Econ 8108, Macroeconomic Theory Prof. José-Víctor Ríos-Rull Problem Set 1

Problem 1 Consider the following problem:

$$\max_{\substack{\{c_t, k_{t+1}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}\\ \text{s.t.}}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(c_t) \qquad (SPP)$$

s.t. $c_t + k_{t+1} = f(k_t)$
 k_0 : given.

Show that, under sufficient conditions, a solution to this problem exists and is unique.

Problem 2

Show that when we have a concave and CRS production function and aggregate labor supply in the economy is one, real wage and interest rate in equilibrium is given by

$$w = f(K) - f'(K)K$$
$$r = f'(K)$$

Problem 3

Consider the RHS of equation (RCE) in the notes. Show that under appropriate conditions on G, this is contraction.

Problem 4

Find appropriate assumptions on u, G such that the policy function g(K, a; G) defined in the notes is unique.

Problem 5

Consider a Rational Expectation Equilibrium. Construct an allocation in sequence from based on the REE and show that it is SME.