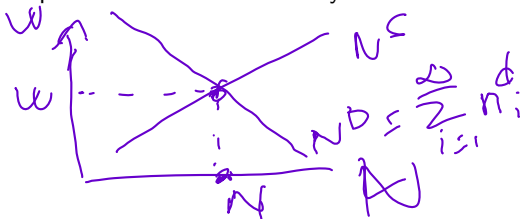
CIT rate (%)	0	8	16	24	32
Output change (%)	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.1
Welfare change (%)	0.22	0.29	0.29	0.22	0.06
Retired welfare Δ (%)	-0.34	-0.19	-0.07	0	0.01
Working welfare Δ (%)	0.16	0.23	0.24	0.19	0.05
Future welfare Δ (%)	0.32	0.38	0.37	0.27	0.07
Low skill Δ (%)	0.29	0.33	0.31	0.23	0.06
Medium skill Δ (%)	0.24	0.29	0.29	0.22	0.06
High Skill Δ (%)	0.19	0.27	0.28	0.21	0.06
Population support (%)	34	45	55	64	84
τ^d, τ^g (%)	53.4	47.8	41.1	33	22.9

Table: Impact of replacing corporate tax with dividend and capital gains tax.

Reform 3: The CIT cuts financed by labor income tax

CIT (%)	0	8	16	24	32
Output change (%)	2.2	1.9	1.5	0.9	0.2
Welfare change (%)	0.82	0.72	0.57	0.36	0.08
Retired welfare Δ (%)	10.35	8.1	5.74	3.26	0.67
Working welfare Δ (%)	1.39	1.2	0.94	0.59	0.13
Future welfare Δ (%)	-2.97	-2.03	-1.22	-0.56	-0.09
Low skill Δ (%)	-0.13	0	0.08	0.1	0.03
Medium skill Δ (%)	0.64	0.58	0.47	0.31	0.07
High Skill Δ (%)	1.25	1.04	0.78	0.48	0.11
Population support (%)	81	81	81	82	82
τ^n (%)	27.3	25.3	23.3	21.1	18.9

Table: The welfare effects of the corporate tax cuts financed by labor income tax.



Conclusion

- ▶ The welfare costs of capital taxes are relatively large and allocated unevenly to households and generations
- ▶ The CIT cuts improve efficiency, but lead to different welfare outcomes.
- ▶ The important features are
 - ▶ Firm heterogeneity: Allocative inefficiency
 - ▶ Lifecycle structure: Saving and capital accumulation
 - ▶ Financing constraints: Investment and capital accumulation

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Competitive equilibrium I

Given the transition probability matrices and the exogenous government policies, a competitive equilibrium is a collection of sequences of distributions of household decisions, aggregate capital stocks of physical and human capital, and market prices such that

- ▶ Households solve the consumer problem;
- ▶ Firms solve the firm problem and the F.O.Cs of firms hold;
- ▶ All markets clear and the general budget clear;
- ▶ The distribution is stationary;
- ▶ The aggregate resource constraint is given by

$$C_t + I_t + \Psi_t = Y_t$$

where

$$Y = \int y(k, z; w) \mu(dk, dz), \quad L = \int l(k, z; w) \mu(dk, dz)$$

Competitive equilibrium II

$$I = \int i(k, z; w) \mu(dk, dz), \quad \Psi = \int \frac{\psi i(k, z; w)^2}{2k} \mu(dk, dz)$$

