# The World Bank's MFMod Framework in Python with Modelflow

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#### Foreword

Lorem Ipsum "Neque porro quisquam est qui dolorem ipsum quia dolor sit amet, consectetur, adipisci velit..." "There is no one who loves pain itself, who seeks after it and wants to have it, simply because it is pain..."

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# Part I

# The World Bank's MFMod Framework and Modelflow

**CHAPTER** 

ONE

#### INTRODUCTION

Warning: This Jupyter Book is work in progress.

This paper describes the implementation of the World Bank's MacroFiscalModel (MFMod, see Burns *et al.* [2019]) using the open source solution program ModelFlow (Hansen, 2023).

The impetus for this paper and the work that it summarizes was to make available to a wider constituency the work that the Bank has done over the past several decades to disseminate Macro-structural models<sup>1</sup> – notably those that form part of its MFMod (MacroFiscalModel) framework.

#### 1.1 The MFMod Framework at the World Bank

MFMod is the World Bank's work-horse macro-structural economic modelling framework. It exists both a linked system of 184 country specific models that can be solved either independently or as a larger system (MFMod), and as a series of standalone customized models, known collectively as MFMod Standalones (MFMod SAs) that have been developed from the central model to the fit the specific needs of individual countries. Both modelling systems can be solved using the EViews modelling languiage, or through the intermediation of an easy-to-use excel front end developed by the Bank.

The main MFMod global model evolved from earlier macro-structural models developed during the 2000s to strengthen the basis for the forecasts produced by the World Bank. Some examples of these models were released on the World Bank's isimulate platform early in 2010 along with several CGE models dating from this period. These earlier models were substantially extended into what has become the main MFMod (MacroFiscalModel) model during 2014. Since 2015, MFMod replaced the Bank's RMSIM-X model ([Addison, 1989]), as the Bank's main tool for forecasting and economic analysis, and is used for the World Bank's twice annual forecasting exercise The Macro Poverty Outlook.

The main documentation for MFMod are Burns et al. [2019].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Economic modelling has a long tradition at the World Bank. The Bank has had a long-standing involvement in macroeconomic modelling, initally with linear programming polanning models [Chenery, 1971], and then CGE models []. Indeed, the popular modelling package GAMS, which is widely used to solve CGE and Linear Programming models, started out as a project begun at the World Bank in the 1976 [Addison, 1989].

#### 1.1.1 Climate aware version of MFMod

Most recently, the Bank has extended the standard MFMod framework to incorporate the main features of climate change [Burns et al., 2021]— both in terms of the impact of the economy on climate (principally through green-house gas emissions, like  $CO_2$ ,  $N_2O$ ,  $CH_4$ , ...) and the impact of the changing climate on the economy (higher temperatures, changes in rainfall quantity and variability, increased incidence of extreme weather) and their impacts on the economy (agricultural output, labor productivity, physical damages due to extreme weather events, sea-level rises etc.).

Variants on the model initially described in Burns *et al.* [2021], have been developed for [xx] countries and underpin the economic analysis contained in many of the World Bank's Country Climate Development Reports.

# 1.2 Early steps to bring the MFMod system to the broader economics community

Bank staff were quick to recognize that the models built for its own needs could be of use to the broader economics community. An initial project <code>isimulate</code> made several versions of this earlier model available for simulation on the isimulate platform in 2007, and these models continue to be available there. The <code>isimulate</code> platform housed (and continues to house) public access to earlier versions of the MFMod system, and allows simulation of these and other models – but does not give researchers access to the code or the ability to construct complex simulations.

In another effort to make models widely available a large number (more than 60 as of June 2023) customized stand-alone models (collectively known as called MFModSA - MacroFiscalModel StandAlones) have been developed from the main model. Typically developed for a country-client (Ministry of Finance, Economy or Planning or Central Bank), these Stand Alones extend the standard model by incorporating additional details not in the standard model that are of specific import to different economies and the country-clients for whom they were built, including: a more detailed breakdown of the sectoral make up of an economy, more detailed fiscal and monetary accounts, and other economically important features of the economy that may exist only inside the aggregates of the standard model.

Training and dissemination around these customized versions of MFMod have been ongoing since 2013. In addition to making customized models available to client governments, Bank teams have run technical assistance program designed to train government officials in the use of these models, their maintenance, modification and revision.

## 1.3 Moving the framework to an open-source footing

Models in the MFMod family are normally built using the proprietary EViews econometric and modelling package. While offering many advantages for model development and maintenance, its cost may be a barrier to clients in developing countries. As a result, the World Bank joined with Ib Hansen, a Danish economist formerly with the European Central Bank and the Danish Central Bank, who over the years has developed modelflow a generalized solution engine written in Python for economic models. Together with World Bank, Hansen has worked to extend modelflow so that MFMod models can be ported and run in the framework.

This paper reports on the results of these efforts. In particular, it provides step by step instructions on how to install the modelflow framework, import a World Bank macrostructural model, perform simulations with that model and report results using the many analytical and reporting tools that have been built into modelflow. It is not a manual for modelflow, such a manual can be found here nor is it documentation for the MFMod system, such documentation can be found here [Burns et al., 2019] and here [Burns et al., 2021], [Burns et al., 2021]). Nor is it documentation for the specific models described and worked with below.

#### 1.4 Macrostructural models

The economics profession uses a wide range of models for different purposes. Macro-structural models (also known as semi-structural or Macro-econometric models) are a class of models that seek to summarize the most important interconnections and determinants of economic activity in an economy. Computable General Equilibrium (CGE), and Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) models are other classes of models that also seek, using somewhat different methodologies, to capture the main economic channels by which the actions of agents (firms, households, governments) interact and help determine the structure, level and rate of growth of economic activity in an economy.

Olivier Blanchard, former Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund, in a series of articles published between 2016 and 2018 that were summarized in Blanchard [2018], lays out his views on the relative strengths and weaknesses of each of these systems, concluding that each has a role to play in helping economists analyze the macro-economy. Typically, organizations, including the World Bank, use all of these tools, privileging one or the other for specific purposes. Macrostructural models like the MFMod framework are widely used by Central Banks, Ministries of Finance; and professional forecasters both for the purposes of generating forecasts and policy analysis.

#### 1.4.1 A system of equations

Mathematically, macro-structural models are a system of equations comprised of two kinds of equations and three kinds of variables.

#### Types of variables in macro-structural models

- Identities are variables that are determined by a well defined accounting rule that always holds. The famous GDP Identity Y=C+I+G+(X-M) is one such identity, that indicates that GDP at market prices is definitionally equal to Consumption plus Investment plus Government spending plus Exports less Imports.
- Behavioural variables are determined by equations that typically attempt to summarize an economic (vs accounting) relationship. Thus, the equation that says Real Consumption = f(Disposable Income, the price level, and animal spirits) is a behavioural equation where the relationship is drawn from economic theory. Because these equations do not fully explain the variation in the dependent variable and the sensitivities of variables to the changes in other variables are uncertain, these equations and their parameters are typically estimated econometrically and are subject to error.
- Exogenous variables are not determined by the model. Typically there are set either by assumption or from data external to the model. For an individual country model, the exogenous variables would often include the global price of crude oil because the level of activity of the economy itself is unlikely to affect the world price of oil.

In a fully general form it can be written as:

$$\begin{split} y_t^1 &= f^1(y_{t+u}^1...,y_{t+u}^n...,y_{t}^2...,y_{t}^n...y_{t-r}^1...,y_{t-r}^n,x_{t}^1...x_{t}^k,...x_{t-s}^1...,x_{t-s}^k) \\ y_t^2 &= f^2(y_{t+u}^1...,y_{t+u}^n...,y_{t}^1...,y_{t-r}^n...y_{t-r}^1...,y_{t-r}^n,x_{t}^1...x_{t}^k,...x_{t-s}^1...,x_{t-s}^k) \\ &\vdots \\ y_t^n &= f^n(y_{t+u}^1...,y_{t+u}^n...,y_{t}^1...,y_{t-r}^1...y_{t-r}^1...,y_{t-r}^n,x_{t}^1...x_{t}^r,x..._{t-s}^1...,x_{t-s}^k) \end{split}$$

where  $y_t^1$  is one of n endogenous variables and  $x_t^1$  is an exogenous variable and there are as many equations as there are unknown (endogenous variables).

Substituting the variable mnemonics Y,C,I,G,X,M for the simple model the above can be rewritten as as a system of 6

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equations in 6 unknowns:

$$\begin{split} Y_t &= C_t + I_t + G + t + (X_t - M_t) \\ C_t &= c_t(C_{t-1}, C_{t-2}, I_t, G_t, X_t, M_t, P_t) \\ I_t &= c_t(I_{t-1}, I_{t-2}, C_t, G_t, X_t, M_t, P_t) \\ G_t &= c_t(G_{t-1}, G_{t-2}, C_t, I_t, X_t, M_t, P_t) \\ X_t &= c_t(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, C_t, I_t, G_t, M_t, P_t, P_t^f) \\ M_t &= c_t(M_{t-1}, M_{t-2}, C_t, I_t, G_t, X_t, P_t, P_t^f) \end{split}$$

and where  $P_t, P_t^f$  (domestic and foreign prices, respectively) are exogenous in this simple model.

#### MODELFLOW AND THE MFMOD MODELS OF THE WORLD BANK

At the World Bank models built using the MFMod framework are developed in EViews. When disseminated to clients, the models are operated in a World Bank customized EViews environment. But as a systems of equations and associated data the models can be solved, and operated under any system capable of solving a system of simultaneous equations – as long as the equations and data can be transferred from EViews to the secondary system. Modelflow is such a system and offers a wide range of features that permit not only solving the model, but also provide a rich and powerful suite of tools for analyzing the model and reporting results.

#### A brief history of ModelFlow

Modelflow is a python library that was developed by Ib Hansen over several years while working at the Danish Central Bank and the European Central Bank. The framework has been used both to port the U.S. Federal Reserve's macrostructural model to python, but also been used to bring several stress-testing models developed by European Central Banks and the European Central Bank into a python environment.

Beginning in 2019, Hansen has worked with the World Bank to develop additional features that facilitate working with models built using the Bank's MFMod Framework, with the objective of creating an open source platform through which the Bank's models can be made available to the public.

This paper, and the models that accompany it, are the product of this collaboration.

#### 2.1 Installation of Modelflow

Modelflow is a python package that defines the model class, its methods and a number of other functions that extend and combine pre-existing python functions to allow the easy solution of complex systems of equations including macrostructural models like MFMod. To work with modelflow, a user needs to first install python (preferably the Anaconda variant), several supporting packages, and of course the modelflow package itself. While modelflow can be run directly from the python command-line or IDEs (Interactive Development Environments) like Spyder or Microsoft's Visual Code, it is suggested that users also install the Jupyter notebook system. Jupyter Notebook facilitates an interactive approach to building python programs, annotating them and ultimately doing simulations using MFMod under modelflow. This entire manual and the examples in it were all written and executed in the Jupyter Notebook environment.

#### 2.1.1 Installation of Python

Python is an extremely powerful, versatile and extensible open-source language. It is widely used for artificial intelligence application, interactive web sites, and scientific processing. As of 14 November 2022, the Python Package Index (PyPI), the official repository for third-party Python software, contained over 415,000 packages that extend its functionality<sup>1</sup>. Modelflow is one of these packages.

Python comes in many flavors and modelflow will work with any of them. However, users are strongly advised to use the Anaconda version of Python.

The remainder of this section points to instructions on how to install the Anaconda version of python (under Windows, MacOS and under Linux). Modelflow works equally well under all three. This is followed by section that describes the steps necessary to create an anaconda environment with all the necessary packages to run modelflow.

#### Installation of Anaconda under Windows

The definitive source for installing Anaconda under windows can be found here.

Warning: It is strongly advised that Anaconda be installed for a single user (Just Me) This is much easier to maintain over time. Installing "For all users on this computer" the other option offered by the anaconda installer will substantially increase the complexity of maintaining python on your computer.

#### Installation of Python under macOS

The definitive source for installing Anaconda under macOS can be found here.

#### **Installation of Python under Linux**

The definitive source for installing Anaconda under Linux can be found here.

#### 2.2 Installation of Modelflow

Modelflow is a python package that defines the modelflow class model among others. Modelflow has many dependencies. Installing the class the first time can take some time depending on your internet connection and computer speed. It is essential that you follow all of the steps outlined below to ensure that your version of modelflow operates as expected.

**Warning:** The following instructions concern the installation of modelflow within an Anaconda installation of python. Different flavors of Python may require slight changes to this recipe, but are not covered here.

Modelflow is built and tested using the anaconda python environment. It is strongly recommended to use Anaconda with modelflow.

If you have not already installed Anaconda following the instructions in the preceding section, please do so Now.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wikipedia article on python

#### 2.2.1 Installation of modelflow under Anaconda

- 1. Open the anaconda command prompt
- 2. Execute the following commands by copying and pasting them either line by line or as a single mult-line step
- 3. Press enter

```
conda create -n ModelFlow -c ibh -c conda-forge modelflow_pinned_developement_test -y conda activate ModelFlow pip install dash_interactive_graphviz conda install pyeviews -c conda-forge -y jupyter contrib nbextension install --user jupyter nbextension enable hide_input_all/main jupyter nbextension enable splitcell/splitcellcd jupyter nbextension enable toc2/main
```

Depending on the speed of your computer and of your internet connection installation could take as little as 10 minutes or more than 1/2 an hour.

At the end of the process you will have a new conda environment called modelflow, and this will have been activated. The computer set up is complete and the user is ready to work with modelflow.

The following sections give a brief introduction to Jupyter notebook, which is a flexible tool that allows us to execute python code, interact with the modelflow class and World Bank Models and annotate what we have done for future replication.

#### note

Once installed, a modelflow environment can be updated by activating the modelflow environment created above — conda activate modelflow — and then executing the command: conda install modelflow — c ibh ——no—deps.

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# Some python essentials for using WorldBank models with modelflow

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#### INTRODUCTION TO JUPYTER NOTEBOOK

Jupyter Notebook is a web application for creating, annotating, simulating and working with computational documents. Originally developed for python, the latest versions of EViews also support Jupyter Notebooks. Jupyter Notebook offers a simple, streamlined, document-centric experience and can be a great environment for documenting the work you are doing, and trying alternative methods of achieving desirable results. Many of the methods in modelflow have been developed to work well with Jupyter Notebook. Indeed this documentation was written as a series of Jupyter Notebooks bound together with Jupyter Book.

Jupyter Notebook is not the only way to work with modelflow or Python. As users become more advanced they are likely to migrate to a more program-centric IDE (Interactive Development Environment) like Spyder or Microsoft Visual Code.

However, to start Jupyter Notebooks are a great way to learn, follow work done by others and tweak them to fit your own needs.

There are many fine tutorials on Jupyter Notebook on the web, and The official Jupyter site is a good starting point. The following aims to provide enough information to get a user started. Another good reference is here.

# 3.1 Starting Jupyter Notebook

Each time, a user wants to work with modelflow, they will need to activate the modelflow environment by

- 1) Opening the Anaconda command prompt window
- 2) Activate the ModelFlow environment we just created by executing the following command

conda activate modelflow

From here, any number of mechanisms can be used to interact with modelflow and World Bank models.

**To use Jupyter Notebook** the Jupyter notebook, must be first started. Following steps 1-2 above, a user would need to execute from the conda command line:

jupyter notebook

This will launch the Jupyter environment in your default web browser, which should look something like this:



where the directory structure presented is that of the directory from the jupyter notebook command was executed.

**Warning:** Note the directory from which you execute the jupyter notebook **mfbook** in the example above will be the **root** directory for the jupyter session, and only directories and files below this root directory will be accessible by jupyter.

# 3.2 Creating a notebook

The idea behind jupyter notebook was to create an interactive version of the notebooks that scientists use(d) to:

- · record what they have done
- perhaps explain why
- · document how data was generated, and
- record the results of their experiments

The motivation for these notebooks and Jupyter notebook is to record the precise steps taken to produce a set of results, which if followed by others would allow the to generate the same results.

