

Revisiting Tax on Top Income

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Forward guidance: This is NOT a published paper (yet)

Research question

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What is the optimal marginal tax rate on top incomes?

- ▶ Literature displays strikingly large variation in answers
 - ▶ Diamond and Saez [2011]: 73%
 - ▶ Badel and Huggett [2015]: 49%
 - ▶ Guner, Lopez-Daneri and Ventura [2016]: 42%
 - ▶ Kindermann and Krueger [2017]: >90%
- ▶ This paper aims to contribute two related inquiries
 - ▶ What answer emerges in a model with entrepreneurial activity?
 - ▶ In this model is increasing overall or top progressivity 'more optimal'?

Model

Model: main elements

1. **Demographics:** simplified life-cycle with intergenerational altruism
 - ▶ young and old cohorts, aging is stochastic
 - ▶ when old dies, offspring receives bequest and re-enters as young
 - ▶ each household has only one offspring
 - ▶ measure of all agents normalized to 1
2. **Preferences:** $u(c_t, 1 - l_t) = \frac{c_t^{1-\sigma_1}}{1-\sigma_1} + \chi \frac{(1-l_t)^{1-\sigma_2}}{1-\sigma_2}$
3. **Technology:** competitive corporate and entrepreneurial sectors
 - ▶ each period stochastic work and entrepreneurial ability (y_t, θ_t)
 - ▶ after shock agents decide to be (corporate) worker or entrepreneur
 - ▶ work income: $y_t \times \text{MPL of } F(K_t^c, L_t^c) = A(K_t^c)^\alpha (L_t^c)^{1-\alpha}$
 - ▶ entrepreneurial income: $f(k_t, n_t) = \theta_t (k_t^\gamma (l_t + n_t)^{1-\gamma})^\nu$
(l : own labor; n : hired labor; k : own and borrowed capital)
4. **Market incompleteness:** risk free assets, borrowing constraints
 - ▶ individual risk is uninsurable

Model: main elements

5. **Government:** closes the model (does not optimize!)

- ▶ Expenditures: consume g , pay pension p , service debt $(1 + r_t)D_t$
- ▶ Revenues: D_{t+1} , linear consumption tax τ_t^c , income tax T_t given by

$$T_t(Y_t) = \begin{cases} (1 - \lambda Y_t^{-\tau}) Y_t + \tau_t^{bal} Y_t + \tau_t^k r_t a_t & \text{if } Y_t < Y_H \\ (1 - \lambda Y_H^{-\tau}) Y_H + \tau_t^{bal} Y_H + \tau_t^k r_t a_t + \tau_H(Y_t - Y_H) & \text{if } Y_t > Y_H \end{cases}$$

Y_H : top 1% income threshold, τ_t^{bal} : linear state and local gov't tax

6. **Effects of changing the tax code?** Policy experiments I to IV:

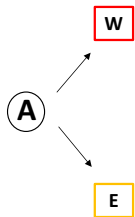
| Objective | $\Delta \tau$ (Overall progressivity) | $\Delta \tau_H$ (Marginal rate top 1%) |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Maximize Revenue | I | II |
| Maximize Welfare | III | IV |

Model: agent's problem

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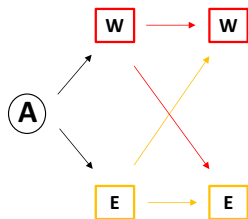
- ▶ Agent enters the economy with
 - ▶ asset endowment a_0
 - ▶ work (corporate) productivity y_0
 - ▶ entrepreneurial productivity θ_0

Model: agent's problem



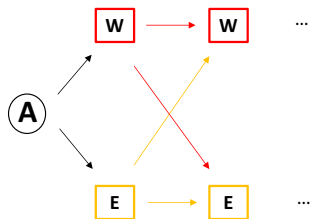
- ▶ Agent decides to work as (corporate) **Worker** or **Entrepreneur**

Model: agent's problem



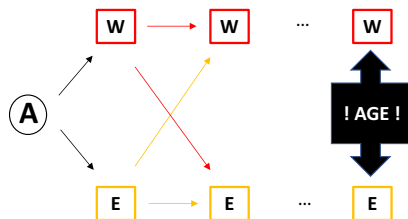
- ▶ At the start of every period each agent draws productivities (y_t, θ_t)
- ▶ They are independent and governed by $\pi(y_{t+1}|y_t)$ and $\pi(\theta_{t+1}|\theta_t)$
- ▶ After observing, agent decides to work as Worker or Entrepreneur

