14.06 Problem Set 1 2004 - Solow Model

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Question 1: (The Solow Model in discrete time with technological progress.)

Consider the Solow model that was presented in class but now allow for labor augmenting technological progress so that:

$$Y_t = K_t^{\alpha} \left(A_t L_t \right)^{1-\alpha}$$

where labor and technological progress grow each period according to

$$L_t = (1+n) L_{t-1}$$

$$A_t = (1+g) A_{t-1}$$

where L_0 and A_0 are taken as given.

As before, the evolution of capital is governed by

$$K_t = (1 - \delta) K_{t-1} + I_t.$$

To complete the model, make Solow's assumption that a constant fraction s of output is invested.

Chose an appropriate normalization and fully characterize the steady state of the economy. What is the growth rate of output per worker in the steady state?

Question 2: Romer 1.4.

Question 3: Romer 1.6.

Question 4: Romer 1.9.