To create a notebook you must select from the Jupyter Notebook menu

File-> New Notebook

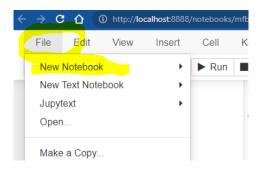


Fig. 3.1: A newly created Jupyter Notebook session

This will generate a blank unnamed notebook with one empty cell, that looks something like this:

![NewCell](./Newcell.png)

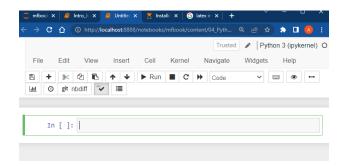


Fig. 3.2: A newly created Jupyter Notebook

**Warning:** Each notebook has associated with it a "Kernel", which is an instance of the computing environment in which code will be executed. For Jupyter Notebooks that work with modelflow this will be a Python Kernel. If your computer has more than one "kernel's" installed on it, you may be prompted when creating a new notebook for the kernel with which to associate it. Typically this should be the Python Kernel under which your modelflow was built – currently python 3.9 in April 2023.

### 3.3 Jupter Notebook cells

A Jupyter Notebook is comprised of a series of cells.

Jupyter Notebook cells can contain:

- computer code (typically python code, but as noted other kernels like Eviews can be used with jupyter).
- markdown text: plain text that can include special characters that make some text appear as bold, or indicate the text is a header, or instruct Jupyter Notebook to render the text as a mathematical formula. All of the text in this document was entered using Jupyter Notebook's markdown language
- Results (in the form of tables or graphs) from the execution of computer code specified in a code cell

#### Every cell has two modes:

- 1. Edit mode indicated by a green vertical bar. In edit mode the user can change the code, or the markdown.
- 2. Select/Copy mode indicated by a blue vertical bar. This will be teh state of the cell when its content has been executed. For markdown cells this means that the text and special characters have been rendered into formatted text. For code cells, this means the code has been executed and its output (if any) displayed in an output cell.

#### Users can switch between Edit and Select/Copy Mode by hitting Enter

This entire book was generated using markdown cells, code cells and output cells from Jupyter Notebooks.

**Note:** Jupyter Notebooks were designed to facilitate *replicability*: the idea that a scientific analysis should contain - in addition to the final output (text, graphs, tables) - all the computational steps needed to get from raw input data to the results.

#### 3.3.1 How to add, delete and move cells

The newly created Jupyter Notebook will have a code cell by default. Cells can be added, deleted and moved either via mouse using the toolbar or by keyboard shortcut.

#### Using the Toolbar

- + button: add a cell below the current cell
- scissors: cut current cell (can be undone from "Edit" tab)
- · clipboard: paste a previously cut cell to the current location
- up- and down arrows: move cells (cell must be in Select/Copy mode vertical side bar must be blue)
- hold shift + click cells in left margin: select multiple cells (vertical bar must be blue)

#### Using keyboard short cuts

- esc + a: add a cell above the current cell
- esc + b: add a cell below the current cell
- **esc** + **d**+**d**: delete the current cell

#### 3.3.2 Change the type of a cell

You can also change the type of a cell. New cells are by default "code" cells.

#### Using the Toolbar

- Select the desired type from the drop down. options include
  - Markdown
  - Code
  - Raw NBConvert
  - Heading

#### Using keyboard short cuts

- esc + m: make the current cell a markdown cell
- esc + y: make the current cell a code cell

#### Auto-complete and context-sensitive help

When editing a code cell, you can use these short-cuts to autocomplete and or call up documentation for a command.

- tab: autocomplete and method selection
- double tab: documention (double tab for full doc)

#### 3.4 Execution of cells

Every cell in a Jupyter Notebook can be executed, either by using the Run button on the Jupyter Notebook menu, or by using one of **two keyboard shortcuts**:

- **ctrl + Enter**: Executes the code in the cell or formats the markdown of a cell. The current cell retains the focus cursor stays on cell executed.
- **shift + enter**: Executes the code in the cell or formats the markdown of a cell. Focus (cursor) jumps to the next cell

For other useful shortcuts see "Help" => "Keyboard Shortcuts" or simply press keyboard icon in the toolbar.

#### 3.4.1 Executing python code

Below is a code with some standard python that declares a variable "x", assigns it the value 10, declares a second variable "y" and assigns it the value 45. The final line of y alone, instructs python to display the value of the variable y. The results of the operation appear in Jupyter Notebook as an output cell Out[#]. By pressing **Ctrl-Enter** the code will be executed and the output displayed below.

```
x = 10
y = 45
Y
```

```
45
```

#### The semi-colon ";" suppresses output in Jupyter Notebook

In the example below, a semi-colon ";" has been appended to the final line. This suppresses the display of the value contained by y; As a result there is no output cell.

```
x = 10
y = 45
y;
```

Another way to display results is to use the print function.

10

to 2\*y and it will have the value 90.

```
x = 10 print(x)
```

Variables in a Jupyter Notebook session are persistent, as a result in the subsequent cell, we can declare a variable 'z' equal

```
z=y*2
z
```

```
90
```

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# 3.5 Markdown cells and the markdown scripting language in Jupyter Notebook

Text cells in a notebook can be made more interesting by using markdown.

Cells designated as markdown cells when executed are rendered in a rich text format (html).

Markdown is a lightweight markup language for creating formatted text using a plain-text editor. Used in a markdown cell of Jupyter Notebook it can be used to produce nicely formatted text that mixes text, mathematical formulae, code and outputs from executed python code.

Rather than the relatively complex commands of html <h1></h1>, markdown uses a simplified set of commands to control how text elements should be rendered.

#### 3.5.1 Common markdown commands

Some of the most common of these include:

symbol	Effect
#	Header
##	second level
###	third level etc.
**Bold text**	Bold text
*Italics text*	Italics text
* text	Bulleted text or dot notes
1. text	1. Numbered bullets

#### 3.5.2 Tables in markdown

Tables like the one above can be constructed using I as separators.

Below is the markdown code that generated the above table:

#### 3.5.3 Displaying code

To display a (unexecutable) block of code within a markdown cell, encapsulate it (surround it) with backticks `.

For a multiline section of code use three backticks at the beginning and end.

"Multi line text to be rendered as code "...

will be rendered as: text to be rendered as code.

```
Multi line text to be rendered as code
```

For inline code references 'a sigle back tick at the beginning and end suffices.

#### This sentence:

An example sentence with some back-ticked 'text as code' in the middle.

#### will render as:

An example sentence with some back-ticked text as code in the middle.

#### 3.5.4 Rendering mathematics in markdown

Jupyter Notebook's implementation of Markdown supports latex mathematical notation.

Inline enclose the latex code in \$:

An Equation:  $y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + u_t$  will renders as:  $y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + u_t$  if enclosed in \$ \$\$ it will be centered on its own line.

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + u_t$$

#### Complex and multi-line math

```
\begin{align}
Y_t &= C_t+I_t+G+t+ (X_t-M_t) \\
C_t &= c_t(C_{t-1},C_{t-2},I_t,G_t,X_t,M_t,P_t)\\
I_t &= c_t(I_{t-1},I_{t-2},C_t,G_t,X_t,M_t,P_t)\\
G_t &= c_t(G_{t-1},G_{t-2},C_t,I_t,X_t,M_t,P_t)\\
X_t &= c_t(X_{t-1},X_{t-2},C_t,I_t,G_t,M_t,P_t,P_t,P^f_t)\\
M_t &= c_t(M_{t-1},M_{t-2},C_t,I_t,G_t,X_t,P_t,P^f_t)\\
hend{align}
```

The above latex mathematics code uses the & symbol to tell latex to align the different lines (separated by  $\setminus \setminus$ ) on the character immediately after the &. In this instance the equals "=" sign.

$$Y_t = C_t + I_t + G + t + (X_t - M_t)$$
(3.1)

$$C_t = c_t(C_{t-1}, C_{t-2}, I_t, G_t, X_t, M_t, P_t)$$
(3.2)

$$I_t = c_t(I_{t-1}, I_{t-2}, C_t, G_t, X_t, M_t, P_t)$$
(3.3)

$$G_t = c_t(G_{t-1}, G_{t-2}, C_t, I_t, X_t, M_t, P_t)$$
(3.4)

$$X_{t} = c_{t}(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, C_{t}, I_{t}, G_{t}, M_{t}, P_{t}, P_{t}^{f})$$

$$(3.5)$$

$$M_t = c_t(M_{t-1}, M_{t-2}, C_t, I_t, G_t, X_t, P_t, P_t^f)$$
(3.6)

#### 3.5.5 links to more info on markdown

There are several very good markdown cheatsheets on the internet, one of these is here

# **SOME PYTHON BASICS**

Before using modelflow with the World Bank's MFMod models, users will have to understand at least some basic elements of python syntax and usage. Notably they will need to understand about packages, libraries and classes, how to access them.

# 4.1 Starting python in windows

To begin using modelflow, python itself needs to be started. This can be done either using the Anaconda navigator or from the command line shell. In either case, the user will need to start python and select the modelflow environment.

# 4.2 Anaconda navigator

- 1. Start Anaconda Navigator by typing Anaconda in the Start window and opening the Navigator (see Figure).
- 2. From Anaconda Navigator select the Modelflow environment (see figure)

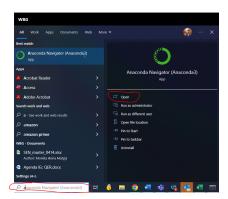


Fig. 4.1: A newly created Jupyter Notebook session

- 3. Once the environment is selected the user can either select a command line environment or start jupyter notebook by clicking on either the
  - 1. Jupyter Notebook environment
  - 2. The command line environment
  - 3. A programming IDE environment



Fig. 4.2: A newly created Jupyter Notebook session

## 4.3 Python packages, libraries and classes

Some features of python are built-in out-of-the-box. Others build up on these basic features.

A **python class** is a code template that defines a python object. Classes can have properties [variables or data] associated with them and methods (behaviours or functions) associated with them. In python a class is created by the keyword class. An object of type class is created (instantiated) using the class's "constructor" – a special method that creates an object that is an instance of a class.

A **module** is a Python object consisting of Python code. A module can define functions, classes and variables. A module can also include runnable code.

A **python package** is a collection of modules that are related to each other. When a module from an external package is required by a program, that package (or module in the package) must be **imported** into the current session for its modules can be put to use.

A python library is a collection of related modules or packages.

Modelflow is a python package that *inherits* (build on or adds to) the methods and properties of other python classes like pandas, numpy and mathplotlib.

**Note:** In modelflow the model is a class and we can create an instance of a model (an object filled with the characteristics of the class) by executing the code mymodel = model (myformulas) see below for a working example.

# 4.4 Importing packages, libraries, modules and classes

Some libraries, packages, and modules are part of the core python package and will be available (importable) from the get-go. Others are not, and need to be installed before importing them into a session.

If you followed the modelflow installation instructions you have already downloaded and installed on your computer all the packages necessary for running World Bank models under modelflow. But to work with them in a given Jupyter Notebook session or in a program context, you will also need to import them into your session before you call them.

**Note:** Installation of a package is not the same as importing a package. To be imported a package must be installed once on the computer that wishes to use it. Once it has been installed, the package must be imported into each python session where it is to be used.

Typically a python program will start with the importation of the libraries, classes and modules that will be used. Because a Jupyter Notebook is essentially a heavily annotated program, it also requires that packages used be imported.

As described above packages, libraries and modules are containers that can include other elements. Take for example the package Math.

To import the Math Package we execute the command import math. Having done that we can can call the functions and data that are defined in it.

```
# the "#"" in a code cell indicates a comment, test after the # will not be executed import math

# Now that we have imported math we can access some of the elements identified in the package,

# For example math contains a definition for pi, we can access that by executing the pi method

# of the library math
math.pi
```

```
3.141592653589793
```

#### 4.4.1 Import specific elements or classes from a module or library

The python package math contains several functions and classes.

If I want I can import them directly. Then when I call them I will not have to precede them with the name of their libary. to do this I use the **from** syntax. from math import pi,  $\cos$ ,  $\sin$  will import the pi constant and the two functions  $\cos$  and  $\sin$  and allow me to call them directly.

Compared these calls with the one in the preceding section – there the call to the method pi has to be preceded by its namespace designator math. i.e. math.pi. Below we import pi directly and can just call it with pi.

```
from math import pi,cos,sin

print(pi)
print(cos(3))
```

```
3.141592653589793
-0.9899924966004454
```

#### 4.4.2 import a class but give it an alias

A class and instead of using its full name as above or it can be given an alias, that is hopefully shorter but still obvious enough that the user knows what class is being referred to.

For example import math as mallows a call to pi using the more succint syntax m.py.

```
import math as m
print(m.pi)
print(m.cos(3))
```

```
3.141592653589793
-0.9899924966004454
```

#### 4.4.3 Standard aliases

Some packages are so frequently used that by convention they have been "assigned" specific aliases.

For example:

#### **Common aliases**

Alias	aliased package	example	functionalty	
pd	pandas	import pandas as pd	Pandas are used for storing and retriveing data	
np	numpy	import numpy as np	Numpy gives access to some advanced mathematical features	

You don't have to use those conventions but it will make your code easier to read by others who are familiar with it.

**CHAPTER** 

**FIVE** 

#### INTRODUCTION TO PANDAS DATAFRAMES

Modelflow is built on top of the Pandas library. Pandas is the Swiss knife of data science and can perform an impressing array of date oriented tasks.

This tutorial is a very short introduction to how pandas dataframes are used with Modelflow. For a more complete discussion see any of the many tutorials on the internet, notably:

- · Pandas homepage
- Pandas community tutorials

# 5.1 Import the pandas library

As with any python program, in order to use a package or library it must first be imported into the session. As noted above, by convention pandas is imported as pd

```
import pandas as pd
```

Pandas, like any library, contains many classes and methods. The discussion below focuses on **Series** and **DataFrames** two classes that are part of the pandas library. Both series and dataframes are containers that can be used to store time-series data and that have associated with them a number of very useful methods for displaying and manipulating time-series data.

Unlike other statistical packages neither series nor dataframes are inherently or exclusively time-series in nature. Modelflow and macro-economists use them in this way, but the classes themselves are not dated in anyway out-of-the-box.

#### 5.2 The Pandas class series

A pandas series is class that can be used to instantiate an object that holds a two dimensional array comprised of values and an index.

The constructor for a Series object is pandas. Series (). The content inside the parentheses will determine the nature of the series-object generated. As an object-oriented language Python supports overrides (which is to say a method can have more than one way in which it can be called). Specifically there can be different constructors defined for a class, depending on how the data that is to be used to initialize it is organized.

#### 5.2.1 Series declared from a list

The simplest way to create a Series is to pass an array of values as a Python list to the Series constructor.

**Note:** A list in python is a comma delimited collection of items. It could be text, numbers or even more complex objects. When declared (and returned) list are enclosed in square brackets.

For example both of the following two lines are perfectly good examples of lists.

```
mylist=[2,7,8,9] mylist2=["Some text","Some more Text",2,3]
```

The list is entirely agnostic about the type of data it contains.

In the examples below Simplest, Simple and simple3 are all series – although series3 which is derived from a list mixing text and numeric values would be hard to interpret as an economic series.

```
values=[7,8,9,10,11]
weird=["Some text","Some more Text",2,3]
# Here the constructor is passed a numeric list
Simplest=pd.Series([2,3,4,5,6])
Simplest
```

```
0 2
1 3
2 4
3 5
4 6
dtype: int64
```

```
# In this case the constructor is passed a variable that contains a list simple2=pd.Series(values) simple2
```

```
0 7
1 8
2 9
3 10
4 11
dtype: int64
```

```
# Here the constructor is passed a variable containing a list that is a mix of
# alphanumerics and numerical values
simple3=pd.Series(weird)
simple3
```

```
O Some text
1 Some more Text
2 2
3 3
dtype: object
```

Note that all three series have different length.

Moreover, constructed in this way (by passing a list to the constructor) each of these Series are automatically assigned a zero-based index (a numerial index that starts with 0).

#### 5.2.2 Series declared using a specific index

In this example the series Simple and Simple2 are recreated (overwritten), but this time an index is specified. Here the index is declared as a(nother) list.

```
# In this example the constructor is given both the values
# and specific values for the index
Simplest=pd.Series([2,3,4,5,6],index=[1966,1967,1996,1999,2000])
Simplest
```

```
1966 2
1967 3
1996 4
1999 5
2000 6
dtype: int64
```

```
simple2=pd.Series(values,index=[1966,1967,1996,1999,2000]) simple2
```

```
1966 7
1967 8
1996 9
1999 10
2000 11
dtype: int64
```

Now the Series look more like time series data!

