

# 1 A Standard RBC model with Multiple Shocks

Consider the following representative agent's problem

$$\max_{\{c_t, h_t, k_{t+1}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=0}^t \beta_i [\log c_t + \psi_t \log (1 - h_t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_{t+1} + c_t &= (1 - \delta_t) k_t + A_t k_t^\alpha h_t^{1-\alpha}, \forall t \\ c_t &\geq 0, h_t \in [0, 1], k_0 \text{ given} \\ \log A_t / \bar{A} &= \rho^A \log A_{t-1} / \bar{A} + \sigma_A \varepsilon_t^A \\ \log \beta_t / \bar{\beta} &= \rho^B \log \beta_{t-1} / \bar{\beta} + \sigma_B \varepsilon_t^B \\ \log \delta_t / \bar{\delta} &= \rho^D \log \delta_{t-1} / \bar{\delta} + \sigma_D \varepsilon_t^D \\ \log \psi_t / \bar{\psi} &= \rho^\psi \log \psi_{t-1} / \bar{\psi} + \sigma_\psi \varepsilon_t^\psi \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_i$  is discount factor at period  $i$ ,  $\beta_0 = 1$ .  $\psi_t$  is the utility for labor;  $\delta_t$  is the depreciation rate;  $A_t$  is technology. All these four variables are time-varying and follow a stochastic process.  $\varepsilon_t^A, \varepsilon_t^B, \varepsilon_t^D, \varepsilon_t^\psi$  follows standard normal distribution and are all realized at the beginning of period  $t$ .

Altogether, we have eight “endogenous” variables  $\{c_t, k_{t+1}, h_t, r_t, A_t, \beta_t, \delta_t, \psi_t\}$ , and eight equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{c_t} &= \beta_{t+1} (1 + r_{t+1} - \delta_{t+1}) \\ k_{t+1} + c_t &= (1 - \delta_t) k_t + A_t k_t^\alpha h_t^{1-\alpha} \\ \frac{\psi_t}{1 - h_t} &= \frac{(1 - \alpha) A_t (k_t / h_t)^\alpha}{c_t} \\ r_t &= \alpha A_t (k_t / h_t)^{\alpha-1} \\ \log A_t / \bar{A} &= \rho^A \log A_{t-1} / \bar{A} + \sigma_A \varepsilon_t^A \\ \log \beta_t / \bar{\beta} &= \rho^B \log \beta_{t-1} / \bar{\beta} + \sigma_B \varepsilon_t^B \\ \log \delta_t / \bar{\delta} &= \rho^D \log \delta_{t-1} / \bar{\delta} + \sigma_D \varepsilon_t^D \\ \log \psi_t / \bar{\psi} &= \rho^\psi \log \psi_{t-1} / \bar{\psi} + \sigma_\psi \varepsilon_t^\psi \end{aligned}$$

where the first three equations are first-order conditions associated with the above problem, the fourth is the definition of  $r_t$ , and the remaining are the stochastic process.