Model: agent's problem



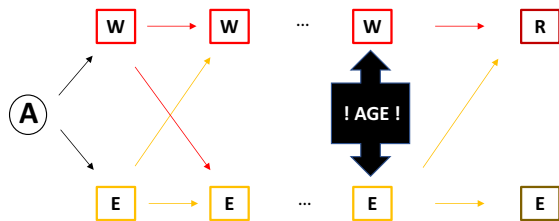
- ▶ The decision problem remains the same each period

Model: agent's problem



- ▶ With exogenous probability $1 - \pi_y$ agent gets hit by an age shock

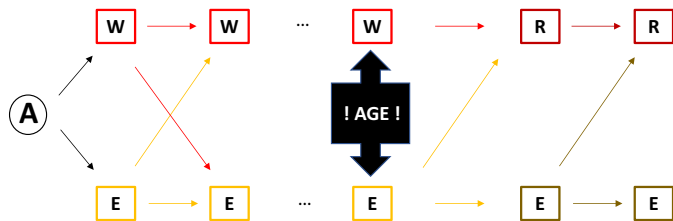
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► In the period following the age shock

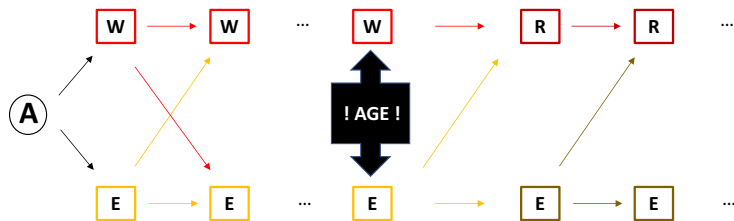
- a **Worker** becomes **Retiree**
- an **Entrepreneur** may continue as **Entrepreneur** or become **Retiree**

Model: agent's problem

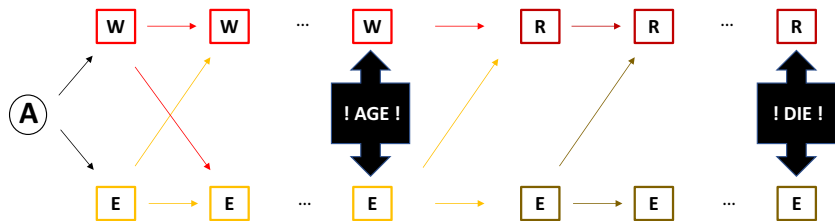


- The decision problems of **R** and **E** remain the same in every period

Model: agent's problem

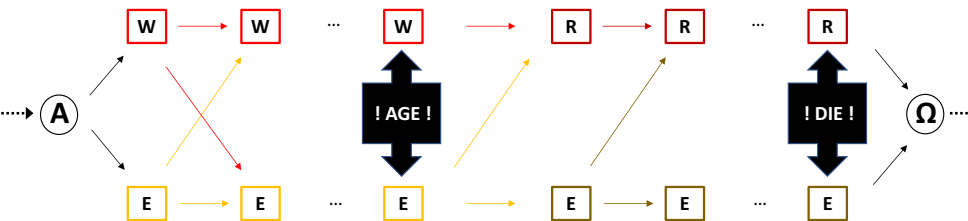


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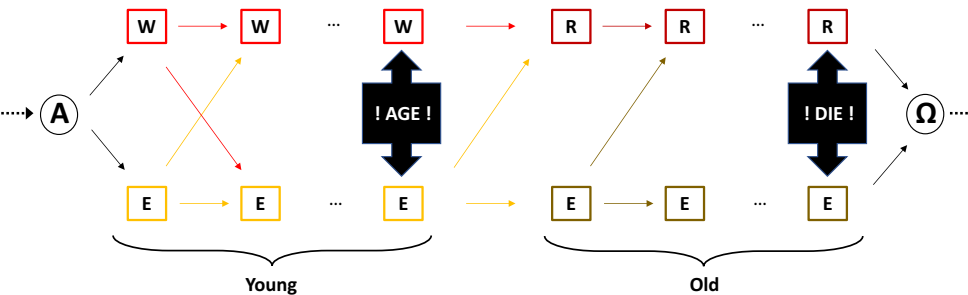
- ▶ With exogenous probability $1 - \pi_0$ agents get hit by a death shock

Model: agent's problem



- ▶ In the period after the death shock, **R** and **E** re-enter the economy
- ▶ Their initial endowments are
 - ▶ a_0 : given by parental choice of a_{t+1}
 - ▶ y_0 : computed using invariant distribution of y_t
 - ▶ θ_0 : conditional on parent's θ_t but following same Markov process ("This reflects the fact that the offspring inherits her parent's business")