### 5.2.3 Create Series from a dictionary

In python a dictionary is a data structure that is more generally known in computer science as an associative array. A dictionary consists of a collection of key-value pairs, where each key-value pair *maps* or *links* the key to its associated value.

**Note:** A dictionary is enclosed in curly brackets {}, versus a list which is enclosed in square brackets[].

Thus mydict= $\{$ "1966":2,"1967":3,"1968":4,"1969":5,"2000":-15 $\}$  creates an object called mydict. mydictmaps (or links) the key "1966" links to the value 2.

**Note:** In this example the Key was a string but we could just as easily made it a numerical value:

mydict2={1966:2,1967:3,1968:4,1969:5,2000:-15} creates an object called mydict2 that links (maps) the key "1966" to the value 2.

The series constructor also accepts a dictionary, and maps the key to the index of the Series.

```
mydict2={1966:2,1967:3,1968:4,1969:5,2000:6}
simple2=pd.Series(mydict2)
simple2
```

```
1966 2
1967 3
1968 4
1969 5
2000 6
dtype: int64
```

### 5.3 Properties and methods of DataFrames in modelflow

Any class can have both properties (data) and methods (functions that operate on the data of the particular instance of the class). With object-oriented programming languages like python, classes can be built as supersets of existing classes. The modelflow class model inherits or encapsulates all of the features of the pandas dataframe and extends it in many important ways. Some of the methods below are standard pandas methods, others have been added to it by modelflow features

Much more detail on standard pandas dataframes can be found on the official pandas website.

#### 5.3.1 DataFrameS

The DataFrame is the primary structure of pandas and is a two-dimensional data structure with named rows and columns. Each columns can have different data types (numeric, string, etc).

By convention, a dataframe if often called df or some other modifier followed by df, to assist in reading the code.

#### 5.3.2 Creating or instantiating a dataframe

Like any object, a DataFrame can be created by calling the constructor of the pandas class DataFrame.

Each class has many constructors, so there are very many ways to create a dataframe. The pandas.DataFrame() method is constructor for the DataFrame class. It takes several forms (as with Series), but always returns an instance (instantiates) of a DataFrame object – i.e. a variable whose contents are a DataFrame.

The code example below creates a DataFrame of three columns A,B,C; indexed between 2019 and 2021. Macroeconomists may interpret the index as dates, but for pandas they are just numbers.

Below a DataFrame named df is instantiated from a dictionary and assigned a specific index by passing a list of years as the index.

```
B C E
2018 1 1 4
2019 1 2 4
2020 1 3 4
2021 1 6 4
```

**Note:** In the DataFrames that are used in macrostructural models like MFMod, each column is often interpreted as a time-series of an economic variable. So in this dataframe, normally A, B and C each be interpreted as economic time series.

That said, there is nothing in the DataFrame class that suggests that the data it stores must be time-series or even numeric in nature.

#### 5.3.3 Adding a column to a dataframe

If a value is assigned to a column that does not exist, pandas will add a column with that name and fill it with values resulting from the calculation.

**Note:** The size of the object assigned to the new column must match the size (number of rows) of the pre-existing DataFarame.

```
df["NEW"]=[10,12,10,13]
df
```

```
B C E NEW

2018 1 1 4 10

2019 1 2 4 12

2020 1 3 4 10

2021 1 6 4 13
```

#### 5.3.4 Revising values

If the column exists than the = method will revise the values of the rows with the values assigned in the statement.

**Warning:** The dimensions of the list assigned via the = method must be the same as the DataFrame (i.e. there must be exactly as many values as there are rows). Alternatively if only one value is provided, then that value will replace all of the values in the specified column (be broadcast to the other rows in the column).

```
df["NEW"] = [11, 12, 10, 14]
df
```

```
B C E NEW

2018 1 1 4 11

2019 1 2 4 12

2020 1 3 4 10

2021 1 6 4 14
```

```
\# replace all of the rows of column B with the same value df['B']=17 df
```

```
B C E NEW
2018 17 1 4 11
2019 17 2 4 12
2020 17 3 4 10
2021 17 6 4 14
```

#### 5.4 Column names in Modelflow

#### Modelflow variable names

Modelflow places more restrictions on column names than do pandas per se.

While pandas dataframes are very liberal in what names can be given to columns, modelflow is more restrictive.

Specifically, in modelflow a variable name must:

- · start with a letter
- · be upper case

Thus while all these are legal column names in pandas, some are illegal in modelflow.

Variable Name	Legal in modelfow?	Reason
IB	yes	Starts with a letter and is uppercase
ib	no	lowercase letters are not allowed
42ANSWER	No	does not start with a letter
_HORSE1	No	does not start with a letter
A_VERY_LONG_NAME_THAT_IS_LEGAL_3	Yes	Starts with a letter and is uppercase

#### 5.5 .index and time dimensions in Modelflow

As we saw above, series have indices. Dataframes also have indices, which are the row names of the dataframe.

In modelflow the index series is typically understood to represent a date.

For yearly models a list of integers like in the above example works fine.

For higher frequency models the index can be one of pandas datatypes.

**Warning:** Not all datetypes work well with the graphics routines of modelflow. Users are advised to use the pd. period\_range() method to generate date indexes.

#### For example:

```
dates = pd.period_range(start='1975q1',end='2125q4',freq='Q')
df.index=dates
```

#### 5.5.1 Leads and lags

In modelflow leads and lags can be indicated by following the variable with a parenthesis and either -1 or -2 two for one or two period lags (where the number following the negative sign indicates the number of time periods that are lagged). Positive numbers are used for forward leads (no +sign required).

When a method defined by the modelflow class encounters something like A(-1), it will take the value from the row above the current row. No matter if the index is an integer, a year, quarter or a millisecond. The same goes for leads, A(+1) will return the value of A in the next row.

As a result in a quarterly model B=A(-4) would assign B the value of A from the same quarter in the previous year.

#### 5.5.2 .columns lists the column names of a dataframe

The method .columns returns the names of the columns in the dataframe.

```
Index(['B', 'C', 'E', 'NEW'], dtype='object')
```

#### 5.5.3 .size indicates the dimension of a list

so df.columns.size returns the number of columns in a dataframe.

```
df.columns.size

4
```

The dataframe df has 4 columns.

#### 5.5.4 .eval() evaluates calculates an expression on the data of a dataframe

.eval is a native dataframe method, which does calculations on a dataframe and returns a revised datafame. With this method expressions can be evaluated and new columns created.

```
df.eval('''X = B*C
          THE\_ANSWER = 42''')
         B C E NEW
                      X THE ANSWER
  2018 17 1 4
                      17
                 11
                                  42
  2019 17
           2 4
                  12
                       34
                                  42
  2020 17 3 4
                 1.0
                       51
                                  42
  2021 17 6 4
                  14 102
                                  42
df
```

```
B C E NEW
2018 17 1 4 11
2019 17 2 4 12
2020 17 3 4 10
2021 17 6 4 14
```

In the above example the resulting dataframe is displayed but is not stored.

To store it, the results of the calculation must be assigned to a variable. The pre-existing dataframe can be overwritten by assigning it the result of the eval statement.

```
B C E NEW X THE_ANSWER

2018 17 1 4 11 17 42

2019 17 2 4 12 34 42

2020 17 3 4 10 51 42

2021 17 6 4 14 102 42
```

With this operation the new columns, x and THE\_ANSWER have been appended to the dataframe df.

**Note:** The .eval() method is a native pandas method. As such it cannot handle lagged variables (because pandas do not support the idea of a lagged variable.

The .mfcalc() and the .upd() methods discussed below are modelflow features that extend the functionalities native to dataframe that allows such calculations to be performed.

#### 5.5.5 .loc[] selects a portion (slice) of a dataframe

The .loc[] method allows you to display and/or revise specific sub-sections of a column or row in a dataframe.

#### .loc[row,column] A single element

.loc[row, column] operates on a single cell in the dataframe. Thus the below displays the value of the cell with index=2019 observation from the column C.

```
df.loc[2019,'C']
```

2

#### .loc[:,column] A single column

The lone colon in a loc statement indicates all the rows or columns. Here all of the rows.

#### .loc[row,:] A single row

Here all of the columns, for the selected row.

```
B 17
C 2
E 4
NEW 12
X 34
THE_ANSWER 42
Name: 2019, dtype: int64
```

#### .loc[:,[names...]] Several columns

Passing a list in either the rows or columns portion of the loc statement will allow multiple rows or columns to be displayed.

```
df.loc[[2018,2021],['B','C']]

B C
2018 17 1
2021 17 6
```

#### .loc using the colon to select a range

with the colon operator we can also select a range of results.

Here from 2018 to 2019.

```
df.loc[2018:2020,['B','C']]
```

```
B C
2018 17 1
2019 17 2
2020 17 3
```

#### .loc[] can also be used on the left hand side to assign values to specific cells

This can be very handy when updating scenarios.

```
df.loc[2019:2020,'C'] = 17
df
```

```
X THE_ANSWER
        C E NEW
2018 17 1 4 11 17
2019 17 17 4
                            42
              12
                  34
2020 17 17
          4
              10
                  51
                            42
2021 17
        6 4
              14 102
                            42
```

**Warning:** The dimensions on the right hand side of = and the left hand side should match. That is: either the dimensions should be the same, or the right hand side should be broadcasted into the left hand slice.

For more on broadcasting see here

#### For more info on the .loc[] method

- Description
- Search

#### For more info on pandas:

- Pandas homepage
- Pandas community tutorials

#### **MODELFLOW EXTENSIONS TO PANDAS**

Modeflow inherits all the capabilities of pandas and extends some as well.

Data in a dataframe can be modified directly with built-in pandas functionalities like .loc[] and eval(), but modelflow extends these capabilities with in important ways with the .upd() and .mfcalc() methods.

### 6.1 .upd() method of modelflow

The .upd() method extends pandas by giving the user a concise and expressive way to modify data in a dataframe using a syntax that a database-manager or macroeconomic modeler might find more natural.

Notably it allows the user to employ formula's to do updates, and supports both lags and leads on variables.

- .upd() can be used to:
  - Perform different types of updates
  - Perform multiple updates each on a new line
  - Perform changes over specific periods
  - Use one input which is used for all time frames, or a separate input for each time
  - Preserve pre-shock growth rates for out of sample time-periods
  - Display results

#### 6.1.1 .upd() method operators

Below are some of the operators that can be used in the .upd() method

#### Types of update:

Update to perform	Use this opera-
	tor
Set a variable equal to the input	=
Add the input to the input	+
Set the variable to itself multiplied by the input	*
Increase/Decrease the variable by a percent of itself (1+input/100)	%
Set the growth rate of the variable to the input	=growth
Change the growth rate of the variable to its current growth rate plus the input value in percentage	+growth
points	
Specify the amount by which the variable should increase from its previous period level ( $\Delta$ =	=diff
$var_t - var_{t-1}$	

**Danger:** Note: the syntax of an update command requires that there be a space between variable names and the operators.

```
Thus df.upd("A = 7") is fine, but df.upd("A = 7") will generate an error.
```

```
Similarly df.upd("A * 1.1") is fine, but df.upd("A* 1.1") will generate an error.
```

#### 6.1.2 .upd() some examples

#### 6.1.3 Setting up the python environment

In order to use .upd() all of the necessary libraries must be **imported** into the python session.

```
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

# First import pandas and the model into the workspace
# There is no problem importing multiple times, though it is not very efficient.
import pandas as pd

from modelclass import model
# functions that improve rendering of modelflow outputs under Jupyter Notebook
model.widescreen()
model.scroll_off()
```

```
<!Python.core.display.HTML object>
```

Now create a dataframe using standard pandas syntax. In this instance with years as the index and a dictionary defining the variables and their data.

```
B C E
2018 1 1 4
2019 1 2 4
2020 1 3 4
2021 1 6 4
```

A somewhat more creative way to initialize the dataframe for dates would use a loop to specify the dates that get passed to the constructor as an argument.

Below a dataframe df with two Series (A and B), is initialized with the values 100 for all data points.

The index is defined dynamically by a loop index= $[2020+v \text{ for } v \text{ in range (number_of_rows)}]$  that runs for number\_of\_rows times (6 times in this example) setting v equal to 2020+0, 2020+1,...,202+5. The resulting list whose values are assigned to index is [2020,2021,2022,2023,2024,2025].

The big advantage of this method is that if the user wanted to have data created for the period 1990 to 2030, they would only have to change number\_of\_rows from 6 to 41 and 2020 in the loop to 1990.

The second example simplifies further by just specifying the begin and end point of the range.

```
A1 B1
2020 200 200
2021 200 200
2022 200 200
2023 200 200
2024 200 200
2025 200 200
2026 200 200
2027 200 200
2028 200 200
2029 200 200
```

#### 6.1.4 Use .upd to create a new variable (= operator)

With standard pandas a user can add a column (series) to a dataframe simply by assigning a adding to a dataframe. For example:

```
df['NEW2'] = [17, 12, 14, 15]
```

.upd() provides this functionality as well.

```
df2=df.upd('c = 142')
df2
```

```
A B C
2020 100 100 142.0
2021 100 100 142.0
2022 100 100 142.0
2023 100 100 142.0
2024 100 100 142.0
2025 100 100 142.0
```

**Note:** Note that the new variable name was entered as a lower case 'c' here. Lowercase letters are not legal modelflow variable names. The .upd() method knows is part of modelflow and knows this rule, so it automatically translates lowercase entries into upper case so that the statement works.

#### 6.1.5 Multiple updates and specific time periods

The modelflow method .upd() takes a string as an argument. That string can contain a single update command or can contain multiple commands.

Moreover by including a <Begin End> date clause in a given update command, the update will be restricted to the associated time period.

The below illustrates this, modifying two existing variables A, B over different time periods and creating a new variable.

**Danger:** Note that the third line inherits the time period of the previous line.

Note also the submitted string can include comments as well (denoted with the standard python # indicator).

```
A B C D

2020 100 200 500.0 33.0

2021 42 100 0.0 33.0

2022 44 100 0.0 33.0

2023 45 100 0.0 33.0

2024 46 100 0.0 33.0

2025 100 100 0.0 33.0
```

#### Time scope of .upd()

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The update command takes a variety of mathematical operators = , +, \*, % =GROWTH, +GROWTH, =DIFF and applies them to data for the period set in the leading <>.

If the user wants to modify a series or group of series for only a specific point in time or a period of time, she can indicate the period in the command line.

- If **one date** is specified the operation is applied to a single point in time
- If **two dates** are specifies the operation is applied over a period of time.

The selected time period will persist until re-set with a new time specification. Useful to avoid visual noise if several variables are going to be updated for the same time period.

The time period can be rest to the full time-period by using the special <-0 -1> time period. More generally:

- Indicates the start of the dataframe use -0
- Indicates the end of the dataframe use -1

If no time is provided the dataframe start and end period will be used.

#### 6.1.6 Setting specific datapoints to specific values

This example, demonstrates the equals operator. The = operator indicates that the variable a should be set equal to the indicated values following the = operator (42 44 45 46 in the first line, 200 in the second and 500 in the third). The dates enclosed in <> indicate the period over which the change should be applied.

#### Either:

- The number of data points provided must match the number of dates in the period, Or
- Only one data point is provided, it is applied to all dates in the period.

If only one period is to be modified then it can be followed by just one date.

