# 1 LW's (2003) State-Space Model (SSM) Form

LW03 use the following standard State-Space Form (SSF):

Measurement :  $\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\xi}_t + \mathbf{R}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t^{\mathbf{y}}$ State :  $\boldsymbol{\xi}_t = \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t-1} + \mathbf{Q}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t^{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$ 

where

$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{t} & \pi_{t} \end{bmatrix}',$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} & y_{t-2} & r_{t-1} & r_{t-2} & \pi_{t-1} & \pi_{t-2,4} & \pi_{t-5,8} & (\pi_{t-1}^{0} - \pi_{t-1}) & (\pi_{t}^{m} - \pi_{t}) \end{bmatrix}',$$

$$\mathbf{\xi}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{t}^{*} & y_{t-1}^{*} & y_{t-2}^{*} & g_{t-1} & g_{t-2} & z_{t-1} & z_{t-2} \end{bmatrix}',$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} & a_{2} & \frac{a_{3}}{2} & \frac{a_{3}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_{3} & 0 & 0 & b_{1} & b_{2} & (1 - b_{1} - b_{2}) & b_{4} & b_{5} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a_{1} & -a_{2} & -4c\frac{a_{3}}{2} & -4c\frac{a_{3}}{2} & -\frac{a_{3}}{2} & -\frac{a_{3}}{2} \\ 0 & -b_{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Note:** I follow the notation used in the documentation file: 'LW\_Code\_Guide.pdf' included in the zip file: 'LW\_replication.zip' that contains the replication code of LW03 and which is available from the NYFED website at: https://www.newyorkfed.org/medialibrary/media/research/economists/williams/data/LW\_replication.zip.

Also, in the construction of  $r_t^*$ , trend growth  $g_t$  is annualized, but not in the state equations for  $g_t$ . That is, in the matrices above, the entries in  $\mathbf{H}(1,4:5)$  corresponding to trend growth are multiplied by 4 (as well as c) in the code that performs the estimation (see unpack.parameters.stage3.R in LW\_replication.zip files, line 24, which reads):

H[1,4:5] <- -parameters[9]\*parameters[3]\*2 ## c, a\_3 (annualized).

Finally, in 'LW\_Code\_Guide.pdf', the standard deviations of the shocks (and presumably) the shocks themselves are denoted by  $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\tilde{y}} & \sigma_{\pi} & \sigma_{y^*} & \sigma_g & \sigma_z \end{bmatrix}'$  with no particular order given, but with the only sensible order based on the SSM equations being:  $\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t^y & \varepsilon_t^{\pi} & \varepsilon_t^{y^*} & \varepsilon_t^g & \varepsilon_t^z \end{bmatrix}'$ . I will thus use this notation and order in the equations below that use and describe their SSF, and will use the labelling  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^5$  later on when referring back to the published paper's numerical values and notation, and in the construction of the SSM used for shock recovery.

#### 1.1 SSM of LW03

obs0 The measurement equation is:

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\xi}_t + \mathbf{R}^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t^{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ \pi_t \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{y}_t} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \frac{a_3}{2} & \frac{a_3}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_3 & 0 & 0 & b_1 & b_2 & (1 - b_1 - b_2) & b_4 & b_5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ y_{t-2} \\ \tau_{t-1} \\ \tau_{t-2} \\ \pi_{t-1} \\ \pi_{t-2,4} \\ \pi_{t-5,8} \\ (\pi_{t-1}^0 - \pi_{t-1}) \\ (\pi_t^m - \pi_t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}_t} \tag{1a}$$

$$+\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}1 & -a_{1} & -a_{2} & -4c\frac{a_{3}}{2} & -4c\frac{a_{3}}{2} & -\frac{a_{3}}{2} & -\frac{a_{3}}{2} \\ 0 & -b_{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{H}}\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}y_{t}^{*} \\ y_{t-1}^{*} \\ y_{t-2}^{*} \\ g_{t-1} \\ g_{t-2} \\ z_{t-1} \\ z_{t-2}\end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}\sigma_{\tilde{y}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\pi}\end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{R}^{1/2}}\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}\varepsilon_{t}^{\tilde{y}} \\ \varepsilon_{t}^{\pi}\end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t}^{y}}.$$
 (1b)

The state equation is:

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_t = \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t-1} + \mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t^{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
y_{t}^{*} \\
y_{t-1}^{*} \\
y_{t-2}^{*} \\
g_{t-1} \\
g_{t-2} \\
z_{t-1} \\
z_{t-2}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
y_{t-1}^{*} \\
y_{t-2}^{*} \\
y_{t-3}^{*} \\
g_{t-2} \\
g_{t-3}^{*}
\end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix}
\sigma_{y^{*}} & \sigma_{g} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \sigma_{g} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{t}^{y^{*}} \\
\varepsilon_{t-1}^{g} \\
\varepsilon_{t-1}^{g} \\
\varepsilon_{t}^{g}
\end{bmatrix}}_{\varepsilon_{t}^{g}} \tag{2} \text{ state1}$$

Expanding the relations in (1) and (2) and re-arranging yields:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{t} \\ \eta_{t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{t}^{*} + a_{1} (y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^{*}) + a_{2} (y_{t-2} - y_{t-2}^{*}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} a_{3} ([r_{t-1} - 4cg_{t-1} - z_{t-1}] + [r_{t-2} - 4cg_{t-2} - z_{t-2}]) + \sigma_{\tilde{y}} \varepsilon_{t}^{\tilde{y}} \\ b_{3} (y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^{*}) + b_{1} \pi_{t-1} + b_{2} \pi_{t-2,4} + (1 - b_{1} - b_{2}) \pi_{t-5,8} \\ + b_{4} (\pi_{t-1}^{0} - \pi_{t-1}) + b_{5} (\pi_{t}^{m} - \pi_{t}) + \sigma_{\pi} \varepsilon_{t}^{\pi} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3) 1wa

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{t}^{*} \\ y_{t-1}^{*} \\ y_{t-2}^{*} \\ g_{t-1} \\ g_{t-2} \\ z_{t-1} \\ z_{t-2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1}^{*} + \overbrace{g_{t-2} + \sigma_{g} \varepsilon_{t-1}^{g} + \sigma_{y^{*}} \varepsilon_{t}^{y^{*}}}^{g^{*}} \\ y_{t-1}^{*} \\ y_{t-2}^{*} \\ g_{t-2} + \sigma_{g} \varepsilon_{t-1}^{g} \\ g_{t-2} \\ z_{t-1} \\ z_{t-2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_{t}^{*} \\ \Delta g_{t-1} \\ \Delta z_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{t-1} + \sigma_{y^{*}} \varepsilon_{t}^{y^{*}} \\ \sigma_{g} \varepsilon_{t-1}^{g} \\ \sigma_{z} \varepsilon_{t-1}^{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4) \text{ lwb}$$

and with  $r_t^* = 4cg_t + z_t$ , we get:

$$\Delta r_t^* = 4c \underbrace{\Delta g_t}^{\sigma_g \varepsilon_t^g} + \underbrace{\Delta z_t}^{\sigma_z \varepsilon_t^z}$$

$$= 4c \sigma_g \varepsilon_t^g + \sigma_z \varepsilon_t^z. \tag{5}$$

## 2 Shock recovery SSM

## 2.1 SSM with lagged states

SSM

Kurz's (2018) SSM has the following general from:

Measurement: 
$$Z_t = D_1 X_t + D_2 X_{t-1} + R \varepsilon_t$$
 (6a) ssm1

State: 
$$X_t = AX_{t-1} + C\varepsilon_t$$
, (6b) ssm2

where  $\varepsilon_t \sim MN(0, I_m)$ ,  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ , A, R are C are conformable system matrices,  $Z_t$  the observed variable and  $X_t$  the latent state variable.

## 2.2 LW03 equations re-ordered and numbered shocks

LW03's SSM equations in (3) and (4), with the re-labelling of shocks according to Table 1 (page 1065) of their paper yields:  $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\tilde{y}) & \sigma_2(\pi) & \sigma_3(z) & \sigma_4(y^*) & \sigma_5(g) \end{bmatrix}'$  (Note  $\sigma_3 \Rightarrow \sigma_z$ ). The resulting SSM equations are then:

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$$y_t = y_t^* + \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i \left( y_{t-i} - y_{t-i}^* \right) + \frac{1}{2} a_3 \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( r_{t-i} - r_{t-i}^* \right) + \sigma_1 \varepsilon_{1t} \tag{7a}$$
 LWO3a

$$\pi_{t} = b_{3} \left( y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^{*} \right) + b_{1} \pi_{t-1} + b_{2} \pi_{t-2,4} + \left( 1 - b_{1} - b_{2} \right) \pi_{t-5,8}$$

$$+ b_{4} \left( \pi_{t-1}^{0} - \pi_{t-1} \right) + b_{5} \left( \pi_{t}^{m} - \pi_{t} \right) + \sigma_{2} \varepsilon_{2t}$$

$$(7b)$$

$$\Delta z_t = \sigma_3 \varepsilon_{3t}$$
 (7c) LW03c

$$\Delta y_t^* = g_{t-1} + \sigma_4 \varepsilon_{4t} \tag{7d} \quad \text{LWO3d}$$

$$\Delta g_t = \sigma_5 \varepsilon_{5t}$$
 (7e) LW03e

with

$$\Delta r_t^* = 4c\sigma_5 \varepsilon_{5t} + \sigma_3 \varepsilon_{3t}. \tag{7f} \quad \text{LWO3f}$$

### 2.3 LW03 SSM for shock recovery

To assess recovery, re-write the model in 'shock recovery' form. That is, collect all observables in  $Z_t$ , and all shocks (and other state variables) in state vector  $X_t$ . The relevant equations from (7) (incorporating (7e)) for the 'shock recovery' SSM are:

Measurement:  $Z_{1t} = y_t^* - a_1 y_{t-1}^* - a_2 y_{t-2}^* - \frac{1}{2} a_3 \left( r_{t-1}^* + r_{t-2}^* \right) + \sigma_1 \varepsilon_{1t}$  (8a)

$$Z_{2t} = -b_3 y_{t-1}^* + \sigma_2 \varepsilon_{2t} \tag{8b}$$

State: 
$$\Delta y_t^* = g_{t-1} + \sigma_4 \varepsilon_{4t}$$
 (8c)

$$\Delta g_t = \sigma_5 \varepsilon_{5t} \tag{8d}$$

$$\Delta r_t^* = 4c\sigma_5\varepsilon_{5t} + \sigma_3\varepsilon_{3t},\tag{8e}$$

with the observables  $Z_t$  in the measurement equations defined as:

$$Z_{1t} = y_t - \sum_{i=1}^{2} a_i y_{t-i} - \frac{1}{2} a_3 \sum_{i=1}^{2} r_{t-i}$$

$$Z_{2t} = \pi_t - b_1 \pi_{t-1} - b_2 \pi_{t-2,4} - (1 - b_1 - b_2) \pi_{t-5,8}$$

$$- b_4 (\pi_{t-1}^0 - \pi_{t-1}) - b_5 (\pi_t^m - \pi_t) - b_3 y_{t-1}.$$

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The 'shock recovery' SSF corresponding to (8) is then:

State:  $X_t = AX_{t-1} + C\varepsilon_t$ ,

#### 2.3.1 Correlation between true change in natural rate and estimate

The correlation between the true and estimated  $\Delta r_t^*$  from the SSM can be constructed from the relation:

 $\rho = 0.5 \frac{\text{Var}(\Delta r_t^*) + \text{Var}(E_T \Delta r_t^*) - \phi}{\sigma(\Delta r_t^*)\sigma(E_T \Delta r_t^*)},$ (10)

where  $Var(\Delta r_t^*) = 4^2c^2\sigma_5^2 + \sigma_3^2$ ,  $\sigma(\Delta r_t^*) = \sqrt{Var(\Delta r_t^*)}$ , and  $Var(E_T\Delta r_t^*)$  can be computed from simulating from the true model, applying the Kalman Filter and Smoother to get  $E_T\Delta r_t^*$  and then computing the sample variance of  $E_T\Delta r_t^*$  as an estimate of  $Var(E_T\Delta r_t^*)$ .

To obtain  $\phi$ , add  $\Delta r_t^*$  to the state-vector  $X_t$  and augment the remaining matrices to be conformable. The required  $\phi$  term is then the entry of diag $(P_{t|T}^*)$  that corresponds to  $\Delta r_t^*$ , which will be the very last element.

The augmented SSF of (9) is then:

State:  $X_t = AX_{t-1} + C\varepsilon_t$ ,

(12)

