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 - Project requires 1 unit of money to start, two periods to complete.
 - ▶ If completed, payoff is *R*. Option to cancel project in period 1 and return investment.
 - Investments less liquid than savings, creates a liquidity mismatch.



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Moreover, $1 < c_1^* < c_2^* < R$ because $u(\cdot)$ is strictly concave.