Note that the final line inherited the time period set in the second line.

```
A B C
2020 100 100 0.0
2021 42 100 0.0
2022 44 100 0.0
2023 45 200 500.0
2024 46 100 0.0
2025 100 100 0.0
```

#### 6.1.7 Adding the specified values to all values in a range (the + operator)

NB: Here upd with the + operator indicates that we are adding 42.

```
df.upd('''
# Or one number to all years in between start and end
<2022 2024> B + 42 # one value broadcast to 3 years
''')
```

```
A B
2020 100 100
2021 100 100
2022 100 142
2023 100 142
2024 100 142
2025 100 100
```

#### 6.1.8 Multiplying all values in a range by the specified values (the \* operator)

```
df.upd('''
# Same number of values as years
<2021 2023> A * 42 44 55
''')
```

```
A B
2020 100 100
2021 4200 100
2022 4400 100
2023 5500 100
2024 100 100
2025 100 100
```

# 6.1.9 Increasing all values in a range by a specified percent amount (the % operator)

In this example:

- A is increased by 42 and 44% over the range 2021 through 2022.
- B is increased by 10 percent in all years
- C is a new variable, is created and set to 100 for the whole range
- C is decreased by 12 percent over the range 2023 through 2025.

```
A B C
2020 100 110.0 100.0
2021 142 110.0 100.0
2022 144 110.0 100.0
2023 100 110.0 88.0
2024 100 110.0 88.0
2025 100 110.0 88.0
```

#### 6.1.10 Set the percent growth rate to specified values (=GROWTH)

```
res = df.upd('''
# Same number of values as years
<2021 2022> A =GROWTH 1 5
<2020> c = 100
<2021 2025> c =GROWTH 2
'''')
print(f'Dataframe:\n{res}\n\nGrowth:\n{res.pct_change()*100}\n') # Explained b
```

```
Dataframe:
 A B
2020 100.00 100 100.000000
2021 101.00 100 102.000000
2022 106.05 100 104.040000
2023 100.00 100 106.120800
2024 100.00 100 108.243216
2025 100.00 100 110.408080
Growth:
          A
              В
                    С
2020
        NaN NaN NaN
2021 1.000000 0.0 2.0
2022 5.000000 0.0 2.0
2023 -5.704856 0.0 2.0
2024 0.000000 0.0 2.0
2025 0.000000 0.0 2.0
```

#### 6.1.11 Add or subtract from the existing percent growth rate (+GROWTH operator)

The below example is a bit more complicated.

The first line sets the growth rate of A to 1% in all periods beginning in 2021

The second command adds 2 3 4 5 6 to the growth rates in each period after 2021, resulting in growth rates of 3,4,5,6,7.

```
res =df.upd('''
<2021 > A =GROWTH 1 # All selected years set to the same growth rate
a +growth 2 # Add to the existing growth rate these numbers
''')
print(f'Dataframe:\n{res}\n\nGrowth:\n{res.pct_change()*100}\n')
```

```
Dataframe:
     A B
2020 100 100
2021 103 100
2022 100 100
2023 100 100
2024 100 100
2025 100 100
Growth:
              В
          Α
2020
        NaN NaN
2021 3.000000 0.0
2022 -2.912621 0.0
2023 0.000000 0.0
2024 0.000000 0.0
2025 0.000000 0.0
```

#### 6.1.12 Set the change in a variable to specific values (=diff operator)

```
\Delta = var_t - var_{t-1} = some number
```

Here sets the value of A in 2021 to 2 more than the value of 2020, and the 2022 value as 4 more than the **revised** value of 2021.

The second line creates a new variable "UPBY2" to the data frame and sets it equal to 100 for all periods,

The third line adds 2 to the previous periods value UPBY2.

```
A B UPBY2
2020 100 100 100.0
2021 102 100 102.0
2022 106 100 104.0
2023 100 100 106.0
2024 100 100 108.0
2025 100 100 110.0
```

#### 6.1.13 Recall that we have not overwritten df, so the df dataframe is unchanged.

```
df
```

```
A B
2020 100 100
2021 100 100
2022 100 100
2023 100 100
2024 100 100
2025 100 100
```

**Note:** The method .upd() only operates on on variable. A command like .upd('A = B') would not work. For these kind of functions, use .mfcalc() (see next section).

#### 6.1.14 Keep growth rates after the update time – the –kg option

In a long projection it can sometime be useful to be able to update variables for which new information is available, but for the subsequent periods keep the growth rate the same as before the update. In database management this is frequently done when two time-series with different levels are spliced together.

The -kg or -keep\_growth option instructs modelview to calculate the growth rate of the existing pre-change series, and then use it to preserve the pre-change growth rates of the series for the periods that were **not** changed.

This allows to update variables for which new information is available, but keep the growth rate the same as before the update in the period after the update time.

#### The default keep\_growth behaviour

The upd() method has a parameter keep\_growth, which by default is equal to False.

keep\_growth determines how data in the time periods after those where an update is executed are treated.

If keep\_growth is False then data in the sub-period after a change is left unchanged.

if keep\_growth is set to "True" then the system will preserve the pre-change growth rate of the affected variable in the time period after the change.

#### **Note:** At the line level:

- keep\_growth=True can be expressed as -kg
- keep\_growth=False can be expressed as -nkg

Let's see this in a concrete example. Consider the following dataframe df with two variables A and B, that each grow by 2% per period, with A initialized at a level of 100 and B at a level of 110 so that we can see each separately on a graph.

```
A B A_ORIG B_ORIG

2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000

2021 102.000000 112.200000 102.000000 112.200000

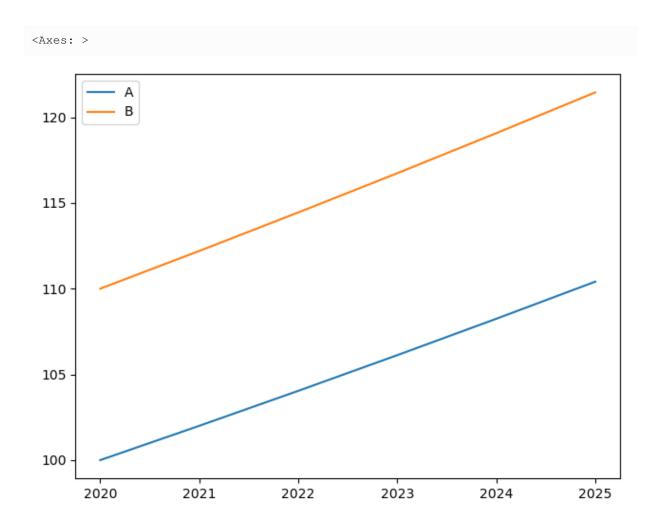
2022 104.040000 114.444000 104.040000 114.444000

2023 106.120800 116.732880 106.120800 116.732880

2024 108.243216 119.067538 108.243216 119.067538

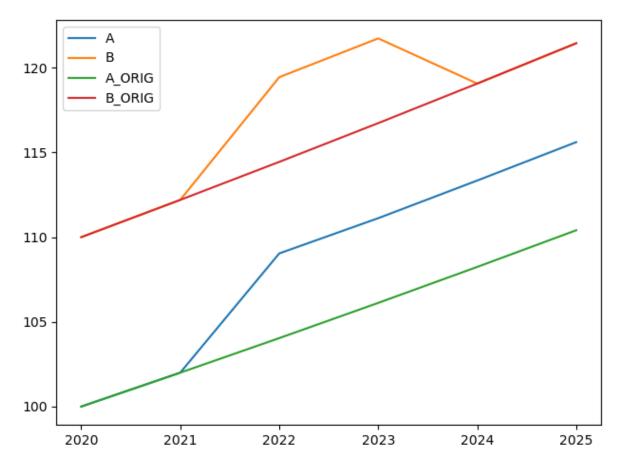
2025 110.408080 121.448888 110.408080 121.448888
```

```
df[['A','B']].plot()
```



Now lets modify each by adding 5 to the level in 2022 and 2023. For B we will do setting the keep\_growth option as False and for 'B' keep\_growth positive. While the keep\_growth is a global variable it can be set at the line level also using the -kg option (keep\_growth=True) and -nkg option (keep\_growth=False).

```
<Axes: >
```



In the first example 'A' (the green and blue lines) the level of A is increased by 5 for two periods (2021-2022). The subsequent values are also increased and they were calculated to maintain the growth rate of the original series.

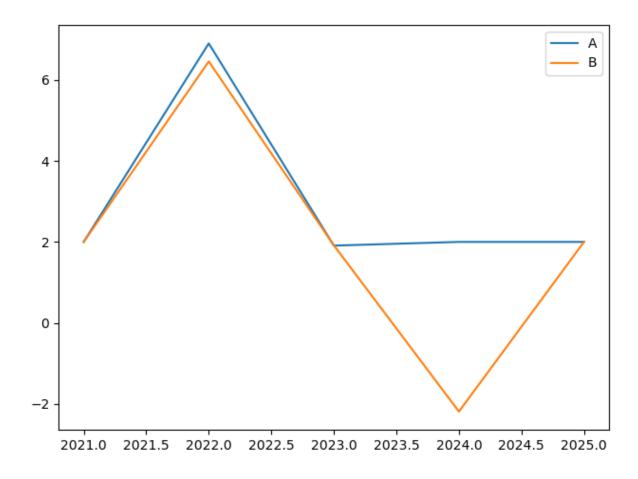
For the 'B' variable the same level change was input but because of the --nkg (equivalent to keep\_growth=False) the periods after the change were unaffected and retained their old values.

Below are plots the growth rates of the two transformed series.

Here the growth in both series accelerates in 2022, by slightly less than 5 percentage points because a) the base of each is more than 100, with the base of B being higher (it was initialized at 110). In 2023 the growth rate of A returns to 2 percent, while the growth rate of B is actually negative because the level (see earlier graph) has fallen back to its original level.

```
dfg=df[['A','B']].pct_change()*100
dfg.plot()
```

<Axes: >



#### 6.1.15 .upd(,,,keep growth) some more examples

#### 6.1.16 Initialize a new dataframe First make a dataframe with some growth rate

```
Levels:

A
2020 100.000000
2021 101.000000
2022 103.020000
2023 106.110600
2024 110.355024
2025 115.872775
```

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```
Growth:

A
2020 NaN
2021 1.0
2022 2.0
2023 3.0
2024 4.0
2025 5.0
```

#### 6.1.17 now update A in 2021 to 2023 to a new value

Below performs the same operation, the first time the updated value is assigned to the dataframe nkg and the default behaviour of keep\_growth is False

In the second example the -kg line option is specified, telling modelflow to maintain the growth rates of the dependent variable in the periods after the update is executed.

```
      KG
      NOKG

      2020
      100.00
      100.000000

      2021
      120.00
      120.000000

      2022
      120.00
      120.000000

      2023
      120.00
      120.000000

      2024
      124.80
      110.355024

      2025
      131.04
      115.872775

Growth

KG NOKG

2020 NaN NaN

2021 20.0 20.00000

2022 0.0 0.00000

2022 0.0 0.000000

2023 0.0 0.000000
```

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```
2024 4.0 -8.03748
2025 5.0 5.00000
```

**Note:** In the first example where KG (keep\_growth) **was not set**, because the level was set constant for three periods at 120 the rate of growth was 0 for the final two years of the set period. But following this update, the level of A in 2023 is 120. With keep\_Growth=False (its default value)m the level of A in 2024 remains at its unchanged unchanged (lower) level of 100.35. As a result, the growth rate in 2024 is negative.

In the -kg example, the pre-exsting growth rate (of 4%) is applied to the new value of 120 and so the level in 2024 is (120\*1.04)=124.8 and 2025 is 131.04.

#### .upd() with the option keep\_growth set globally

Above the line level option --keep\_growth or --kg was used to keep the growth rate(or not) for a given operation.

This works because by default the option Keep\_growth is set to false, implementing --kg at the line level temporarily set the keep\_growth flag to true for the specific line (and those following).

The keep\_growth flag can also be set globally for all the lines by setting the option in the command line.

keep\_growth=True.

Now as default, all lines will keep the growth rate (unless overridden at the line level with --nkg or --no\_keep\_growth.

- c,d are updated in 2022 and 2023 and keep the growth rates afterwards
- e the --no\_keep\_growth in this line prevents the updating 2024-2025

```
A B A_ORIG B_ORIG

2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000

2021 102.000000 112.200000 102.000000 112.200000

2022 109.040000 119.444000 104.040000 114.444000

2023 111.120800 121.732880 106.120800 116.732880

2024 113.343216 119.067538 108.243216 119.067538

2025 115.610080 121.448888 110.408080 121.448888
```

```
Dataframe:
            В
                   С
                               Ε
      Α
2020 100 100
              100.0 100.0
                             100
2021 100
          100
               100.0
                     100.0
2022 100
          100
               200.0
                      300.0
2023 100
          100
               200.0
                      300.0
                             400
2024 100
          100
               200.0
                      300.0
                             100
2025 100 100
               200.0 300.0 100
Growth:
       Α
            В
                   С
                          D
                                 Ε
2020 NaN NaN
                 NaN
                        NaN
                               NaN
                 0.0
                               0.0
2021 0.0 0.0
                        0.0
2022 0.0 0.0 100.0 200.0
                             300.0
2023 0.0 0.0
                 0.0
                        0.0
                               0.0
2024 0.0 0.0
                 0.0
                        0.0
                             -75.0
2025 0.0 0.0
                 0.0
                        0.0
                               0.0
```

#### 6.1.18 Update several variable in one line

Sometime there is a need to update several variable with the same value over the same time frame. To ease this case update can accept several variables in one line

```
df.upd(''' <2022 2024> h i j k = 40  # earlier values are set to zero by default <2020> p q r s = 1000  # All values beginning in 2020 set to 1000 <2021 -1> p q r s =growth 2  # -1 indicates the last year of dataframe '''')
```

```
A_ORIG
                                           B_ORIG
2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000
                                                    0.0
                                                          0.0
                                                               0.0
                                                                     0.0
2021 102.000000 112.200000
                            102.000000 112.200000
                                                    0.0
                                                          0.0
                                                               0.0
                                                                     0.0
2022 109.040000 119.444000
                            104.040000
                                       114.444000
                                                   40.0
                                                         40.0
                                                              40.0
                                                                    40.0
                                                   40.0
2023 111.120800 121.732880
                            106.120800
                                       116.732880
                                                         40.0 40.0 40.0
                                                   40.0 40.0 40.0 40.0
2024 113.343216 119.067538
                           108.243216
                                       119.067538
2025 115.610080 121.448888 110.408080
                                       121.448888
                                                   0.0
                                                        0.0 0.0 0.0
                           0
                                        R
2020 1000.000000
                 1000.000000
                             1000.000000
                                          1000.000000
2021 1020.000000 1020.000000
                             1020.000000 1020.000000
2022 1040.400000 1040.400000
                              1040.400000 1040.400000
                              1061.208000 1061.208000
2023 1061.208000
                 1061.208000
2024
     1082.432160
                 1082.432160
                              1082.432160
                                          1082.432160
2025 1104.080803 1104.080803
                              1104.080803 1104.080803
```

#### 6.1.19 .upd(,,scale=<number, default=1>) Scale the updates

When running a scenario it can be useful to be able to create a number of scenarios based on one update but with different scale.

This can be particularly useful when we want to do sensitivity analyses of model results, depending on how heavily a shocked variable is hit

When using the scale option, scale=0 the baseline while scale=0.5 is a scenario half the severity.

In the example below the values of the dataframes are printed. We use the scale option (setting to to 0, 0.5 and 1) to run three scenarios using the same code but where the update in each case is multiplied by either 0, 0.5 or 1.