Model: agent's problem



- Completes illustration of all individual decisions

Model: young agent problem

$$V^Y(a_t, y_t, \theta_t) = \max \left\{ V_t^{Y,W}(a_t, y_t, \theta_t), V_t^{Y,E}(a_t, y_t, \theta_t) \right\}$$

Model: young worker problem

$$V_t^{Y,W}(a_t, y_t, \theta_t) = \max_{c_t, l_t, a_{t+1}} \left\{ u(c_t, 1 - l_t) + \beta \pi_y E_t[V_{t+1}^Y(a_{t+1}, y_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})] \right. \\ \left. + \beta(1 - \pi_y) V_{t+1}^{O,R}(a_{t+1}) \right\}$$

s.t.

$$0 \leq l_t \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq a_{t+1}$$

$$(1 + \tau_t^c)c_t + a_{t+1} = w_t l_t y_t + (1 + r_t)a_t - T_t(Y_t^W)$$

$$Y_t^W = w_t l_t y_t + r_t a_t$$

Model: young entrepreneur problem

$$V_t^{Y,E}(a_t, y_t, \theta_t) = \max_{c_t, l_t, k_t, n_t, a_{t+1}} \left\{ u(c_t, 1 - l_t) + \beta \pi_y E_t[V_{t+1}^Y(a_{t+1}, y_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})] \right. \\ \left. + \beta(1 - \pi_y) E_t[V_{t+1}^O(a_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})] \right\}$$

s.t.

$$0 \leq l_t \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq a_{t+1}$$

$$0 \leq n_t$$

$$0 \leq k_t \leq (1 + d)a_t$$

$$(1 + \tau_t^c)c_t + a_{t+1} = Y_t^E + a_t - T_t(Y_t^E)$$

$$Y_t^E = \theta_t (k_t^\gamma (l_t + n_t)^{1-\gamma})^\nu - \delta k_t - r_t(k_t - a_t) - w_t n_t$$

Model: old agent problem

$$V^O(a_t, \theta_t) = \max \left\{ V_t^{O,R}(a_t), V_t^{O,E}(a_t, \theta_t) \right\}$$

- ▶ Recall: This is NOT the problem of a retiree but of an old agent
 - ▶ who was an entrepreneur in the period before aging
 - ▶ or who currently is an (old) entrepreneur

Model: old retiree problem

$$V_t^{O,R}(a_t) = \max_{c_t, a_{t+1}} \left\{ u(c_t, 1) + \beta \pi_O V_{t+1}^{O,R}(a_{t+1}) \right. \\ \left. + \beta(1 - \pi_O) E_t[V_{t+1}^Y(a_{t+1}, y_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})] \right\}$$

s.t.

$$0 \leq a_{t+1}$$

$$(1 + \tau_t^c) c_t + a_{t+1} = (1 + r_t) a_t + p - T_t(Y_t^O)$$

$$Y_t^O = r_t a_t + p$$

Model: old entrepreneur problem

$$V_t^{O,E}(a_t, \theta_t) = \max_{c_t, l_t, k_t, n_t, a_{t+1}} \left\{ u(c_t, 1 - l_t) + \beta \pi_O E_t[V_{t+1}^O(a_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})] \right. \\ \left. + \beta(1 - \pi_O) E_t[V_{t+1}^Y(a_{t+1}, y_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})] \right\}$$

s.t.

$$0 \leq l_t \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq a_{t+1}$$

$$0 \leq n_t$$

$$0 \leq k_t \leq (1 + d)a_t$$

$$(1 + \tau_t^c)c_t + a_{t+1} = Y_t^E + a_t - T_t(Y_t^E)$$

$$Y_t^E = \theta_t (k_t^\gamma (l_t + n_t)^{1-\gamma})^\nu - \delta k_t - r_t(k_t - a_t) - w_t n_t$$

Model: Competitive equilibrium in stationary steady state

Some notation and model specific features

► States and distributions

- agent's state vector $s_t = (a_t, y_t, \theta_t, \xi_t)$ where $\xi_t \in \{YW, YE, OE, R\}$
- entire state space is given by $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{Y} \times \Theta \times \Xi$
- transition matrix $\Gamma_t(s_t, s_{t+1})$ given by optimal policies and exogenous processes $\pi(y_{t+1}|y_t)$ and $\pi(\theta_{t+1}|\theta_t)$
- agent distribution $\Phi'_{t+1} = \Gamma_t(s_t, s_{t+1})' \Phi'_t$

