Exercise 13: Pricing the Stock Market Edward C. Prescott March 14, 2002

The stand-in household's preferences are ordered by

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^{t} (\log c_{t} + \sigma \log(1 - n_{t}))$$

The aggregate production function is

$$c_t + x_t \le (1 + \gamma)^{t(1-\theta)} k_t^{\theta} h_t^{1-\theta}$$

Further,

$$k_{t+1} \le (1 - \delta) k_t + x_t$$

The parameters γ and σ are positive and $\beta, \delta \in (0,1)$.

There is one corporation and it operates this technology. The stand-in household owns this corporation. Date t dividends are tax at rate τ and all tax revenues are distributed lumped sum back to the household.

- (i) Specify dividends, d_t , in terms of the variables used in the above equations and inequalities.
- (ii) Establish that the steady state does not depend upon the dividend tax rate.
- (iii) Write the household's period budget constraint. Use s_t to denote beginning of period stock holdings in the budget constraint.
- (iv) Determine the steady state value of the stock market as a function of k and τ .