**Note:** Here we are just printing the outputs, a more interesting example would involve the solving a model using different levels of a given shock.

```
print(f'input dataframe: \n{df}\n\n')
for severity in [0,0.5,1]:
    # First make a dataframe with some growth rate
    res = df.upd('''
    <2021 2025>
    a =growth 1 2 3 4 5
    b + 10
    ''',scale=severity)
    print(f'{severity=}\nDataframe:\n{res}\n\nGrowth:\n{res.pct_change()*100}\n\n')
    #
    # Here the updated dataframe is only printed.
    # A more realistic use case is to simulate a model like this:
    # dummy_ = mpak(res, keep='Severity {serverity}') # more realistic
```

```
input dataframe:
             Α
                         В
                               A_ORIG
                                           B_ORIG
2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000
2021 102.000000 112.200000 102.000000 112.200000
2022 109.040000 119.444000 104.040000 114.444000
2023 111.120800 121.732880 106.120800 116.732880
2024 113.343216 119.067538 108.243216 119.067538
2025 115.610080 121.448888 110.408080 121.448888
severity=0
Dataframe:
                   В
                           A_ORIG
                                      B_ORIG
2020 100.0 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000
2021 100.0 112.200000 102.000000 112.200000
2022 100.0 119.444000 104.040000 114.444000
2023 100.0 121.732880 106.120800 116.732880
2024 100.0 119.067538 108.243216 119.067538
2025 100.0 121.448888 110.408080 121.448888
Growth:
                B A_ORIG B_ORIG
       Α
2020 NaN
                      NaN
                             NaN
              NaN
2021 0.0 2.000000
                      2.0
                              2.0
2022 0.0 6.456328
                      2.0
                              2.0
2023 0.0 1.916279
                      2.0
                              2.0
```

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```
2024 0.0 -2.189501
                              2.0
                       2.0
2025 0.0 2.000000
                       2.0
                              2.0
severity=0.5
Dataframe:
              Α
                                A_ORIG
                                            B_ORIG
2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000
2021 100.500000 117.200000 102.000000 112.200000
2022 101.505000 124.444000 104.040000 114.444000
2023 103.027575 126.732880 106.120800 116.732880
2024 105.088126 124.067538 108.243216 119.067538
2025 107.715330 126.448888 110.408080 121.448888
Growth:
                 B A_ORIG B_ORIG
       Α
2020 NaN
               NaN
                      NaN
                              NaN
2021 0.5 6.545455
                      2.0
                              2.0
                      2.0
                              2.0
2022 1.0 6.180887
                      2.0
                              2.0
2023 1.5 1.839285
2024 2.0 -2.103118
                      2.0
                              2.0
2025 2.5 1.919399
                      2.0
                              2.0
severity=1
Dataframe:
                         В
                                A_ORIG
                                            B_ORIG
2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000
     101.000000 122.200000
                            102.000000
2021
                                       112.200000
2022 103.020000 129.444000 104.040000 114.444000
2023 106.110600 131.732880
                            106.120800 116.732880
2024 110.355024 129.067538 108.243216 119.067538
2025 115.872775 131.448888 110.408080 121.448888
Growth:
                 B A_ORIG B_ORIG
       Α
2020 NaN
                       NaN
               NaN
                               NaN
2021 1.0 11.090909
                       2.0
                               2.0
2022 2.0
                       2.0
          5.927987
                               2.0
          1.768240
2023 3.0
                        2.0
                               2.0
2024 4.0 -2.023293
                        2.0
                               2.0
2025 5.0
          1.845042
                        2.0
```

#### 6.1.20 .upd("lprint=True) prints values the before and after update

The lPrint option of the method upd() is by defualt = False. By setting it true an update command will output the results of the calculation comapriong the values of the dataframe (over the impacted period) before, after and the difference between the two.

```
df.upd('''
# Same number of values as years
<2021 2022> A * 42 44
''',lprint=1)
```

```
Update * [42.0, 44.0] 2021 2022
                   Before
                                                            Diff
2021
                 102.0000
                                    4284.0000
                                                        4182.0000
2022
                 109.0400
                                    4797.7600
                                                        4688.7200
                         В
                                A_ORIG
                                           B_ORIG
2020 100.000000 110.000000 100.000000 110.000000
2021 4284.000000 112.200000 102.000000 112.200000
2022 4797.760000 119.444000 104.040000 114.444000
2023 111.120800 121.732880 106.120800 116.732880
2024 113.343216 119.067538 108.243216 119.067538
2025 115.610080 121.448888 110.408080 121.448888
```

#### 6.1.21 .upd(,,create=True ) Requires the variable to exist

Until now .upd has created variables if they did not exist in the input dataframe.

To catch misspellings the parameter create can be set to False. New variables will not be created, and an exception will be raised.

Here Pythons exception handling is used, so the notebook will continue to run the cells below.

```
try:
    xx = df.upd('''
    # Same number of values as years
    <2021 2022> Aa * 42 44
    '''', create=False)
    print(xx)
except Exception as inst:
    xx = None
    print(inst)
```

```
Variable to update not found:AA, timespan = [2021 2022]
Set create=True if you want the variable created:
```

## 6.2 .mfcalc() an extension of standard Pandas

Like.upd(), the .mfcalc() method can be used to extend the functionality of standard pandas. It is actually a much more powerful method that can be used to solve models or mini-models or see how modelflow normalizes equations. It can be particularly useful when creating scenarios – uses that are presented elsewhere.

Here, the focus is but is on using mfcalc() to perform quick and dirty calculations and modify datafames.

#### 6.2.1 workspace initialization

Setting up our python session to use pandas and modelflow by importing their packages. modelmf is an extension of dataframes that is part of the modelflow installation package (and also used by modelflow itself).

```
import pandas as pd
import modelmf  # Add useful features to pandas dataframes
# using utlities initially developed for modelflow
```

#### 6.2.2 Create a simple dataframe

Create a Pandas dataframe with one column with the name A and 6 rows.

Set set the index to 2020 through 2026 and set the values of all the cells to 100.

- pd.DataFrame creates a dataframe Description
- The expression [v for v in range (2020, 2026)] dynamically creates a python list, and fills it with integers beginning with 2020 and ending 2025

```
A
2020 100.0
2021 100.0
2022 100.0
2023 100.0
2024 100.0
2025 100.0
```

#### 6.2.3 .mfcalc() example to calculate a new series

Use mfcalc to calculate a new column (series) as a function of the existing A column series

The below call creates a new column x.

```
df.mfcalc('x = x(-1) + a')
```

```
* Take care. Lags or leads in the equations, mfcalc run for 2021 to 2022

A X
2020 100.0 0.0
2021 100.0 100.0
2022 100.0 200.0
2023 100.0 300.0
2024 100.0 400.0
2025 100.0 500.0
```

Warning: By default .mfcalc will initialize a new variable with zeroes.

Moreover, if a formula passed to .mfcalc contains a lag a value will be calculated for the a row only if there is data in the series for the preceding row.

These two behaviors affects how calculations generated with .mfcalc are executed and can generate results that may sometimes by unexpected.

The initialization of new variables with zero and the treatment of lags combined means that when the command df. mfcalc('x = x(-1) + a') is executed, the value for X in 2020 will be zero (not n/a). This results because there was no X variable defined for 2019 (no such row exists). modelflow first initializes all values of X with zero. It then goes to calculate X in 2020. There is no X value for 2019 so it skips ahead to 2021 and calculates X as equal to 0 (the value of x in 2020) + the value for a in 2021 – etc.

```
df
```

```
A
2020 100.0
2021 100.0
2022 100.0
2023 100.0
2024 100.0
2025 100.0
```

#### 6.2.4 Storing the result of an .mfcalc() call

Above the results of the .mfcalc() operation was not assigned to an object – the DataFrame object df itself was not changed.

Below the results of the same operation are assigned to the variable df2 and therefore stored.

```
df2=df.mfcalc('x = x(-1) + a') # Assign the result to df2 df2
```

```
^{\star} Take care. Lags or leads in the equations, mfcalc run for 2021 to 2022
```

```
A X
2020 100.0 0.0
2021 100.0 100.0
2022 100.0 200.0
2023 100.0 300.0
2024 100.0 400.0
2025 100.0 500.0
```

#### 6.2.5 Recalculate A so it grows by 2 percent

mfcalc() knows that it can not start to calculate in 2020 A (the lagged variable) has no value in 2019.

.mfcalc() therefore begins its calculation in 2021. Note, the existing value for 2020 is preserved. This behaviour differs from other programs that might return a n/a value for the 2020.

```
res = df.mfcalc('a = 1.02 * a(-1)')
res
```

```
^{\star} Take care. Lags or leads in the equations, mfcalc run for 2021 to 2022
```

```
A
2020 100.000000
2021 102.000000
2022 104.040000
2023 106.120800
2024 108.243216
2025 110.408080
```

```
res.pct_change()*100 # to display the percent changes
```

```
A
2020 NaN
2021 2.0
2022 2.0
2023 2.0
2024 2.0
2025 2.0
```

#### 6.2.6 .mfcalc() - the showed option

The showed option is by default = False.

By setting equal to True, mfcalc can be used to express the normalization of an entered equation.

```
df.mfcalc('dlog( a) = 0.02', showeq=1);
```

```
* Take care. Lags or leads in the equations, mfcalc run for 2021 to 2022 FRML <> A=EXP(LOG(A(-1))+0.02) \$
```

In modelflow the expression dlog (a) refers to the difference in the natural logarithm  $dlog(x_t) \equiv ln(x_t) - ln(x_{t-1})$  and is equal to the growth rate for the variable.

.mfcalc() normalizes the equation such that the systems solves for a as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} dlog(a) &= 0.02 \\ log(a) - log(a_{t-1}) &= .02 \\ log(a) &= log(a_{t-1}) + .02 \\ a &= e^{log(a_{t-1}) + 0.02} \\ a &= a_{t-1} * e^{0.02} \end{aligned}$$

which expressed in the business logic language of modelflow is:

A=EXP(LOG(A(-1))+0.02)

#### 6.2.7 Using the diff() operator with mfcalc

The diff() operator, effectively normalizes to an equation that will add the value to the right of the equals sign to the lagged variable inserted in the diff operator. Thus, diff(a)=x normalizes to a=a(-1)+x

```
df.mfcalc('diff(a) = 2',showeq=1)

* Take care. Lags or leads in the equations, mfcalc run for 2021 to 2022
FRML <> A=A(-1)+(2)$

A
2020 100.0
2021 102.0
2022 104.0
2023 106.0
2024 108.0
2025 110.0
```

#### 6.2.8 mfcalc with several equations and arguments

In addition to a single equation multiple commands can be executed with one command.

However, **be careful** because the equation commands are executed simultaneously, which, combined with the treatments of lags, means that results may differ from what they would be if the commands were run sequentially.

For example:

```
res = df.mfcalc('''
diff(a) = 2
x = a + 42
''')
res
# use res.diff() to see the difference
```

In this example the DataFarame df was initialized to 100 for the period 2020 through 2025.

The first line of the .mfcalc() routine produces results only for the period 2021 - 2025 because there is no value for a in 2019. The value of a in 2020 is unchanged, and the following values rise by 2 in each period.

When calculating X however, .mfcalc does not use the final result of the calculation of A, but the intermediate result (the values for 2021 through 2025.

As a result, it is this series that is passed to the second question which adds 42 to that result.

#### X in 2020 is not 142 as one might have expected but zero, the value to which the newly created variable defaults.

Compare the results above with the results (below) when the two steps are now undertaken in two separate calls to .mfcalc().

```
res1 = df.mfcalc('''
diff(a) = 2
''')
res2 = res1.mfcalc('''
x = a + 42
'''')
res2
```

```
* Take care. Lags or leads in the equations, mfcalc run for 2021 to 2022
```

```
A X
2020 100.0 142.0
2021 102.0 144.0
2022 104.0 146.0
2023 106.0 148.0
2024 108.0 150.0
2025 110.0 152.0
```

**Danger:** In .mfcalc(), when there are multiple equation commands in a single call, they are executed simultaneously. This, combined with mfcalc's treatments of lags, means only the results of the lagged calculation will be passed to other commands equations defined in the .mfcalc command. As a consequence, results may differ from what would be expected and what would be seen if the two commands were run sequentially.

#### 6.2.9 Setting a time frame with mfcalc.

It can useful in some circumstances to limit the time frame for which the calculations are performed. Specifying a start date and end date enclosed in <> in a line restricts the time period over which subsequent calculations are performed.

In the example below zeroes are generated for x prior to 2023 when the expressions are executed.

```
res = df.mfcalc('''
<2023 2025>
diff(a) = 2
x = a + 42
''')
res.diff()
res
```

	А	Х
2020	100.0	0.0
2021	100.0	0.0
2022	100.0	0.0
2023	102.0	144.0
2024	104.0	146.0
2025	106.0	148.0

# Part III Using modelflow with World Bank models

**CHAPTER** 

SEVEN

#### USING MODELFLOW WITH WORLD BANK MODELS

The Modelflow python package has been developed to solve a wide range of models, see the modelflow github web site for working examples of the Solow Model, the FR/USB model and others.

The package has been substantially expanded to include special features that enable it to work with World Bank models originally developed in EViews and designed to use EViews Model Object for simuation.

This chapter illustrates how to access these models, how to load them into a modelflow anaconda environment on your computer and how to perform a variety of simulations

# 7.1 Accessing a world bank model

At this time several World bank macrostructural models are available to download and use with modelflow. These include a macrostructural model for:

- Indonesia
- · Nepal
- Croatia
- Iraq
- Kenya
- Bolivia

Each of these models has been developed as part of the outreach work of the World Bank. The basic modelling framework of each of these models is outlined in Burns *et al.* [2019] with specific extensions reflecting features of the individual country modelled.

This book uses as an example a climate aware model for Pakistan developed in 2020 and described in Burns et al. [2021]

The World Bank models are distributed in the poim file format of the modelflow and can be downloaded by right clicking on the links above. The Pakistan model can be downloaded here by right clicking on the above link and selecting Save Link as and placing the file on a directory accessible by your modelflow installation.

from worldbankMFModModels import pak

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# 7.2 Preparing your python environment

As always, the modelflow and other python packages that will be used need to be imported into your python session. The examples here and this book were written and solved in a *Jupyter Notebook*. There are some Jupyter specific commands included in these examples and these are annotated. However, the bulk of the content of the programs can be run in other environments, including Interactive Development Environments (IDE) like Spyderor MS Visual Code. All the programs have been tested under spyder as well as Jupyter Notebook.

It is assumed that:

- 1. you have already installed modelflow and its various support packages following the instructions in Chapter xx
- 2. you are using Anaconda, and that
- 3. you have activated your modelflow environment by executing the following command from your python command line:

```
conda activate modelflow
```

where modelflow is the name you have given to the conda environment into which you installed modelflow.

```
<!Python.core.display.HTML object>
```

Ib: next text has been split out and hidden in JB in the metadata

# 7.3 Working with PakMod under modelflow

The basic method for working with any model is the same. Indeed the initial steps followed here are the same as were followed during the simple model discussion.

#### Process:

- 1. Prepare the workspace
- 2. Load the model Modelflow
- 3. Design some scenarios
- 4. Simulate the model
- 5. Visualize the results

#### 7.3.1 Load a pre-existing model, data and descriptions

Ib: some changes

To load a model use the model.modelload() method of modelflow.

The command below

instantiates (creates an instance of) a modelflow model object and assigns it to the variable name mpak. The run=1 option executes the model and assigns the result of the model execution to the dataframe bline. The model is solved with the parameter alfa set to 0.7. The  $alfa \in (0,1)$  parameter determines the step size of the solution engine. The larger alfa the larger the step size. Larger step sizes may solve faster, but may have trouble finding a unique solution. Smaller step sizes take longer to solve but are more likely to find a unique solution. Values of alfa=.7 work well for World Bank models.

The keep option instructs modelflow to maintain in the model object (mpak) the results of the intitial scenario, assigning it the text name Baseline.

Ib: As it is now mpak will first look in the location specified, then it will look in the Global model repo.