► In stationary steady state

- $\Phi_t = \Phi^*$
- $D_t = D^*$

Model: Competitive Equilibrium

A CE is a set of value functions, agent policies, factor inputs and prices, government debt and taxes such that

- ▶ given r , w , tax function $T(\cdot)$, tax rates τ^c , τ^{bal} , τ^k and pensions p
 - ▶ allocations c_t, a_t, l_t, k_t, n_t max agent's problem $\forall s_t \in \mathbb{S}$
 - ▶ $r_t = MPK^C - \delta = MPK^E - \delta$
 - ▶ $w_t = MPL^C = MPL^E$
 - ▶ capital markets clear:
$$\int k_t(s_t) d\Phi_t(s_t) + K_t^c + D_t = \int a_t(s_t) d\Phi_t(s_t)$$
 - ▶ labor market clears:
$$\int n_t(s_t) d\Phi_t(s_t) + L_t^c = \int l_t(s_t) d\Phi_t(s_t)$$
 - ▶ government budget holds:
$$\int [T_t(Y^s) + \tau_t^c c_t(s_t)] d\Phi_t(s_t) + D_t = g_t + p \pi_R + (1 + r_t) D_t$$
 - ▶ resource constraint holds:
$$g + \int c_t(s_t) d\Phi_t(s_t) + \int a_{t+1}(s_t) d\Phi_t(s_t) = F(K_t^c, L_t^c) + \int f(k_t, n_t) d\Phi_t(s_t)$$
 - ▶ Φ associated with saving policy, $\pi(y_{t+1}|y_t)$ and $\pi(\theta_{t+1}|\theta_t)$ is Φ^*
 - ▶ government debt is constant (at D^*)

Model: baseline - fixed parameters

| Parameter | | Value | | |
|---|------------|-------|---|-----------------|
| Preferences, technology, and demographics | | | Labor income process and social security payments | |
| Risk aversion | σ_1 | 1.5 | Autocorrelation | ρ 0.958 |
| Inverse of Frisch elasticity | σ_2 | 1.67 | Pension/average annual income | p 40% |
| Capital share | α | 0.33 | Public purchases, government debt, and taxes | |
| Technology | A | 1 | Fraction of government spending to output | g 0.035 |
| Probability of staying young | π_y | 0.978 | Fraction of government debt to total capital | D 0.27 |
| Probability of staying old | π_o | 0.911 | Consumption tax | τ_c 5% |
| Depreciation | δ | 0.06 | Capital tax | τ_k 7.4% |
| Entr. return to scale | ν | 0.88 | State and local tax | τ^{bal} 5% |
| Entr. borrowing constraint | d | 0.5 | Revenue requirement | λ 0.911 |
| | | | Tax progressivity | τ 0.053 |

- ▶ Parameter values come from various papers
- ▶ Except: Age and death shock probabilities so that average working and retirement periods are 45 and 11 years (80% young in eq.)

Model: baseline - calibrated parameters

| Calibrated parameter | | Value |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Discount factor | β | 0.9396 |
| Entrepreneurial ability | $\{\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2\}$ | $\{0, 1.8, 2.75\}$ |
| Entr. transition probabilities | see eq. 33 | |
| Entr. capital share | γ | 0.45 |
| Disutility from working | χ | 1.9 |
| Standard deviation of productivity shock | σ_y | 0.18 |
| Value of highest productivity | y_6 | 11.5 |
| Probability of having highest productivity | π_6 | 0.002 |
| Probability of staying highest productivity | π_{66} | 0.9307 |

- ▶ 'Superstars and transitions' to match empirical earnings and savings
- ▶ work ability: [0.1612 0.3043 0.5744 1.0840 2.0459 11.4870]
 - ▶ top transitions:
 $\pi(y_6|y_{6c}) = 0.002$, $\pi(y_6|y_6) = 0.931$;
 $\pi(y_{3c}|y_6) = 0$, $\pi(y_3|y_6) = 0.069$
- ▶ entrepreneurial ability: [0 1.8 2.75]
 - ▶ top transitions:
 $\pi(\theta_2|\theta_0) = 0$, $\pi(\theta_2|\theta_1) = 0.000075$, $\pi(\theta_2|\theta_2) = 0.978$