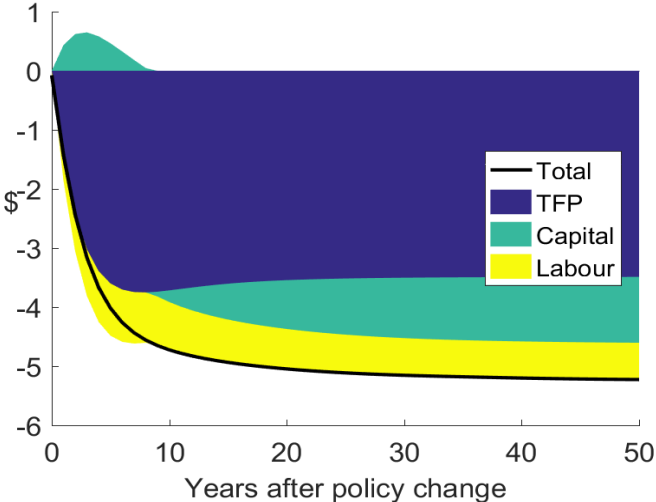
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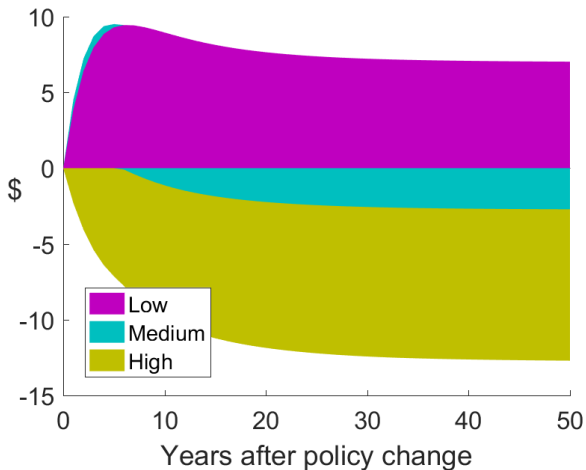
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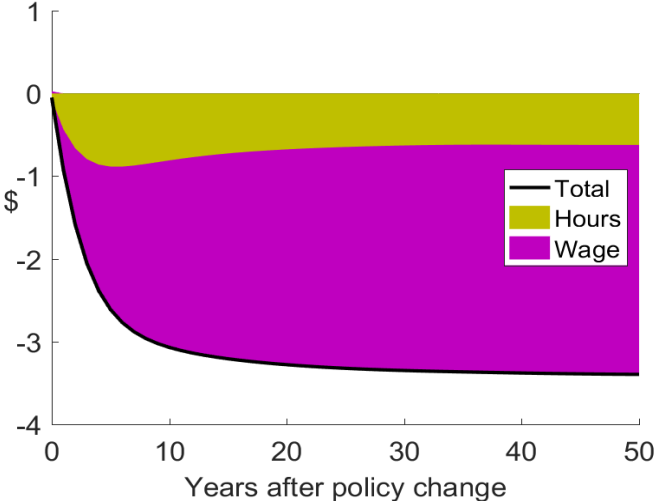
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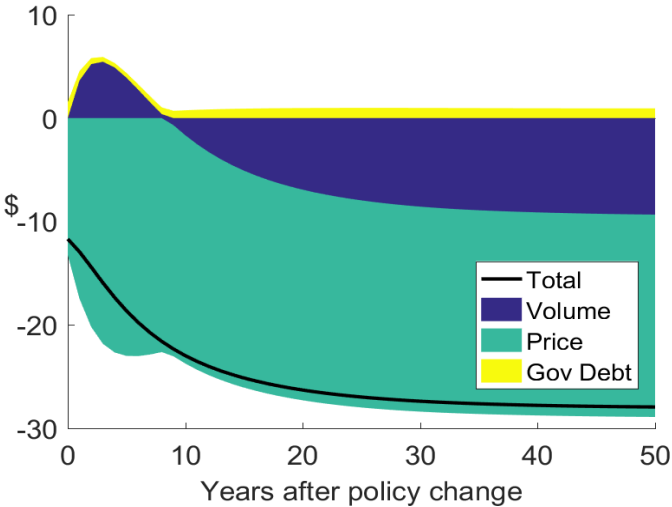
Dividend tax: Capital by level of firm productivity



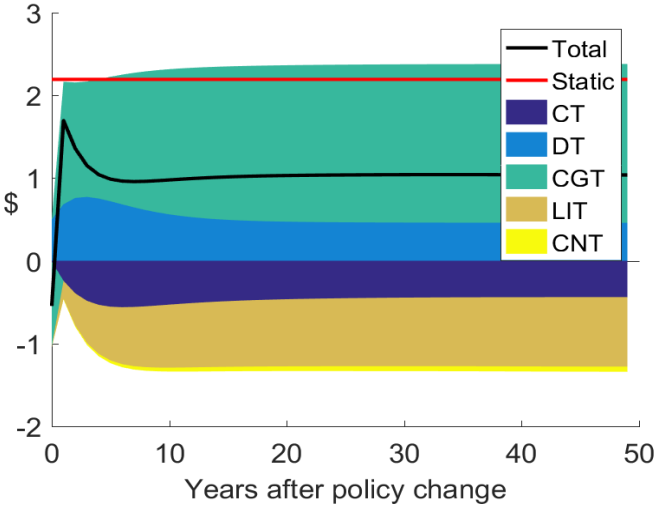
Dividend tax: Labor income



Dividend tax: Assets



Dividend tax: Revenue



Dividend tax: Welfare change