```
file read: C:\modelflow manual\papers\mfibbook\content\models\pak.pcim
```

**Note:** the variable bline contains the dataframe with the results of the simulation. This is distinct from the data that is stored by the kept= command. That said, the data associated with each, while stored separately, have the same numerical values. The keep option is described in more detail toward the end of this section.

#### Box [^BoxWBMnemonics]: World Bank Mnemonics

A typical World Bank model will have in excess of 300 variables. Each has a mnemonic that is structured in a specific way, The root for almost all are 14 characters long (some special variables have additional characters appended to this root) (see discussion in section).

12345678901234

CCCAAMMMNNNNUC

where:

Letters	Meaning
CCC	The three-leter ISO code for a country – i.e. IDN for Indonesia, RUS for Russia
AA	The two-letter major accounting system to which the variable attaches,
MMM	The three-letter major sub-category of the data - i.e. GDP, EXP - expenditure
NNNN	The four-letter minor sub-category MKTP for market prices
U	The measure (K: real variable;C: Current Values; X: Prices)
С	denotes the Currency (N: National currency; D: USD; P: PPP)

Common major accounting systems mnemonics: the, AAs from above:

Code	Meaning
NY	National income
NE	National expenditure Accounts
NV	Value added accounts
GG	General Government Accounts
BX	Balance of Payments: Exports
BM	Balance of Payments: Imports
BN	Balance of Payments: Net
BF	Balance of Payments: Financial Account

#### Thus

Mnemonic	Meaning	
IDNNYGDPMKTPKN	Indonesia GDP at market prices, real in Indonesian Rupiah	
KENNECPNPRVTXN	Kenya Private (household) consumption expenditure schillings deflator	
BOLGGEXPGNFSCN	Bolivia Government Expenditure on Goods and services (GNFS) in current Bolivars	
HRVGGREVDCITCN	Croatia Government Revenues Direct Corporate Income Taxes in current Euros	
NPLBXGSRNFSVCD	Nepal BOP Exports of non-factor services (goods and services) in current USD	

#### 7.3.2 Extracting information about the model

The newly loaded python object mpak is an instance of the model class and as such inherits the methods (functions) and properties (data) of that class. To learn about the model there are a variety of information methods that can be used to extract information about the model and its data.

#### 7.3.3 Information about a specific variable

Method		Example	Information returned
. <var n<="" td=""><td>name&gt;</td><td>modelname.PAKNECONPRVTXN</td><td>The equation (formula), variable descriptions and</td></var>	name>	modelname.PAKNECONPRVTXN	The equation (formula), variable descriptions and
			data
. <var< td=""><td>name&gt;.</td><td>modelname.</td><td>The equation (formula) and variable descriptions</td></var<>	name>.	modelname.	The equation (formula) and variable descriptions
frml		PAKNECONPRVTXN.frml	
. <var< td=""><td>name&gt;.</td><td>modelname.</td><td>The equation (formula), variable descriptions vari-</td></var<>	name>.	modelname.	The equation (formula), variable descriptions vari-
show		PAKNECONPRVTXN.show	able values

```
mpak.PAKNECONOTHRXN.frml
```

```
Endogeneous: PAKNECONOTHRXN:

Formular: FRML <DAMP, STOC> PAKNECONOTHRXN = (PAKNECONOTHRXN(-1)*EXP(PAKNECONOTHRXN_A+ (0.590372627657176*((LOG(PAKNYGDPFCSTXN))-(LOG(PAKNYGDPFCSTXN(-41))))+((PAKGGREVGNFSXN/100)-(PAKGGREVGNFSXN(-1)/100))+(1-0.4590372627657176)*((LOG(PAKNEIMPGNFSXN))-(LOG(PAKNEIMPGNFSXN(-1))))+0.42*PAKNYGDPGAP_/100))) * (1-PAKNECONOTHRXN_D)+ PAKNECONOTHRXN_X*PAKNECONOTHRXN_D)

PAKNECONOTHRXN:
PAKGGREVGNFSXN: Goods and services Tax Rate
```

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```
PAKNECONOTHRXN_A: Add factor:PAKNECONOTHRXN
PAKNECONOTHRXN_D: Fix dummy:PAKNECONOTHRXN
PAKNECONOTHRXN_X: Fix value:PAKNECONOTHRXN
PAKNEIMPGNFSXN : Imp., GNFS (NIA), LCU Price defl. 2000 = 1
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN : GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units Implicit Price deflator
PAKNYGDPGAP_ : Output Gap (% of Potential GDP)
```

#### 7.3.4 Information about a number of variables that meet certain search criteria

Often it can be useful to view information, to visualize or to do calculations on a number of variables in a model. This can be done by selecting a number of variable applying pythons index operator [] on a model and then performing operations based on the selected variables.

#### Selecting variables that meet certain search criteria

One or more variables can be **selected** by specifying modelname.['\<search pattern>'] The pattern can be used to match variables based on:

Matching variable:	Prefix	Example	Comment
Names		mpak['PAKNECON*XN PAKNECONPRVT?N']	list and wildcards allowed
Descriptions	!	mpak.['!*GDP\*']	list and wildcards allowed
Group	#	modelname.['#Headline']	only one pattern allowed

The \* character in the command mpak['PAKNECON\*XN']. names is a wildcard character and the expression will return all variables that begins with PAKNECON and ends with XN.

The ? is another *wildcard* character. It will match only single characters. Thus mpak ['PAKNECONPRVT?N']. names would return three variables: PAKNECONPRVTKN, PAKNECONPRVTXN, and PAKNECONPRVTXN. The real, current value, and deflators for household consumption expenditure.

After the variables have been selected a number of operations can be performed based on the selected variables. In the following a few of the operations are explained. There are many more, they can be viewed **here - a reference to be inserted** 

**Note:** The variable descriptions are contained in a model class property named .var\_description. This is a dictionary The variable groups are contained in a model class property named .var\_groups. This is also a dictionary The user can edit these if it is useful.

#### Operating on selected variables

Method	Information returned
.des	Variable descriptions whose variable name matches
.names	Variable names which match
.frml	Returns a <b>normalized</b> version of the equation (the one actually used in modelflow)
.eviews	In models imported from Eviews, reports the original eviews specification

**Note:** The .eviews command returns the equations before they were normalized. In most cases this is a slightly more legible form. Here following the EViews syntax,  $\Delta ln()$  is written as dlog().

```
mpak['!*GDP*'].des
```

```
PAKBNCABFUNDCD_
                     : Current Account Balance (% of GDP)
                     : GDP per capita, 2000 US$ mn
PAKGDPPCKD
                     : GDP per capita, 2005 LCU mn
PAKGDPPCKN
PAKNYGDPDISCCN
                     : GDP Disc., LCU mn
PAKNYGDPDISCKN
PAKNYGDPFCSTKN
                     : GDP Disc., 2000 LCU mn
                     : GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units Volumes National base_
⊶year
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN : GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units Implicit Price_
⇔deflator
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_A
                    : Add factor:GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units Implicit.
→Price deflator
                     : Fix dummy:GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units Implicit_
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_D
→Price deflator
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_FITTED : Fitted value:GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units_
 →Implicit Price deflator
                     : Fix value: GDP Factor Cost Local Currency units Implicit_
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_X
 ⇔Price deflator
                     : Output Gap (% of Potential GDP)
PAKNYGDPGAP_
PAKNYGDPMKTPCD
                     : GDP, Market Prices, US$ mn
PAKNYGDPMKTPCN
                     : GDP, Market Prices, LCU mn
PAKNYGDPMKTPKD
                     : GDP, Market Prices, 2000 US$ mn
PAKNYGDPMKTPKN
                     : Real GDP
PAKNYGDPMKTPXN
                     : GDP, Marker Prices, LCU Price defl., 2000 = 1
```

```
mpak['PAKNECON*XN'].eviews
```

```
PAKNECONENGYXN: DLOG(PAKNECONENGYXN) = DLOG(PAKNECONENGYGN) + 0.

$\times 0550557534575806*DUMH$

PAKNECONGOVTXN: DLOG(PAKNECONGOVTXN) =- 0.3*(LOG(PAKNECONGOVTXN(-1)) -.

$\times LOG(PAKNECONPRVTXN(-1))) + 0.0752362082122748 + 0.5*DLOG(PAKNECONGOVTXN(-1)).

$\times + (1 - 0.5)*DLOG(PAKNECONPRVTXN)$

PAKNECONOTHRXN: DLOG(PAKNECONOTHRXN) = 0.590372627657176*DLOG(PAKNYGDPFCSTXN) +.

$\times D(PAKGGREVGNFSXN/100) + (1 - 0.590372627657176)*DLOG(PAKNEIMPGNFSXN) + 0.

$\times 2*PAKNYGDPGAP_/100$

PAKNECONPRVTXN: @IDENTITY PAKNECONPRVTXN = ((PAKNECONENGYSH^PAKCESENGYCON) *.

$\times PAKNECONENGYXN^(1 - PAKCESENGYCON)) + (PAKNECONOTHRSH^PAKCESENGYCON) *.

$\times PAKNECONOTHRXN^(1 - PAKCESENGYCON))^(1 / (1 - PAKCESENGYCON))
```

```
mpak['PAKNECON*XN'].frml
```

```
PAKNECONENGYXN : FRML <DAMP, STOC> PAKNECONENGYXN = (PAKNECONENGYXN (-
41) *EXP (PAKNECONENGYXN_A+ (((LOG (PAKNECONENGYGN))-(LOG (PAKNECONENGYGN(-1))))+0.
→0550557534575806*DUMH) )) * (1-PAKNECONENGYXN_D) + PAKNECONENGYXN_
→X*PAKNECONENGYXN_D $
PAKNECONGOVTXN : FRML <DAMP, STOC> PAKNECONGOVTXN = (PAKNECONGOVTXN (-
41) *EXP (PAKNECONGOVTXN_A+ (-0.3* (LOG (PAKNECONGOVTXN (-1)) -LOG (PAKNECONPRVTXN (-
41)))+0.0752362082122748+0.5*((LOG(PAKNECONGOVTXN(-1)))-(LOG(PAKNECONGOVTXN(-
42))))+(1-0.5)*((LOG(PAKNECONPRVTXN))-(LOG(PAKNECONPRVTXN(-1))))))) * (1-
→PAKNECONGOVTXN_D) + PAKNECONGOVTXN_X*PAKNECONGOVTXN_D $
PAKNECONOTHRXN: FRML <DAMP, STOC> PAKNECONOTHRXN = (PAKNECONOTHRXN (-
41) *EXP (PAKNECONOTHRXN_A+ (0.590372627657176* ((LOG (PAKNYGDPFCSTXN)) -

↓ (LOG (PAKNYGDPFCSTXN(-1)))) + ((PAKGGREVGNFSXN/100) - (PAKGGREVGNFSXN(-1)/100)) + (1-0.
→590372627657176) * ((LOG(PAKNEIMPGNFSXN)) - (LOG(PAKNEIMPGNFSXN(-1))))+0.
42*PAKNYGDPGAP_/100) )) * (1-PAKNECONOTHRXN_D)+ PAKNECONOTHRXN_X*PAKNECONOTHRXN_D
PAKNECONPRVTXN : FRML <IDENT> PAKNECONPRVTXN =_
↔ ((PAKNECONENGYSH**PAKCESENGYCON)*PAKNECONENGYXN**(1-
←PAKCESENGYCON) + (PAKNECONOTHRSH**PAKCESENGYCON) *PAKNECONOTHRXN** (1-
→PAKCESENGYCON)) ** (1/(1-PAKCESENGYCON)) $
```

```
mpak['PAKNECONPRVT?N'].names
```

```
['PAKNECONPRVTCN', 'PAKNECONPRVTKN', 'PAKNECONPRVTXN']
```

```
mpak['#Headline'].des
```

```
PAKGDPPCKN : GDP per capita, 2005 LCU mn
PAKGGBALEXGRCN : Government Balance, excl. grants
```

#### The matching pattern can be a list

When matching names and descriptions the pattern can be a list

```
PAKNECONPRVTKN: HH. Cons Real
PAKNECONGOVTKN: Gov. Cons real
PAKNEGDIFTOTKN: Investment real
PAKNEIMPGNFSKN: Imports real
```

# 7.4 Behavioural equations in the MFMod framework

Recall a behavioural equation determines the value of an endogenous variable. For many of the variables in Wold Bank models, behavioural functions are estimated using an Error Correction Framework that splits the equation into a theoretically determined long run component and a more idiosyncratic short-run component.

Looking at the eviews representation of the consumption function:

Below the mnemonics are simplified to ease reading of the equation using:

Model Mnemonic	Simplified	Meaning
PAKNECONPRVTKN	$CON_t^{KN}$	Household Consumption
(PAKBXFSTREMTCD - PAKBMF-	$Remit_t^{net}$	Net remittances inflows in LCU
STREMTCD)*PAKPANUSATLS		
PAKGGEXPTRNSCN	$TRANSF_t^{hhld}$	Government transfers to house-
		holds
DURING_2010	$D_t^{2010}$	A dummy
PAKFMLBLPOLYXN	$r_t^{policy}$	Policy Rate
PAKGGREVDRCTXN	$DirectTxR_t$	Direct Taxes: Effective rate
PAKNECONPRVTKN_A	$CON_t^{KN_AF}$	Add factor:Household Con-
		sumption
PAKNECONPRVTXN	$CON_t^{XN}$	Household Consumption Defla-
		tor
PAKNYYWBTOTLCN	$WAGEBILL_{t}^{CI}$	Economy-wide wage bill

$$\begin{split} \Delta log(CON_{t}^{KN}) = & -0.2* \left[ LOG(CON_{t-1}^{KN}) - LOG\left(\frac{(Remit_{t-1}^{net} + WAGEBILL_{t-1}^{CN} + TRANSF_{t-1}^{hhld}) * (1 - DirectTxR_{t-1}/TRANSF_{t-1}^{hhld}) * (1 - DirectTxR_{t-1}/TRANSF_{t-1}/T$$

Where in this instance the short-run elasticity of consumption to disposable income is .76, and the short run elasticity of consumption to the real interest rate is 0.3.

# 7.4.1 The ECM specification

Pretty sure this repeats and earlier section. Delete one

The ECM approach used in World Bank models is described in [Wickens and Breusch, 1988], and addresses the above challenge by modelling both the long run relationship and the short run short run behaviour and brings them together into one equation.

The ECM specification is therefore a single equation comprised of two parts (the long run relationship, and the short-run relationship).

Consider as an example two variables say consumption and disposable income. Both have an underlying trend or in the parlance are co-integrated to degree 1. For simplicity we call them y an x.

#### The short run relationship

In its simplest form we might have a short run relationship between the growth rates of our two variables such that:

$$\Delta log(Y_t) = \alpha + \beta \Delta log(X_t) + \epsilon_t$$

or substituting lower case letters for the logged values.

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \beta \Delta x_t + \epsilon_t$$

#### The long run equation

The long run relates the level of the two (or more) variables. We can write a simple version of that equation as:

$$Y_t = \alpha X_t^{\beta} + \eta_t$$

Ib: shift from log to ln here

Rewriting this (in logarithms) it can be expressed as:

$$y_t = ln (\alpha) + \beta y_t + \eta_t$$

# 7.4.2 The long run equation in the steady state

First we note that in the steady state the expected value of the error term in the long run equation is zero ( $\eta_t = 0$ ) so in those conditions we can simplify the long run relationship to:

$$y_t = \ln (\alpha) + \beta x_t$$

or equivalently (substituting A for the log of  $\alpha$ ).

$$y_t - A - \beta x_t = 0$$

Moreover if we multiplied this by some arbitrary constant say  $-\lambda$  it would still equal zero.

$$-\lambda(y_t - A - \beta x_t)$$

and in the steady state this will also be true for the lagged variables

$$-\lambda(y_{t-1}A - \beta x_{t-1})$$

Ib: small change to

$$-\lambda(y_{t-1} - A - \beta x_{t-1})$$

# 7.5 Putting it together

From before we have the short run equation:

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \beta \Delta x_t + \epsilon_t$$

Inserting the steady state expression into the short run equation makes no difference (in the long run) because in the long run it is equal to zero.

$$\Delta y_t = -\lambda (y_{t-1} - A - \beta x_{t-1}) + \alpha + \beta \Delta x_t + \epsilon_t$$

Ib: small change to

$$\Delta y_t = -\lambda (y_{t-1} - A - \beta x_{t-1}) + \alpha + \beta \Delta x_t + \epsilon_t$$

When the model is not in the steady state the expression  $y_{t-1} - A - \beta x_{t-1}$  is of course the error term from the long run equation (a measure of how far the dependent variable is from equilibrium).

#### 7.5.1 Lambda, the speed of adjustment

The parameter  $\lambda$  can be interpreted as the speed of adjustment. As long as  $\lambda$  is greater than zero and less or equal to one if there are no further disturbances ( $\epsilon_t = 0$ ) the expression multiplied by lambda will slowly decline toward zero. How fast depends on how large or small is  $\lambda$ .

To be convergent  $\lambda$  must be between 0 and 2, if its is negative or greater than one, then the long run portion of the equation will cause the disequilibrium to grow each period ( $\lambda > 1$ ) not diminish or if ( $\lambda > 1 < 2$ ) output will oscillate from positive to negative ( $\lambda < 0$ ).

Intuitively, the long run error term measures how far we are from equilibrium one period earlier (at t-1). The ECM term ensures that we will slowly converge to equilibrium – the point at which the long run equation holds exactly. If  $$\lambda is greater than zero but less than one (or equal to one) some portion of the previous period year's disequilibrium will be absorbed each state of the previous period year's disequilibrium will be absorbed each state of the previous period year's disequilibrium will be absorbed each state of the previous period year's disequilibrium will be absorbed each state of the previous period year's disequilibrium will be absorbed each state of the previous period of the previous period of the previous period of the previous period year's disequilibrium will be absorbed each state of the previous period of the previ$ 

Looking at an ECM equation we can then break it up into its component parts. For the consumption function it will look something like this:

$$\Delta c_t = -\lambda \underbrace{(log(C_{t-1}) - log(Wages_{t-1} - Taxes_{t-1} + Transfers_{t-1} + \alpha)}_{\text{Long run}} + \beta \underbrace{\Delta y_t}_{\text{short run}}$$

2+2

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#### **SCENARIO ANALYSIS**

An essential feature of a model is that when given a specific set of inputs (the exogenous variables to the model) it will always return the same results.