Model: baseline - targets

| Targets | Data | Model |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Capital to output ratio | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| % Entrepreneurs | 7.5-7.6 | 7.2 |
| % Exiting entrepreneurs | 22-24 | 24 |
| % Workers to entrepreneurs | 2-3 | 2.34 |
| % Hiring entrepreneurs | 57.4-64.6 | 65 |
| % Average worked hours | 33 | 33.4 |
| <u>Income distribution</u> | | |
| Income Gini | 0.55 | 0.56 |
| Entr. income Gini | 0.66 | 0.62 |
| Worker earnings Gini | 0.51 | 0.51 |
| 99-100% income | 17.2 | 21.2 |
| 95-99% income | 16.6 | 18.9 |
| % entr. in top 1% | 40 | 35.3 |
| <u>Wealth distribution</u> | | |
| Wealth Gini | 0.85 | 0.84 |
| 99-100% wealth | 34.1 | 34.5 |
| 95-99% wealth | 26.8 | 28.7 |
| % People at zero wealth | 7-13 | 13.8 |
| Ratio of median net worth entr. to workers | 5.3-6.5 | 5.2 |

Model: baseline - macro and taxes

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Capital | 289.5% |
| Government debt | 78.2% |
| Consumption | 79.2% |
| Investment | 17.4% |
| Government consumption | 3.5% |
| Average hours worked | 33% |
| Interest rate | 0.27% |
| Tax revenues | |
| - Consumption tax | 4.0% |
| - Labor tax | 8.9% |
| - Proportional capital tax | 7.9% |
| Pension system | |
| - Total pension payment | 11.8% |

| | Share of tax (in %) | | | | |
|-------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | Income quintiles | | | | |
| | 0-20% | 20-40% | 40-60% | 60-80% | 80-100% |
| Data | 0.3 | 2.2 | 6.9 | 15.9 | 74.6 |
| Model | 1.2 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 11.4 | 77.5 |

Policy Experiments

PE I and II: maximize revenue

Idea of policy experiments:

- Fix λ at baseline value and search for 'optimal' τ or τ_H

I Change overall progressivity

$\tau^* = 0.09 \rightarrow +2\%$ revenues (relative to baseline)

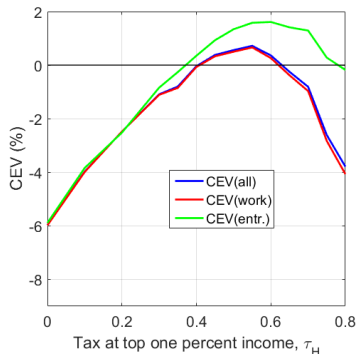
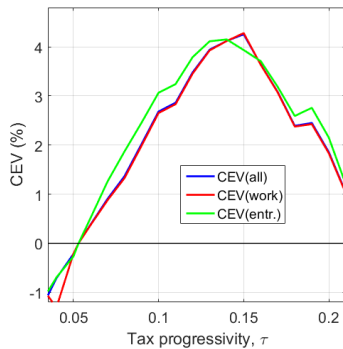
PE I - full results

II Change top progressivity

$\tau_H^* = 0.55 \rightarrow +5.4\%$ revenues (relative to baseline)

PE II - full results

PE III and IV: maximize welfare



(welfare computed in consumption equivalent terms)

III Change overall progressivity (lhs)

$\tau^* = 0.15 \rightarrow +4.25\% \text{ CEV (relative to baseline)}$ PE III - full results

IV Change top progressivity (rhs)

$\tau_H^* = 0.55 \rightarrow +0.72\% \text{ CEV (relative to baseline)}$ PE IV - full results

PE III and IV - more details

| Panel A | Average consumption | | | | Average hours worked | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------|------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Experiment $\tau = 0.15$ | YW | YE | OW | OE | YW | YE | OE |
| whole economy | 93.5 | 71.5 | 95.4 | 57.4 | 87.2 | 87.2 | 72.7 |
| top 1% | 95.9 | 68.5 | N/A | 55.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| bottom 99% | 95.2 | 98.0 | 95.1 | 92.3 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 71.0 |
| 67-100% | 99.4 | 70.0 | 95.4 | 57.1 | 96.2 | 85.5 | 73.0 |
| 34-66% | 145.7 | 95.6 | N/A | 112.2 | 93.2 | 101.5 | 100.0 |
| 0-33% | 79.3 | N/A | 92.9 | N/A | 89.8 | N/A | N/A |
| Panel B | Variance consumption | | | | Variance hours worked | | |
| | YW | YE | OW | OE | YW | YE | OE |
| whole economy | 54.2 | 19.0 | 49.0 | 18.7 | 58.3 | 94.4 | 65.8 |
| bottom 99% | 41.1 | 81.0 | 30.0 | 65.4 | 57.7 | 96.3 | 66.6 |

