

12. Government Consumption and Public Services

14. The Public Debt

Exercise 12.1 (Barro 12.3)

Why does the real interest rate rise as a result of a temporary increase in government consumption?

Exercise 12.2. (Barro12.4.)

What is crowding out ? Does it involve an intertemporal substitution effect alone? Could there be direct substitution of government spending for private investment?

Exercise 12.3. (Barro 12.8.)

Suppose we include a labor market in the model.

- a. What is the effect on the real wage rate from a temporary increase in government consumption?
- b. What is the effect from a permanent increase in government consumption?

Exercise 14.1.

Suppose in year 1, the government decides to cut current, lump-sum taxes and runs a budget deficit. Assume that the real public debt remains constant in future years. Also, no changes occur in government purchases, G , or in real transfer.

Analyze the effect of the government's tax cut. How does the effect depend on:

- a. Finite lifetimes
- b. The existence of childless persons?
- c. The possibility that the government will print more money in the future rather than levying future taxes?
- d. The imperfection of private credit markets?