Below a new ModelFlow sessionis prepared, initializing a pandas session and importing and solving a saved WBG model (NB: these are precisely the same commands they used to start the previous chapter) and would form the essential initialization commands of any python session using ModelFlow.

```
# import the model class from modelflow package
from modelclass import model
import modelmf
                   # Add useful features to pandas dataframes
                     # using utlities initially developed for modelflow
model.widescreen() # These modelflow commands ensure that outputs from modelflow_
⇔play well with Jupyter Notebook
model.scroll_off()
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
#Load a saved version of the Pakistan model and solve it,
#saving the results in the model object mpak, and the resulting dataframe in bline
#Replace the path below with the location of the pak.pcim file on your computer
mpak,bline = model.modelload('C:\mflow\modelflow-manual\papers\mfbook\content\models\
 →pak.pcim', \
                                alfa=0.7, run=1, keep= 'Baseline')
```

As noted, when the model is solved without changing any inputs (as was the case of the load) the model should return (reproduce) exactly the same data as before[^fn2]. To test this for mpak the results from the simulation can be compared by using the basedf and lastdf DataFrames.

[^fn2:] If it does not, the model has violated he principle of reproducibility and there is something wrong (usually one of the identities does not hold).

Below, the percent difference between the values of the variables for real GDP and Consumer demand in the two dataframes .basedf and lastdf is zero following a simulation where the inputs were not changed – confirming the reproduction of results.

```
# Need statement to change the default format mpak.smpl(2020,2030) mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN'].difpctlevel.mul100.df
```

```
PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN
2020
      0.0
2021
             0.0
                           0.0
2022
             0.0
                           0.0
2023
             0.0
                           0.0
2024
             0.0
                           0.0
                           0.0
2025
             0.0
2026
             0.0
                           0.0
2027
             0.0
                           0.0
             0.0
                           0.0
2028
2029
              0.0
                           0.0
2030
              0.0
                           0.0
```

#### 8.1 Different kinds of simulations

The modelflow package performs 4 different kinds of simulation:

- 1. A shock to an exogenous variable in the model
- 2. An exogenous shock of a behavioural variable, executed by exogenizing the variable
- 3. An endogenous shock of a behavioural variable, executed by shocking the add factor of the variable.
- 4. A mixed shock of a behavioural variable, achieved by temporarily exogenizing the variable.

Although technically modelflow would allow us to shock identities, that would violate their nature as accounting rules. **Effectively such a shock would break the economic sense of the model.** 

As a result, this we possibility is not discussed.

#### 8.1.1 A shock to an exogenous variable

A World Bank model will reproduce the same values if inputs (exogenous variables) are not changed. In the simulation below, the oil price is changed – increasing by \$25 for the three years between 2025 and 2027 inclusive.

As a first step a new input dataframe is created as a copy of the original and then the oil price in that data frame is modified using the mfcalc method to change the value for the three years in question.

Finally pandas math is used to display the initial value, the changed value and the difference between the two, confirming that the mfcalc statement revised the oil price data.

```
#Make a copy of the baseline dataframe
oilshockdf=mpak.basedf
oilshockdf=oilshockdf.mfcalc("<2025 2027> WLDFCRUDE_PETRO = WLDFCRUDE_PETRO +25")

compdf=mpak.basedf.loc[2000:2030,['WLDFCRUDE_PETRO']]
compdf['LASTDF']=oilshockdf.loc[2000:2030,['WLDFCRUDE_PETRO']]
compdf['Dif']=compdf['LASTDF']-compdf['WLDFCRUDE_PETRO']
compdf.loc[2024:2030]
```

	WLDFCRUDE_PETRO	LASTDF	Dif
2024	80.367180	80.367180	0.0
2025	85.336809	110.336809	25.0
2026	90.613742	115.613742	25.0
2027	96.216983	121.216983	25.0
2028	102.166709	102.166709	0.0
2029	108.484346	108.484346	0.0
2030	115.192643	115.192643	0.0

#### Running the simulation

Having created a new dataframe comprised of all the old data plus the changed data for the oil price, a simulation can now be run.

In the command below, the simulation is run from 2020 to 2040, using the oilshockdf as the input DataFrame. The results of the simulation are assigned to a new DataFrame named ExogOilSimul. The Keep command ensures that the mpak model object stores (keeps) a copy of the results identified by the text name '\$25 increase in oil prices 2025-27'.

```
#Simulate the model
ExogOilSimul = mpak(oilshockdf,2020,2040,keep='$25 increase in oil prices 2025-27')
```

#### **Results**

ModelFlow tools can be used to visualize the impacts of the shock; as a print out; as charts and within Jupyter notebook as an interactive widget.

The display below confirms that the shock was executed as desired. The dif.df method returns the difference between the .lastdf and .basedf values of the selected variable(s) as a DataFrame. The with mpak. set\_smpl(2020,2030): clause temporarily restricts the sample period over which the following **indented** commands are executed.

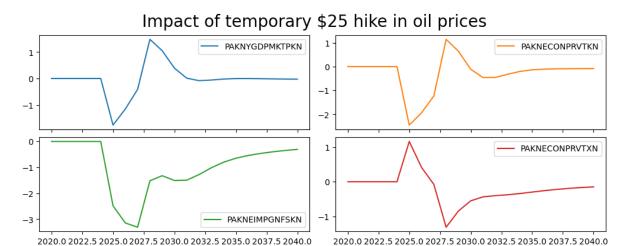
Alternatively the mpak.smpl (2020, 2030) could be used. This would restrict the time period of over which all subsequent commands are executed.

```
with mpak.set_smpl(2020,2030):
    print(mpak['WLDFCRUDE_PETRO'].dif.df);
```

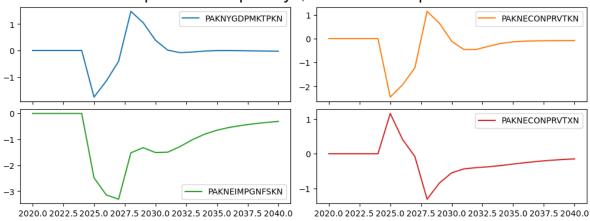
WLDF	CRUDE_PETRO
2020	0.0
2021	0.0
2022	0.0
2023	0.0
2024	0.0
2025	25.0
2026	25.0
2027	25.0
2028	0.0
2029	0.0
2030	0.0

Below the impact of this change on a few variables are expressed graphically and in a table.

The first variable PAKNYGDPMKTPKN is Pakistan's real GDP, the second PAKNECONPRVTKN is real consumption and the third is the Consumer price deflator PAKNECONPRVTXN.



# Impact of temporary \$25 hike in oil prices



	PAKNYGDPMKTPKN	PAKNECONPRVTKN	PAKNEIMPGNFSKN	PAKNECONPRVTXN
2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.00
2022	-0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	-1.76	-2.45	-2.48	1.16
2026	-1.15	-1.94	-3.15	0.41
2027	-0.41	-1.23	-3.31	-0.08
2028	1.48	1.14	-1.52	-1.31
2029	1.05	0.64	-1.32	-0.84
2030	0.39	-0.11	-1.51	-0.55
2031	0.01	-0.46	-1.49	-0.44
2032	-0.08	-0.45	-1.28	-0.40
2033	-0.06	-0.32	-1.02	-0.38

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				,	1 10,
2034	-0.02	-0.20	-0.80	-0.34	
2035	-0.00	-0.14	-0.65	-0.30	
2036	-0.00	-0.11	-0.54	-0.26	
2037	-0.01	-0.09	-0.46	-0.22	
2038	-0.02	-0.09	-0.40	-0.19	
2039	-0.02	-0.08	-0.35	-0.17	
2040	-0.03	-0.08	-0.31	-0.15	

The graphs show the change in the level as a percent of the previous level. They suggest that a temporary \$25 oil price hike would reduce GDP in the first year by about 0.9 percent, that the impact would diminish by the third year to -.64 percent, and then turn positive in the fourth year when the price effect was eliminated.

The impacts on household consumption are stronger but follow a similar pattern.

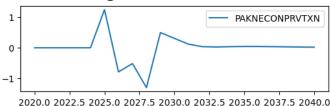
The GDP impact is smaller partly because the decline in domestic demand reduces imports. Because imports enter into the GDP identity with a negative sign. Therefore a reduction in imports actually increase aggregate GDP – or in this case partially offsets the declines coming from reduced consumption (and investment).

Finally as could be expected, initially prices rise sharply with higher oil prices. However, as the slow down in growth is felt, inflationary pressures turn negative and the overall impact on the price level turns negative. The graph and table above shows what is happening to the **price level**. To see the impact on inflation (the rate of growth of prices), a separate graph can be generated using difpct.mull100, which shows the change in the rate of growth of variables where the

growth rate is expressed as a per cent 
$$\left[\left(\frac{x_t^{shock}}{x_{t-1}^{shock}}-1\right)-\left(\frac{x_t^{baseline}}{x_{t-1}^{baseline}}-1\right)\right]*100.$$

 $\label{lem:mpak} $$ \pak['PAKNECONPRVTXN']. diffect.mull100.plot(title="Change in inflation from a temporary $$ 4$25 hike in oil prices") $$$ 

# Change in inflation from a temporary \$25 hike in oil prices



Ib how come this graph shows up so small. How can we affect its size?

This view, gives a more nuanced result. The inflation rate increases initially by about 1.2 percentage points, but falls compared with the baseline below in the 2026-2027 period as the as the influence of the slowdown in GDP more than offsets the continued inflationary impetus from the lagged increase in oil prices. In 2028, when oil prices drop back to their previous level, there is an additional dis-inflationary force and sharp drop in inflation as compared with the baseline. Overtime, the boost to demand from lower prices translates into an acceleration in growth and a return of inflation back to its trend rate.

#### 8.1.2 An exogenous shock to a Behavioural variable

Behavioural equations can be de-activated by exogenizing them, either for the entire simulation period, or for a selected sub period. In this example, consumption is exogenized for the entire simulation period.

To motivate the simulation, it is assumed that a change in weather patterns has increased the number of sunny days by 10 percent. This increases households happiness and causes them to permanently increase their spending by 2.5% beginning in 2025.

Such a shock can be specified either manually or by using the fix() method. Below the simpler fix() method is used, but the equivalent manual steps performed by fix() are also explained.

To exogenize PAKNECONPRVTKN for the entire simulation period, initially a new DataFrame Cfixed is created as a slightly modified version of mpak.basedf using the .fix() command.

```
Cfixed=mpak.fix(mpak.basedf,PAKNECONPRVTKN)
```

This does two things, that could have been done manually. First it sets the dummy variable PAKNECONPRVTKN\_D=1 for the entire simulation period. Recall the consumption equation like all behavioural equations of World Banjk models implemented in ModelFlowis expressed in tow parts.

$$cons = (1 - cons_D) * \left[ C'(X) \right] + cons_d * cons_x$$

When  $cons_D=1$  the first part (as it does in this scenario) the equation evaluate to zero and consumption is equal to  $(1)^* \ cons_x$ . If instead (which would be the normal case  $cons_d$  were set to zero. the the equation would simplify to cons=C'(X)

Then .fix() method then sets the variable PAKNECONPRVTKN\_X in the Cfixed dataframe equal to the value of PAKNECONPRVTKN in the basedf. DataFrame. All the other variables are just copies of their values in .basedf.

With PAKNECONPRVTKN\_D=1 throughout the normal behavioral equation is effectively de-activated or exogenized ...  $PAKNECONPRVTKN = PAKNECONPRVTKN_X$ .

```
mpak.smpl() # reset the active sample period to the full model.
Cfixed=mpak.fix(bline,'PAKNECONPRVTKN')
```

For the moment, the equation is exogenized but the values have been set to the same values as the .basedf dataframe, so solving the model will not change anything.

The .upd() method can be used to implement the assumption that Real consumption (PAKNECONPRVTYKN) would be 2.5% stronger.

```
Cfixed=Cfixed.upd("<2025 2040> PAKNECONPRVTKN_X * 1.025")
```

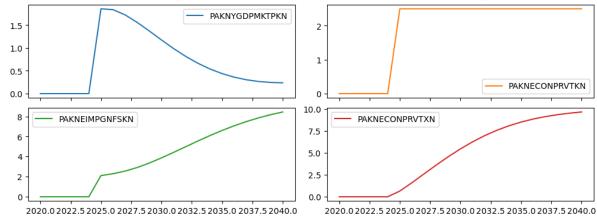
To perform the simulation, the revised CFixed DataFrame is input to the mpak model solve routine.

```
CFixedRes = mpak(Cfixed, 2020, 2040, keep='2.5% increase in C 2025-40 (fix)')
```

And then the results can be examined graphically as before.

```
CFixedRes = mpak(Cfixed,2020,2040,keep='2.5% increase in C 2025-40') # simulates thewardel
mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN PAKNECONPRVTXN'].difpctlevel.
mul100.plot(title="Impact of a permanent 2.5% increase in Consumption")
```

# Impact of a permanent 2.5% increase in Consumption



```
import pandas as pd
with pd.option_context('display.float_format', '{:,.2f}'.format):
    with mpak.set_smpl(2020,2040):
        print(mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN PAKNECONPRVTXN'].
    difpctlevel.mul100.df)
```

	PAKNYGDPMKTPKN	PAKNECONPRVTKN	PAKNEIMPGNFSKN	PAKNECONPRVTXN
2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021	-0.00	0.00	-0.00	0.00
2022	-0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	-0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	1.86	2.50	2.11	0.65
2026	1.84	2.50	2.29	1.60
2027	1.72	2.50	2.56	2.61
2028	1.56	2.50	2.92	3.61
2029	1.37	2.50	3.37	4.56
2030	1.17	2.50	3.88	5.45
2031	0.99	2.50	4.42	6.25
2032	0.81	2.50	4.99	6.96
2033	0.66	2.50	5.55	7.57
2034	0.54	2.50	6.10	8.08
2035	0.44	2.50	6.61	8.50
2036	0.36	2.50	7.07	8.85
2037	0.30	2.50	7.49	9.12
2038	0.27	2.50	7.86	9.34
2039	0.24	2.50	8.17	9.52
2040	0.24	2.50	8.45	9.65

The permanent rise in consumption by 2.5 percent causes a temporary increase in GDP of close to 2% (1.86). Higher imports tend to diminish the effect on GDP. Over time higher prices due to the inflationary pressures caused by the additional demand cause the GDP impact to diminish to close to less than 1 percent by 2040.

# 8.1.3 Temporarily exogenize a behavioural variable

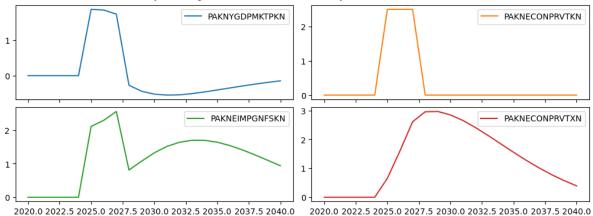
The third method of formulating a scenario involves temporarily exogenizing a variable. The methodology is the same except the period for which the variable is exogenized is different.

Here the set up is basically the same as before.

```
#reset the active sample period to the full period
mpak.smpl()
# create a copy of the bline DataFrame, but setting the PAKNECONPRVTKN_D variable to
1 for the period 2025 through 2027
CTempExogAll=mpak.fix(bline,'PAKNECONPRVTKN')
# multiply the exogenized value of consumption by 2.5% for 2025 through 2027
CTempExogAll=CTempExogAll.upd("<2025 2027> PAKNECONPRVTKN_X * 1.025")

#Solve the model
CTempXAllRes = mpak(CTempExogAll,2020,2040,keep='2.5% increase in C 2025-27 -- exogenthelements whole period') # simulates the model
mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN PAKNECONPRVTXN'].difpctlevel.
emul100.plot(title="Temporary hike in Consumption 2025-2027")
```

# Temporary hike in Consumption 2025-2027



The results are quite different. GDP is boosted initially as before but when consumption drops back to its pre-shock level, GDP and imports decline sharply.