| Panel A | Average consumption | | | | Average hours worked | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|--|
| Experiment $\tau_H = 0.55$ | YW | YE | OW | OE | YW | YE | OE | |
| whole economy | 100.2 | 82.2 | 100.1 | 74.3 | 99.2 | 97.8 | 89.2 | |
| top 1% | 76.2 | 61.4 | N/A | 54.6 | 115.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| bottom 99% | 102.9 | 92.4 | 100.1 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 98.7 | 90.1 | |
| 67-100% | 109.8 | 80.2 | 100.0 | 73.6 | 97.2 | 99.1 | 90.8 | |
| 34-66% | 139.4 | 88.1 | N/A | N/A | 98.4 | 103.8 | N/A | |
| 0-33% | 89.2 | N/A | 102.7 | N/A | 99.0 | N/A | N/A | |
| Panel B | Variance consumption | | | | Variance hours worked | | | |
| | YW | YE | OW | OE | YW | YE | OE | |
| whole economy | 75.3 | 40.7 | 67.1 | 40.4 | 99.3 | 108.1 | 89.1 | |
| bottom 99% | 79.2 | 66.9 | 67.1 | 112.0 | 99.7 | 108.7 | 91.2 | |

Authors: 'welfare changes driven by changes in income and wealth'

- ▶ income distribution not very different across these three economies
- ▶ wealth distribution displays important differences:
'wealth share of the top 10% decreases and the wealth share of most of the lower quantiles increases in the overall progressivity case'

PE III and IV - more details: income and wealth

| | Benchmark | $\tau=0.15$ | $\tau_H=0.55$ |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| <u>Wealth distribution</u> | | | |
| <u>Wealth quintiles</u> | | | |
| 0-20% | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 20-40% | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.0 |
| 40-60% | 3.8 | 5.7 | 4.2 |
| 60-80% | 7.9 | 11.2 | 9.2 |
| 80-100% | 87.2 | 81.4 | 85.4 |
| <u>Top</u> | | | |
| 10% | 76.3 | 68.2 | 73.2 |
| 5% | 63.2 | 54.8 | 58.8 |
| 1% | 34.5 | 28.1 | 28.6 |
| Wealth Gini | 0.84 | 0.79 | 0.82 |
| <u>Income distribution (all)</u> | | | |
| <u>Income quintiles</u> | | | |
| 0-20% | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 20-40% | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.9 |
| 40-60% | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.7 |
| 60-80% | 16.9 | 17.4 | 17.2 |
| 80-100% | 59.8 | 59.4 | 59.1 |
| <u>Top</u> | | | |
| 10% | 49.7 | 48.7 | 48.7 |
| 5% | 41.2 | 39.8 | 39.9 |
| 1% | 22.2 | 19.7 | 19.4 |
| Income Gini | 0.56 | 0.55 | 0.55 |

PE III and IV - more details: taxes

| Percentiles of income | Benchmark | $\tau=0.15$ | $\tau_H=0.55$ |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| <u>Average tax rate</u> | | | |
| Top 10% | 12.3 | 17.2 | 14.1 |
| Top 5% | 15.0 | 24.2 | 15.7 |
| Top 1% | 18.6 | 32.0 | 28 |
| <u>Marginal tax rate</u> | | | |
| Top 10% | 16.9 | 29.6 | 20.1 |
| Top 5% | 19.5 | 35.6 | 22.3 |
| Top 1% | 22.9 | 42.2 | 55.0 |
| <u>Share of tax payments</u> | | | |
| <u>Income quintiles</u> | | | |
| 0-20% | 1.2 | -4.2 | 0.9 |
| 20-40% | 3.4 | -3.2 | 2.7 |
| 40-60% | 6.6 | 0.1 | 5.5 |
| 60-80% | 11.4 | 5.2 | 9.8 |
| 80-100% | 77.5 | 102.2 | 81.0 |

Conclusion

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1. The paper explores a policy question but motivation is scarce
2. Some assumptions would benefit from additional details (robustness)
 - ▶ 'endogenous' borrowing constraint for entrepreneurs
 - ▶ own and hired labor perfect substitutes for entrepreneurs
 - ▶ stochastic aging induces additional precautionary savings
3. Thorough analytical characterization of model absent
4. Assessment of tax reforms is entirely numerical...
 - ▶ variance of agent's after-tax income?
 - ▶ cost of insurance via labor and asset market?
 - ▶ elaboration on elasticities? (labor and capital supply, activity)
 - comparison of results to papers such as KK 2017 hardly adequate

