## Economics 314 Revised Daily Question #13

In the Ramsey growth model, households choose a consumption path on which each individual's consumption grows at time *t* at rate

$$\frac{\dot{C}(t)}{C(t)} = \frac{r(t) - \rho}{\theta} = \frac{f'(k(t)) - \rho}{\theta}.$$

We used this consumption Euler equation along with the assumption of diminishing marginal product of capital to pin down the unique level of  $k^*$  in the Ramsey model at which consumption per effective labor unit was stable.

Suppose that instead of diminishing marginal returns we have a production function Y = BK, where *B* is a constant.

- 1. What is the marginal product of capital with this production function? Is it diminishing?
- 2. If the consumption Euler equation holds, how fast does consumption per person grow at every moment *t*? Does this growth rate depend on the economy's current capital intensity?
- 3. On a balanced-growth path, the share of output going to consumption must be stable over time. What must be the rate of output growth on a balanced-growth path for this economy?
- 4. Does this economy experience endogenous growth? (Will it grow if the labor force is stable?)
- 5. Does the growth rate depend on parameters of the model such as  $\rho$  and *B*?