



## CompTools, 28 April 2011

### JQuiz Instructions

Show questions one by one

1. Look at a portion of the spreadsheet for the standard Ramsey model. Which formula is in the cell C14?

	A	B	C	D	E	F
10						
11						
12	time	0	1	2	3	4
13	consumption	0,543	0,550	0,557	0,564	0,571
14	capital	7,000	7,027	7,047	7,062	7,069
15						
16	utilities	1,474	1,454	1,433	1,414	1,394
17						

- A.  ?  =beta^C12/(1-tau)\*C13^(1-tau)
- B.  ?  =B14+theta\*B14^alpha-B13
- C.  ?  =C14+theta\*C14^alpha-C13
- D.  ?  =theta\*B14^alpha-B13

2. In an input-output model...

- A.  ?  technology coefficients are determined given quantities and demand.
- B.  ?  internal demand is determined given quantities and prices.
- C.  ?  quantities produced are determined given technology and exogenous demand.
- D.  ?  prices are determined given technology and demand.

3. When writing and solving an optimization problem in a spreadsheet...

- a.  the objective function needs at least two cells, containing formulas, to be specified.
- b.  the objective function is a formula in a cell, describing a function of the decision variables.
- c.  every constraint involves two cells, related by some inequality.
- d.  the decision variables must be entered as formulas in specific cells.

4. To write the constraint  $x \geq 3$  using GAMS, you type:

- A.   $x =e= 3;$
- B.   $x \geq 3;$
- C.   $x > 3;$
- D.   $x =g= 3;$

5. An (intertemporal) decision problem is about:

- A.  taking the best action  $a$  among the choices in a set  $A$  of possible actions, facing different states.
- B.  picking the best state  $s$  among the possible states in a set  $S$ .
- C.  choosing the best action at each time, keeping into account that this is going to possibly change the state of the world.
- D.  deferring decisions to future times when different states will materialize.

6. Which of the following sentences are correct?

- A.  More capital in a time period means more utility in that time period.
- B.  Less consumption in a time period means more utility in that time period.
- C.  More consumption in a time period means more utility in that time period.

	<p>D. <input type="text"/> ? More production in a time period means more utility in that time period</p>
7.	<p>Imagine to reduce the capacity of the plants in a transportation model, leaving the other parameters unchanged.</p> <p>A. <input type="text"/> ? Given the shortage, GAMS reports in the .lst file "MODEL STATUS 3 UNBOUNDED"</p> <p>B. <input type="text"/> ? GAMS may fail to find a solution. The .lst file reads "SOLVER STATUS 1 NORMAL COMPLETION" "MODEL STATUS 4 INFEASIBLE"</p> <p>C. <input type="text"/> ? GAMS always finds a solution and writes in the .lst file "SOLVER STATUS 1 NORMAL COMPLETION"</p> <p>D. <input type="text"/> ? GAMS always finds a solution and writes in the .lst file "MODEL STATUS 1 OPTIMAL"</p>
8.	<p>In GAMS, the statements <math>\text{sqr}(x)</math> and <math>\text{sqrt}(x)</math>...</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> mean different things.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> mean "x squared" and "square root of x", respectively.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> mean the same thing.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> both mean "square of x".</p> <p><input type="text"/> Check</p>
9.	<p>A small discount factor implies that</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Discount rate is small.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Future consumption is preferred.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Present consumption tends to be preferred.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Discount rate is high.</p> <p><input type="text"/> Check</p>
10.	<p>The transportation model is a linear model because:</p>

- A.  ? The objective function and the constraints are linear.
- B.  ? The constraints are linear.
- C.  ? The shipment cost depends linearly on the distance.
- D.  ? The objective function is linear.



- 1) Give an informative description of one of the three general equilibrium models covered in class.
- 2) Give an informative description of a neural network model.
- 3) Write the GAMS code to maximize the function  $x+xy^2$ , with respect to the variables  $x$  and  $y$ , under the constraint  $x^2+y^2 \leq 1$ .
- 4) Comment the following GAMS output (1st file), fixing as many errors as possible.

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 IO-1  
 C o m p i l a t i o n

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2 * Input-Output Model
3
4 MODEL IO /jd, eqx1, eqx2, eqx3/;
****      $140 $140 $140 $140
5
6 SCALARS
7 d1 final demand for x1 /4/
8 d2 final demand for x2 /5/
9 d3 final demand for x3 /3/;
10
11 VARIABLES
12 x1 production level industry 1
13 p2 production level industry 2
14 x3 production level industry 3
15 j performance index;
16
17 EQUATIONS
18 eqx1
19 eqx2
20 eqx3
21 jd performance index definition;
22
23 jd.. j =E= 0
24 eqx1.. x1 =E= 0.3*x1 + 0.2*x2 + 0.2*x3 + d1;
****      $409
25 eqx2.. x2 =E= 0.1*x1 + 0.4*x2 + 0.5*x3 + d2;
****      $140
26 eq x3.. x3 =E= 0.4*x1 + 0.1*x2 + 0.2*x3 + d3;
****      $140,36,409
27
28 MODEL IO /jd, eqx1, eqx2, eqx3/;
****      $194
29

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error because model should be written later

maybe p2 is wrong

a ";" is missing

x2 was never defined (because of p2 above)

one space is too much

repeated MODEL statement

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30 SOLVE IO MAXIMIZING J USING LP;
****          $257
31
32 DISPLAY p1.l, x2.l, x3.l
****          $140      $141
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as \$257 shows, GAMS cannot solve a model because of previous errors

p1 and x2 were never defined, there is nothing to display given that the code had mistakes

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Error Messages

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36 '=' or '..' or ':=' or '$=' operator expected
    rest of statement ignored
140 Unknown symbol
141 Symbol neither initialized nor assigned
    A wild shot: You may have spurious commas in the explanatory
    text of a declaration. Check symbol reference list.
194 Symbol redefined - a second data statement for the same symbol
    or a data statement after an assignment
257 Solve statement not checked because of previous errors
409 Unrecognizable item - skip to find a new statement
    looking for a ';' or a key word to get started again
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\*\*\*\* 13 ERROR(S) 0 WARNING(S)

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\*\*\*\* FILE SUMMARY

Input /Users/paolop/sincro/didattica/comptools2011/compiti/prova28aprile/  
io-1\_wrong.gms  
Output /Users/paolop/sincro/didattica/comptools2011/compiti/prova28aprile/  
io-1\_wrong.lst

\*\*\*\* USER ERROR(S) ENCOUNTERED