Thanks for your attention

PE I: results

Table 8: Changes in Progressivity-Revenue Maximizing

| Progressivity | $\tau=0.035$ | $\tau=0.05$ | $\tau=0.07$ | $\tau=0.09$ | $\tau=0.10$ | $\tau=0.12$ | $\tau=0.15$ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Output | 104.4 | 100.3 | 99.0 | 94.9 | 94.0 | 91.8 | 88.4 |
| Labor supply | 104.8 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 98.4 | 98.0 |
| Capital | 109.6 | 101.3 | 97.3 | 86.3 | 84.9 | 80.9 | 74.7 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | | | |
| Federal income tax | 96.0 | 99.0 | 102.7 | 105.27 | 105.33 | 104.0 | 97.7 |
| State and local taxes | 102.9 | 100.1 | 98.2 | 96.9 | 96.2 | 94.6 | 92.0 |
| Corporate income tax | 23.0 | 80.4 | 196.6 | 275.8 | 296.3 | 350.3 | 415.9 |
| All taxes | 98.9 | 99.5 | 101.0 | 102.0 | 101.8 | 100.5 | 96.2 |
| <u>Additional targets</u> | | | | | | | |
| Interest rate | 0.06 | 0.22 | 0.58 | 0.87 | 0.95 | 1.18 | 1.52 |
| Worker avg. hours worked | 104.8 | 100 | 99.4 | 99 | 98.9 | 98.4 | 98.1 |
| Entr. avg. hours worked | 100.7 | 100 | 95.2 | 94 | 91.5 | 87.7 | 86.2 |
| Labor supply in corp sector | 106 | 100.3 | 97.8 | 96.7 | 98.2 | 100.1 | 102.4 |
| Labor supply in entr. sector | 101.5 | 99.7 | 100.4 | 100.6 | 99.6 | 98.1 | 95 |
| Capital in corp sector | 111.9 | 101.5 | 91.1 | 84.5 | 84.3 | 81.9 | 78.2 |
| Capital in entr. sector | 107.1 | 100.7 | 93.7 | 88.2 | 85.5 | 79.9 | 71.2 |
| $\Delta\%$ entr. in overall economy | 97.7 | 100 | 100.2 | 101.5 | 101.6 | 100.1 | 101.8 |

PE II: results

Table 9: Changes in Tax for Top 1% - Revenue Maximizing

| Marginal tax for top 1% | $\tau_H = 0.2$ | $\tau_H = 0.4$ | $\tau_H = 0.55$ | $\tau_H = 0.6$ | $\tau_H = 0.8$ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Output | 101.1 | 98.2 | 96.1 | 92.4 | 88.7 |
| Labor supply | 100.2 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 97.7 |
| Capital | 104.6 | 95.8 | 91.8 | 87.9 | 84.4 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | |
| Federal income tax | 88.7 | 107.3 | 116.3 | 109.8 | 95.7 |
| State and local taxes | 86 | 86.4 | 86.5 | 86.9 | 86.6 |
| Corporate income tax | 49.6 | 141.1 | 195.8 | 248.8 | 314.9 |
| All taxes | 90.6 | 100.7 | 105.4 | 101.5 | 93.3 |
| <u>Additional targets</u> | | | | | |
| Interest rate | 0.13 | 0.40 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 1.02 |
| Worker avg. hours worked | 100.2 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 97.7 |
| Entr. avg. hours worked | 100.5 | 98.8 | 97.8 | 99.6 | 98.6 |
| Labor supply in corp sector | 102.4 | 98.6 | 101.7 | 114 | 125.9 |
| Labor supply in entr. sector | 99 | 99.3 | 97 | 88 | 79.6 |
| Capital in corp sector | 106 | 95.8 | 94.8 | 101.7 | 106.7 |
| Capital in entr. sector | 103.1 | 95.8 | 88.8 | 73.9 | 61.6 |
| $\Delta\%$ entr. in overall economy | 97.9 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 101.6 | 101.7 |

