

This document outlines how we can use the first order conditions of the household to estimate the utility weights on the disutility of work and the warm glow bequest.

1 Estimating the utility weight on the disutility of work, χ_s^n

The household first order condition for the choice of hours worked yields:

$$(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} \left(w_t e_{j,s} - \frac{\partial T_{j,s,t}}{\partial n_{j,s,t}} \right) = e^{g_y t(1-\sigma)} \chi_s^n \left(\frac{b}{\tilde{l}} \right) \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right)^{v-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1-v}{v}} \quad \forall j, t, \quad \text{and} \quad E+1 \leq s \leq E+S \quad (1)$$

where $c_{j,s,t} = (1+r_t) b_{j,s,t} + w_t e_{j,s} n_{j,s,t} + \frac{BQ_{j,t}}{\lambda_j \tilde{N}_t} - b_{j,s+1,t+1} - T_{j,s,t}$

and $\frac{\partial T_{j,s,t}}{\partial n_{j,s,t}} = w_t e_{j,s} \left[\tau^l(F\hat{a}_{j,s,t}) + \frac{F\hat{a}_{j,s,t}CD[2A(F\hat{a}_{j,s,t}) + B]}{[A(F\hat{a}_{j,s,t})^2 + B(F\hat{a}_{j,s,t}) + C]^2} + \tau^P \right]$

To simplify notation a bit, let $w_t e_{j,s} = \tilde{w}_{j,s,t}$, which is defined as the hourly earnings of household of ability type j , age s , at time t . Further, we can write derivative of the tax function, $\frac{\partial T_{j,s,t}}{\partial n_{j,s,t}}$ as $\tau^l(y_{j,s,t})\tilde{w}_{j,s,t}$, where $\tau^l(y_{j,s,t})$ is the marginal tax rate on labor income for an individual with taxable income $y_{j,s,t}$. Now we can write the FOC as:

$$(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} \left(\tilde{w}_{j,s,t}(1 - \tau^l(y_{j,s,t})) \right) = e^{g_y t(1-\sigma)} \chi_s^n \left(\frac{b}{\tilde{l}} \right) \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right)^{v-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1-v}{v}} \quad (2)$$

This problem is deterministic, but we can assume that there is some noise in the data, thus the data analog to the model FOC is:

$$(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} \left(\tilde{w}_{j,s,t}(1 - \tau^l(y_{j,s,t})) \right) - e^{g_y t(1-\sigma)} \chi_s^n \left(\frac{b}{\tilde{l}} \right) \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right)^{v-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1-v}{v}} = \varepsilon_{j,s,t} \quad (3)$$

And the moment condition for a GMM estimator for each χ_s^n would be:

$$\sum_J \sum_T \left[(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} \left(\tilde{w}_{j,s,t}(1 - \tau^l(y_{j,s,t})) \right) - e^{g_y t(1-\sigma)} \chi_s^n \left(\frac{b}{\tilde{l}} \right) \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right)^{v-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{n_{j,s,t}}{\tilde{l}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1-v}{v}} \right] = \sum_J \sum_T \varepsilon_{j,s,t} = 0 \quad (4)$$

Note that the above equation for each s - and we can have more moment conditions if we wish to have an over-identified model. We may also think about estimating the parameters of the ellipse via this method.

To estimate, we need data on consumption, c , and labor supply, n , by lifetime income group, age, and year. We can get this from the PSID - see <http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/feds/2007/200716/200716pap.pdf> for a document outlining the measurement of consumption from the PSID. We can find $\tau^l(y_{j,s,t})$ by running the PSID observation through a tax calculator (e.g. the OSPC calculator). The remaining parameters are calibrated elsewhere.

2 Estimating the utility weight on the warm glow bequest motive, χ_j^b

The household first order condition for the choice of savings yields:

$$(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} = \rho_s \chi_j^b (b_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} + \beta(1 - \rho_s)(c_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} \left[(1 + r_{t+1}) - \frac{\partial T_{j,s+1,t+1}}{\partial b_{j,s+1,t+1}} \right]$$

$$\forall j, t, \quad \text{and} \quad E + 1 \leq s \leq E + S - 1$$

where $\frac{\partial T_{j,s+1,t+1}}{\partial b_{j,s+1,t+1}} = \dots$

$$r_{t+1} \left(\tau^I(F\hat{a}_{j,s+1,t+1}) + \frac{F\hat{a}_{j,s+1,t+1}CD[2A(F\hat{a}_{j,s+1,t+1}) + B]}{[A(F\hat{a}_{j,s+1,t+1})^2 + B(F\hat{a}_{j,s+1,t+1}) + C]^2} \right) \dots$$

$$\tau^W(\hat{b}_{j,s+1,t+1}) + \frac{\hat{b}_{j,s+1,t+1}PHM}{(H\hat{b}_{j,s+1,t+1} + M)^2}$$
(5)

We can write derivative of the tax function, $\frac{\partial T_{j,s,t}}{\partial b_{j,s,t}}$ as $\tau^b(y_{j,s,t})r_{t+1}$, where $\tau^b(y_{j,s,t})$ is the marginal tax rate on capital income for an individual with taxable income $y_{j,s,t}$. Now we can write the FOC as:

$$(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} = \rho_s \chi_j^b (b_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} + \beta(1 - \rho_s)(c_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} \left[(1 + (1 - \tau_{j,s+1,t+1}^b)r_{t+1}) \right] \quad (6)$$

This problem is deterministic, but we can assume that there is some noise in the data, thus the data analog to the model FOC is:

$$(c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} - \rho_s \chi_j^b (b_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} + \beta(1 - \rho_s)(c_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} \left[(1 + (1 - \tau_{j,s+1,t+1}^b)r_{t+1}) \right] = \varepsilon_{j,s,t}$$
(7)

And the moment condition for a GMM estimator for each χ_j^b would be:

$$\sum_S \sum_T \left[((c_{j,s,t})^{-\sigma} - \rho_s \chi_j^b (b_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} + \beta(1 - \rho_s)(c_{j,s+1,t+1})^{-\sigma} \left[1 + (1 - \tau_{j,s+1,t+1}^b r_{t+1}) \right] \right) \varepsilon_{j,s,t} \right] = 0 \quad (8)$$

Note that the above equation for each j - and we can have more moment conditions if we wish to have an over-identified model.

To estimate, we need data on consumption, c , and wealth, b , by lifetime income group, age, and year. We can get consumption from the PSID, as noted above. We can also get wealth from the PSID, at least for the years 1984-2005 - see http://www.brookings.edu/ /media/research/files/papers/2009/2/saving-wealth-bosworth/02_saving_wealth_bosworth.pdf for a document outlining the measurement of wealth from the PSID. We can find $\tau^b(y_{j,s,t})$ by running the PSID observation through a tax calculator (e.g. the OSPC calculator). The remaining parameters are calibrated elsewhere.