

A 5th Real Business Cycle Model

Major Features of the Model

Add money and a cash-in-advance constraint 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
h_0	hours worked by household that have a job
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:

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

Households face both a budget constraint and a cash-in-advance constraint. These are:

$$c = \frac{m}{PN} + \frac{(\mu+g)M}{PN}$$

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

Substituting the first into the second and solving for c & h gives the definitions in the problem below.

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

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

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

$$c = \frac{m}{PN} + \frac{(\mu+g)M}{PN} \quad (1.2)$$

$$h = \frac{K'}{wN} + \frac{m'}{wPN} - (1 + r - \delta) \frac{K}{wN} \quad (1.3)$$

The first-order conditions are:

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

$$e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} \left(-\frac{1}{wPN}\right) N + \beta E \{V_m(K', \Omega')\} = 0$$

The envelope conditions are:

$$V_K(K, \Omega) = e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} \left(-\frac{1}{wPN}\right) (1 - \delta + r) N$$

$$V_m(K, \Omega) = c^{-\gamma} \frac{1}{PN} N$$

The Euler equations are:

$$e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} \frac{1}{w} = \beta E \{e^{(1-\gamma)a(t+1)} \tilde{D} \left(\frac{1}{w'}\right) (1 - \delta + r')\}$$

$$e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} \left(-\frac{1}{wP}\right) = \beta E \{c'^{-\gamma} \frac{1}{P'}\}$$

Simplifying:

$$1 = \beta E \{e^{(1-\gamma)a} \frac{w}{w'} (1 - \delta + r')\} \quad (1.4)$$

$$-e^{(1-\gamma)at} \tilde{D} = \beta E \{c'^{-\gamma} \frac{wP}{P'}\} \quad (1.5)$$

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:

$$M = m \quad (1.13)$$

Definitions:

$$I \equiv K' - (1 - \delta)K \quad (1.14)$$

$$A \equiv e^{at+z} \quad (1.15)$$

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.

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

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

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

$$\hat{c} = \frac{(1+\mu+g)\hat{M}}{\hat{P}} \quad (2.4)$$

$$h = \frac{\hat{K}'(1+a+n)}{\hat{w}} + \frac{\hat{M}'(1+\mu+g')}{\hat{w}\hat{P}} - (1+r-\delta)\frac{\hat{K}}{\hat{w}} \quad (2.5)$$

$$1 = \beta E \left\{ e^{-\gamma a} \frac{\hat{w}}{\hat{w}'} (1 - \delta + r') \right\} \quad (2.6)$$

$$-\tilde{D} = \beta E \left\{ [\hat{c}' e^a]^{-\gamma} \frac{\hat{w}\hat{P}}{\hat{P}'(1+\mu-a-n+g')} \right\} \quad (2.7)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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 $\alpha, \delta, \beta, a, \mu, \gamma, \rho_z, \sigma_z, \rho_g, \sigma_g, D, h_0$ & M_0 .