PE III: results

| Progressivity | $\tau=0.035$ | $\tau=0.06$ | $\tau=0.09$ | $\tau=0.12$ | $\tau=0.15$ | $\tau=0.18$ | $\tau=0.21$ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Output | 104.3 | 99.2 | 95.1 | 92.1 | 87.1 | 80.3 | 75.1 |
| Labor supply | 104.8 | 99.9 | 99.0 | 98.4 | 91.6 | 90.8 | 90.3 |
| Capital | 109.0 | 97.8 | 87.5 | 81.4 | 74.1 | 64.0 | 56.3 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | | | |
| Federal income tax | 95.9 | 101.5 | 105.3 | 104.6 | 96.8 | 74.1 | 53.1 |
| State and local taxes | 113.5 | 94.6 | 77.9 | 73.9 | 87.2 | 129.7 | 168.9 |
| Corporate income tax | 34.4 | 134.9 | 249.4 | 336.2 | 385.8 | 501.3 | 593.4 |
| All taxes | 101.3 | 99.6 | 97.6 | 96.1 | 94.2 | 90.9 | 87.9 |
| Local tax rate, τ_{bal} | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 7.6 | 10.4 |
| <u>Average CEV</u> | | | | | | | |
| CEV (All) | -1.06 | 0.38 | 2.02 | 3.48 | 4.25 | 2.39 | 1.03 |
| CEV (Work) | -1.07 | 0.37 | 1.99 | 3.45 | 4.28 | 2.38 | 1.01 |
| CEV (Entr.) | -0.98 | 0.51 | 2.46 | 3.79 | 3.93 | 2.59 | 1.19 |
| <u>Additional targets</u> | | | | | | | |
| Interest rate | 0.09 | 0.38 | 0.78 | 1.13 | 1.43 | 2.14 | 2.89 |
| Worker avg. hours worked | 104.8 | 99.9 | 99.0 | 98.4 | 91.6 | 90.8 | 90.3 |
| Entr. avg. hours worked | 102.1 | 98.5 | 93.1 | 88.5 | 86.8 | 77.9 | 71.0 |
| Labor supply in corp sector | 106.2 | 100.7 | 96.0 | 99.1 | 99.2 | 110.1 | 120.2 |
| Labor supply in entr. sector | 101.4 | 99.8 | 100.3 | 98.3 | 93.2 | 84.1 | 77.4 |
| Capital in corp sector | 111.2 | 98.1 | 85.7 | 81.9 | 77.2 | 74.7 | 70.5 |
| Capital in entr. sector | 106.6 | 97.5 | 89.4 | 81 | 70.8 | 53.1 | 41.7 |
| $\Delta\%$ entr. in overall economy | 97.7 | 100.1 | 101.5 | 100.1 | 101.7 | 102.2 | 102.3 |

PE IV: results

| Marginal tax for top 1% | $\tau_H = 0$ | $\tau_H=0.2$ | $\tau_H=0.4$ | $\tau_H=0.55$ | $\tau_H=0.7$ | $\tau_H=0.8$ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Output | 104.4 | 100.7 | 98.5 | 96.2 | 92.7 | 88.7 |
| Labor supply | 105.7 | 100.4 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 98.9 | 97.7 |
| Capital | 108.9 | 102.7 | 96.6 | 93 | 89 | 83.7 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | | |
| Federal income tax | 62.9 | 88.5 | 107.6 | 114.9 | 110.1 | 95.9 |
| State and local taxes | 189 | 127.9 | 80.5 | 61.6 | 69 | 96.3 |
| Corporate income tax | 85 | 92 | 127.4 | 155.6 | 236.8 | 334.3 |
| All tax | 101.1 | 100.3 | 99.5 | 98.8 | 97.5 | 95.7 |
| Local tax rate, τ_{bal} | 11 | 7.5 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 4 | 5.6 |
| <u>Average CEV</u> | | | | | | |
| All | -5.97 | -2.48 | -0.04 | 0.72 | -0.81 | -3.79 |
| Workers | -5.98 | -2.48 | -0.07 | 0.66 | -0.97 | -4.07 |
| Entr. | -5.89 | -2.52 | 0.35 | 1.58 | 1.29 | -0.18 |
| <u>Additional targets</u> | | | | | | |
| Worker avg. hours worked | 105.7 | 100.4 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 99 | 97.7 |
| Entr. avg. hours worked | 104.8 | 103 | 98.8 | 97.6 | 97.5 | 98.4 |
| Labor supply in corp sector | 109.4 | 103.3 | 98.2 | 100.4 | 104 | 125.8 |
| Labor supply in entr. sector | 101.6 | 99.1 | 99.5 | 96.4 | 93.9 | 80.2 |
| Capital in corp sector | 111.2 | 104.2 | 96.5 | 95.7 | 97.8 | 105.6 |
| Capital in entr. sector | 106.6 | 101.1 | 96.8 | 90.3 | 85.5 | 61.3 |
| $\Delta\%$ entr. in overall economy | 97.3 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100 | 100.1 | 101.7 |