

A 6th Real Business Cycle Model

Major Features of the Model

Add money and utility from money to model 4

Add stochastic money growth about a deterministic trend

Two sources of uncertainty: z and g

Stochastic technology growth about a deterministic trend

Labor-leisure decision with indivisible labor hours

Population growth follows a deterministic trend

We first define the important terms that will be used throughout:

Endogenous variables that change over time:

z	productivity
g	money growth
K	capital stock owned by households
h	labor supplied by a single individual
c	consumption by a single individual
w	wage rate
r	interest rate
Y	output of final goods
N	number of persons per household
m	money balances per household
M	aggregate money supply
P	price of good in terms of money

Parameters:

α	capital share in output from a Cobb-Douglas production function
δ	rate of depreciation
β	time discount factor; $\beta < 1$
a	trend in z
μ	trend in g
n	trend in N
γ	elasticity of substitution, $\gamma > 0$
D	leisure weight in utility
J	money weight in utility
ρ_i	autocorrelation parameter for $i=z,g$; $0 < \rho_i < 1$
σ_z	standard deviations of the shocks to $i=z,g$; $0 < \sigma_i$

Nonstationary Model

Households have increasing numbers of members, denoted N .

The law of motion for N is:

$$N' = e^n N \quad \text{or} \quad N = e^{nt} N_0 \quad (1.1)$$

Households face only a budget constraint:

$$wh + (1 - \delta + r)\frac{K}{N} + \frac{m}{PN} + \frac{(g+\mu)M}{PN} = c + \frac{K'}{N} + \frac{m'}{PN}$$

Given information on prices and shocks, $\Omega = \{w, r, z, g\}$, the household solves the following non-linear program when the factor markets clear.

$$V(K, m, \Omega) = \underset{K', m', h}{\text{Max}} \left[\frac{1}{1-\gamma} (c^{1-\gamma} - 1) + h e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} + \tilde{F} e^{(1-\gamma)at} - \tilde{F} + J \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{m}{PN} \right)^{1-\gamma} - 1 \right] N \right. \\ \left. + \beta E \{ V(K', m', \Omega') \} \right]$$

$$\tilde{D} \equiv \frac{1}{H_0} D [(1 - h_0)^{1-\gamma} - 1] < 0, \quad \tilde{F} \equiv D \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$$

$$c = wh + (1 - \delta + r)\frac{K}{N} + \frac{m}{PN} + \frac{(\mu+g)M}{PN} - \frac{K'}{N} - \frac{m'}{PN} \quad (1.2)$$

The first-order conditions are:

$$c^{-\gamma} \left(-\frac{1}{N} \right) N + \beta E \{ V_K(K', \Omega') \} = 0$$

$$c^{-\gamma} \left(-\frac{1}{PN} \right) N + \beta E \{ V_m(K', \Omega') \} = 0$$

$$c^{-\gamma} w N + e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} N = 0$$

The envelope conditions are:

$$V_K(K, \Omega) = c^{-\gamma} \left(-\frac{1}{N} \right) (1 - \delta + r) N$$

$$V_m(K, \Omega) = c^{-\gamma} \frac{1}{PN} N + F \left(\frac{m}{PN} \right)^{-\gamma} \frac{1}{PN} N$$

The Euler equations are:

$$c^{-\gamma} = \beta E \{ c'^{-\gamma} (1 - \delta + r') \} \quad (1.3)$$

$$c^{-\gamma} = \beta E \{ [c'^{-\gamma} + F \left(\frac{m'}{PN'} \right)^{-\gamma}] \frac{P}{P'} \} \quad (1.4)$$

$$c^{-\gamma} w = -e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} \quad (1.5)$$

Additional Behavioral Equations

Money changes over time according to:

$$M' = e^{\mu+g} M = M_0 \prod_{s=1}^{t+1} e^{\mu+g_s} \quad (1.6)$$

The law of motion for g is:

$$g' = \rho_g g + \varepsilon_g'; \text{ where } \varepsilon_g' \text{ is distributed normal with a mean of 0 and a variance of } \sigma_g^2 \quad (1.7)$$

The law of motion for z is:

$$z' = \rho_z z + \varepsilon_z'; \text{ where } \varepsilon_z' \text{ is distributed normal with a mean of 0 and a variance of } \sigma_z^2 \quad (1.8)$$

An assumption of competition in the goods market along with a Cobb-Douglas production function gives the following shares in output for labor & capital. Market clearing conditions have already been imposed.

$$Y = K^\alpha (e^{at+z} H)^{1-\alpha} \quad (1.9)$$

$$wH = (1 - \alpha)Y \quad (1.10)$$

$$rK = \alpha Y \quad (1.11)$$

Aggregating over household members gives:

$$H = Nh \quad (1.12)$$

Money market clearing gives:

$$M = m \tag{1.13}$$

Definitions:

$$I \equiv K' - (1 - \delta)K \tag{1.14}$$

$$A \equiv e^{at+z} \tag{1.15}$$

Eqs (1.1)-(1.15) are the system.

Transformation & Simplifications

Without loss of generalization set $\hat{N} = N_0 = 1$, and eliminate it from the system.

Use (1.12) to eliminate H from the system.

Use (1.13) to eliminate m from the system.

Transform the problem by dividing:

c, w, A by e^{at}

K, Y, I by $e^{(a+n)t}$

M by $e^{t\mu + G_t}$; $G_t \equiv \sum_{s=1}^t g_s$ M has a unit root.

P by $e^{(\mu-a-n)t + G_t}$

r & h do not need to be transformed.

$$g' = \rho_g g + \varepsilon_g' \quad (2.1)$$

$$z' = \rho_z z + \varepsilon_z' \quad (2.2)$$

$$\hat{M}' = \hat{M} = M_0 \quad (2.3)$$

$$\hat{c} = \hat{w}h + (1 - \delta + r)\hat{K} + \frac{(1 + \mu + g)\hat{M}}{\hat{P}} - \hat{K}(1 + a + n) - \frac{\hat{M}'(1 + \mu + g')}{\hat{P}} \quad (2.4)$$

$$1 = \beta E \left\{ \left(\frac{\hat{c}}{\hat{c}'e^a} \right)^{-\gamma} (1 - \delta + r') \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\hat{c}^{-\gamma} = \beta E \left\{ e^{-\gamma a} [\hat{c}'^{-\gamma} + F \left(\frac{\hat{M}'}{\hat{P}'} \right)^{-\gamma}] \frac{\hat{P}}{\hat{P}'(1 + \mu - a - n + g')} \right\} \quad (2.6)$$

$$\hat{c}^{-\gamma} \hat{w} = -\tilde{D} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{K}^\alpha (e^z h)^{1-\alpha} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\hat{w}h = (1 - \alpha)\hat{Y} \quad (2.9)$$

$$r\hat{K} = \alpha\hat{Y} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\hat{I} = (1 + a + n)\hat{K}' - (1 - \delta)K \quad (2.11)$$

$$\hat{A} \equiv e^z \quad (2.12)$$

These are the equations we will use in Dynare.

The endogenous variables are $\hat{c}, \hat{K}, h, \hat{Y}, \hat{w}, r, \hat{M}, \hat{P}, \hat{I}, \hat{A}, g$ & z .

The exogenous variables are ε_z & ε_g .

The parameters are $\alpha, \delta, \beta, a, \mu, \gamma, \rho_z, \sigma_z, \rho_g, \sigma_g, D, F$ & h_0 .