Prices (and inflation) are higher initially but when the economy starts to slow after 2025 prices actually fall (deflation). While prices are falling, the level of prices remains higher at the end of the simulation.

#### Temporary shock exogenized for the whole period

This scenario is the same as the previous, but this time the -KG (keep\_growth) option is used to maintain the pre-shock growth rates of consumption in the post-shock period. Effectively this is the same as a permanent increase in the level of consumption by 2.5% because the final shocked value of consumption (which was 2.5% higher then its pre-shock level) is grown at the same pre-shock rate – ensuring that all post-shock variables are also up by 2.5%.

```
mpak.smpl() # reset the active sample period to the full model.
CTempExogAllKG=mpak.fix(bline,'PAKNECONPRVTKN')
CTempExogAllKG = CTempExogAllKG.upd('''
<2025 2027> PAKNECONPRVTKN_X * 1.025 --kg
''',lprint=0)
```

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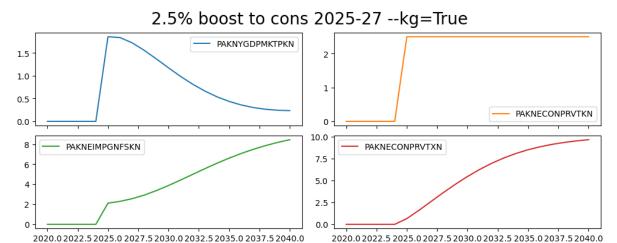
```
#Now we solve the model

CTempXAllResKG = mpak(CTempExogAllKG,2020,2040,keep='2.5% increase in C 2025-27 ---

exog whole period --KG=True') # simulates the model

mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN PAKNECONPRVTXN'].difpctlevel.

emul100.plot(title="2.5% boost to cons 2025-27 --kg=True")
```



## 8.1.4 Exogenize the variable only for the period during which it is shocked

This scenario introduces a subtle but import difference. Here we the variable is again exogenized using the fix syntax. But this time it is exogonized only for the period where the variable is shocked.

This means that the consumption function will be de-activated for only three years (instead of the whole period as in the previous examples). As a result, the values that consumption takes in 2028, 2029, ... 2040 depend on the model, not the level it was set to when exogenized (which was the case in the 3 previous versions).

Looking at the maths of the model the consumption equation is effectively split into two.

for the period before  $2025\ cons_d=0$  and the consumption equation simplifies to:

$$cons = C(X)$$

for the period 2025-2028 it is exogenized  $(cons_d = 1)$  so it simplifies to:

```
cons = cons_x
```

but in the final period 2028-2040 ( $cons_d = 0$ ) and the equation reverts to:

$$cons = C(X)$$

```
mpak.smpl() # reset the active sample period to the full model.

CExogTemp=mpak.fix(bline,'PAKNECONPRVTKN',2025,2027)

-#Consumption is exogenized only for three years 2025 2026 and 2027 PAKNECONPRVTKN_
-D=1 for 2025,2026, 2027 0 elsewhere.

CExogTemp = CExogTemp.upd('<2025 2027> PAKNECONPRVTKN_X * 1.025',lprint=0) #In_
-subsequent years it's level will be determined by the equation

#Solve the model
```

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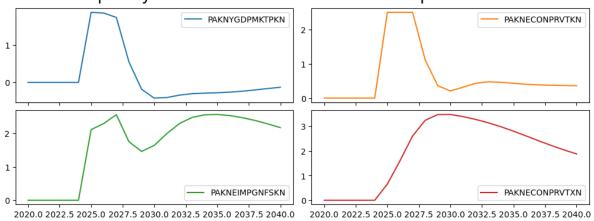
```
CExogTempRes = mpak(CExogTemp,2020,2040,keep='2.5% increase in C 2025-27 ---

temporarily exogenized') # simulates the model

mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN PAKNECONPRVTXN'].difpctlevel.

mul100.plot(title="Temporary 2.5% boost to cons 2025-27 - equation active")
```

# Temporary 2.5% boost to cons 2025-27 - equation active



These results have subtle differences compared with the previous. The most obvious is visible in looking at the graph for Consumption. Rather than reverting immediately to its earlier pre-shock level, it falls more gradually and actually overshoots (falls below its earlier level), before returning slowly to its pre-shock level. That is because unlike in the previous shocks, its path is being determined endogenously and reacting to changes elsewhere in the model, notably changes to prices, wages and government spending as well as the lagged level of consumption.

```
Consumption base and shock levels

Real values in 2030
Base value: 28,135,788. Shocked value: 28,448,932.

Percent difference: 5.04

Real values in 2040
Base value: 37,822,748. Shocked value: 37,958,655.

Percent difference: 0.36
```

#### 8.1.5 Simulation with Add factors

Add factors are a crucial element of the macromodels of the World Bank and serve multiple purposes.

In simulation, add-factors allow simulations to be conducted **without** de-activating behavioural equations. Such shocks are often referred to as **endogenous** shocks because the equation of the behavioural variable that is shocked remains active throughout.

In some ways they are very similar to a temporary exogenous shock. Both ways of producing the shock allow the shocked variable to respond endogenously in the period after the shock. The main difference between the two approaches is that:

- Endogenous shocks (Add-Factor shocks) allow the shocked variable to respond to changed circumstances that occur during the period of the shock.
  - This approach makes most sense for "animal spirits", shocks where the underlying behaviour is expected to change.
  - It also makes sense when actions of one part of an aggregate is likely to impact behaviour of other sectors within an aggregate
  - increased investment by a particular sector would be an example here as the associated increase in activity
    is likely to increase investment incentives in other sectors, while increased demand for savings will increase
    interest rates and the cost of capital operating in the opposite direction.
  - Sustained changes in behaviour, for example increased propensity to invest because of improved recognition
- Exogenous shocks to endogenous variables fix the level of the shocked variable during the shock period.
  - Changes in government spending policy, something that is often largely an economically exogenous decision.

#### Simulating the impact of a planned investment

The below simulation uses the add-factor to simulate the impact of a 3 year investment program beginning in 2025 of 1 percent of GDP per year, that is financed through an increase in foreign direct investment. This might reflect a specific large scale plant that is being constructed due to a deal reached by the government with a foreign manufacturer. The add-factor approach is chosen because the additional investment is likely to increase demand for the products of other firms, which is likely to incite them to add to their investments as well.

#### How to translate the economic shock into a model shock

Add-factors in the MFMod framework are applied to the intercept of an equation (not the level of the dependent variable). This preserves the estimated elasticities of the equation, but makes introduction of an add-factor shock somewhat more complicated than the exogenous approach. Below a step-by-step how-to guide:

- 1. Identify numerical size of the shock
- 2. Examine the functional form of the equation, to determine the nature of the add factor. If the equation is expressed as a:
  - growth rate then the add-factor will be an addition or subtraction to the growth rate
  - **percent of GDP** (**or some other level**) then the add-factor will be an addition or subtraction to the share of growth.
  - Level then the add-factor will be a direct addition to the level of the dependent variable
- 3. Convert the economic shock into the units of the add-factor
- 4. Shock the add-factor by the above amount and run the model

 Note the add-factor is an exogenous variable in the model, so shocking it follows the well established process for shocking an exogenous variable.

#### Determine the size of shock

Above we identified the shock as to be a 1 percent of GDP increase in FDI that flows directly into private-sector investment. A first step would be to determine the variables that need to be shocked (FDI) and private investment. To do this we can query the variable dictionary.

```
mpak['*NY*'].des
```

```
PAKNYGDPDISCCN
PAKNYGDPDISCKN
                                                            : Statistical Discrepency
                                                          : Statistical Discrepency (Expenditure Side)
PAKNYGDPFCSTCN
                                                          : GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPFCSTKN
                                                          : GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN : GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_A : Add factor:GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_D : Exo dummy:GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_FITTED : Fitted value:GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPFCSTXN_X : Exo value:GDP at factor cost
PAKNYGDPGAP_ : Output Gap (% of Potential GDP)
PAKNYGDPMKTPCD : Nominal GDP Market Prices (USD)
PAKNYGDPMKTPCN VALUE 2010 : PAKNYGDPMKTPCN VALUE 2010
PAKNYGDPMKTPCN_VALUE_2010 : PAKNYGDPMKTPCN_VALUE_2010
PAKNYGDPMKTPKD : PAKNYGDPMKTPKD
PAKNYGDPMKTPKN : GDP Expenditure side at market prices
PAKNYGDPMKTPKN_VALUE_2010 : PAKNYGDPMKTPKN_VALUE_2010
PAKNYGDPMKTPXN : GDP deflator
PAKNYGDPPOTLKN : Potential GDP
                                                          : Potential GDP
PAKNYGDPTFP
PAKNYTAXNINDCN
PAKNYTAXNINDKN
                                                          : TFP
PAKNYGDPTFP
PAKNYTAXNINDCN
PAKNYTAXNINDKN
PAKNYWBFORMSH
PAKNYWBFORMSH
PAKNYWBINFMSH
PAKNYWRTFORMCN
PAKNYWRTFORMCN
PAKNYWRTFORMCN
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_A
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_D
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_FITTED
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_X
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_X
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_X
PAKNYWRTFORMCN_X
PAKNYWRTINFMCN
: Trp
Paknywrtformal wage
Paknywrtformal wage
Paknywrtformal wage
Paknywrtformal wage
Paknywrtformal wage
Paknywrtformal wage
PAKNYWRTINFMCN : Informal wage
PAKNYWRTINFMCN_A : Add factor:Informal wage
PAKNYWRTINFMCN_D : Exo dummy:Informal wage
PAKNYWRTINFMCN_FITTED : Fitted value:Informal wage
PAKNYWRTINFMCN_X : Exo value:Informal wage
PAKNYWRTIOTLCN : Wages
PAKNYWRTTOTLCN
                                                          : Wages
 PAKNYYGOSOTLCN
                                                          : PAKNYYGOSOTLCN
PAKNYYWBFORMCN
PAKNYYWBINFMCN
                                                          : PAKNYYWBFORMCN
PAKNYYWBINFMCN : PAKNYYWBINFMCN
PAKNYYWBINFMCN_ : PAKNYYWBINFMCN_
PAKNYYWBTOTLCN : Economy-wide wage bill
PAKNYYWBTOTLCN_ : PAKNYYWBTOTLCN_
```

#### Identify the functional form(s)

To understand how to shock using the add factor, it is essential to understand how the add-factor enters into the equation.

Addfactor is on the intercept of	Shock needs to be calculated as
a growth equation	a change in th growth rate
Share of GDP	a percent of GDP
Level	as change in the level

Use the .eviews command or .original command to identify the functional forms if the equation to be shocked.

```
# This needs to be rewritten to use the eviews expression when published mpak['PAKNEGDIFPRVKN'].frml
```

```
PAKNEGDIFPRVKN: FRML <Z,EXO> PAKNEGDIFPRVKN = (-PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A*PAKNEGDIKSTKKN(-$1)+ (-0.00526826150713402+0.826734606421746*(PAKNEGDIFPRVKN(-1)/PAKNEGDIKSTKKN(-$2))+(1-0.826734606421746)*(((LOG(PAKNYGDPPOTLKN))-(LOG(PAKNYGDPPOTLKN(-$1))))+PAKDEPR)-0.00378813564556318*((LOG(PAKNEKRTTOTLCN/PAKNYGDPFCSTXN))-(LOG(PAKNEKRTTOTLCN(-1)/PAKNYGDPFCSTXN(-1)))) *PAKNEGDIKSTKKN(-1)) * (1-$PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_D)+ PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_X*PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_D $
```

#### Calculate the size of the required add factor shock

The shock to be executed is 0.5 percent of GDP.

It is assumed that the financing will come from FDI and that all the money will be spent in one year on private investment.

The private investment equation is written as a share of the capital stock. Therefore, the add-factor needs to be shocked by adding 1 percent of GDP to private investment in 2028 divided by the capital stock in 2028.

```
#Create a DataFrame AFShock that is equal to the baseline
AFShock=bline

#Display the level of the AF
print("Pre shock levels")
AFShock.loc[2025:2030,['PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A','PAKNEGDIFPRVKN','PAKNEGDIKSTKKN']]

#print(AFShock.loc[2025:2030,'PAKNEGDIFPRVKN']/AFShock.loc[2025:2030,'PAKNYGDPMKTPKN']*100)
```

```
Pre shock levels
     PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A PAKNEGDIFPRVKN PAKNEGDIKSTKKN
2025
            -0.000309 3.052318e+06
                                        5.488646e+07
            -0.000262 3.151336e+06
                                        5.705195e+07
2026
2027
            -0.000223
                         3.253609e+06
                                         5.929062e+07
2028
            -0.000190
                         3.359015e+06
                                         6.160149e+07
2029
            -0.000161
                         3.467475e+06
                                         6.398388e+07
2030
            -0.000137
                         3.578949e+06
                                         6.643724e+07
```

Below the mfcalc routine is used to set the addfactor variable equal to its previous value plus the equivalent of 1 percent of GDP when expressed as a percent of the previous period's level of private investment.

```
AFShock=AFShock.mfcalc("<2028 2028> PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A = PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A + (.

$01*PAKNYGDPMKTPKN/PAKNEGDIKSTKKN)");

print("Post shock levels")

AFShock.loc[2025:2030,'PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A']
```

```
Post shock levels

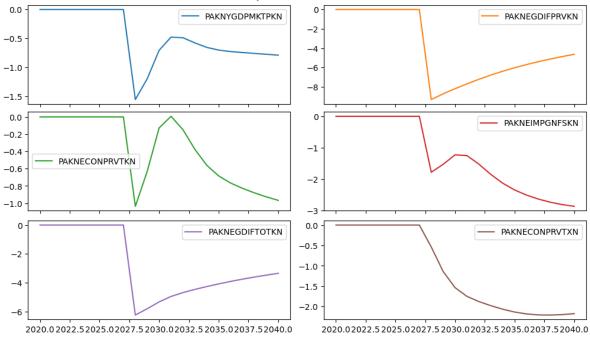
2025   -0.000309
2026   -0.000262
2027   -0.000223
2028    0.005111
2029   -0.000161
2030   -0.000137
Name: PAKNEGDIFPRVKN_A, dtype: float64
```

#### Run the shock

```
AFShockRes = mpak(AFShock, 2020, 2040, keep='1% of GDP increase in FDI and private_
investment (AF shock)')

mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKNEGDIFPRVKN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN PAKNEGDIFTOTKN_
PAKNECONPRVTXN'].difpctlevel.mul100.plot(title="Add factor shock on private_
investment 1% of GDP")
```

# Add factor shock on private investment 1% of GDP



**CHAPTER** 

NINE

# REPORT WRITING AND SCENARIO RESULTS

ModelFlow, standard pandas routines and other python libraries like Matplotlib and Plotly can be used to visualize and compare dataframes and therefore the results, from scenarios — as indeed has been done in the preceding paragraphs.

In addition, ModelFlow also provides several specific routines that make such comparisons easier.

# 9.1 The Keep option

The **Keep** option facilitates the comparison of results from different scenarios run on a give model object. In each of the simulations executed above, the keep option was activated. This causes the results from each simulation in a unique DataFrame that can be identified by the descriptor given to it.

# 9.2 The .keep\_plot() method

The keep\_plot method can be used to plot and compare results from the various scenarios that had been run earlier using the keep= option.

By default the results across all scenarios for each selected variables will be shown on one chart at a time.

```
mpak.keep_plot('PAKNYGDPMKTPCN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN', legend=True)
#show for each variable on a separate chart the results from each kept scenario
```

```
{'PAKNYGDPMKTPCN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>,
    'PAKNECONPRVTKN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>,
    'PAKNEIMPGNFSKN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>}
```

# 9.2.1 keep\_plot() options

The **variables** to be displayed are listed as first argument. Variable names can include wildcards (using \* for any string and ? for any character).

#### Transformation of data displayed:

showtype=	Use this operator
'level' (default)	No transformation
'growth'	The growth rate in percent
'change'	The yearly change $(\Delta)$

#### legend placement

legend=	Use this operator
False (default)	The legends are placed at the end of the corresponding line
True	The legends are places in a legend box

Often it is useful to compare the scenario results with the baseline result. This is done with the diff argument.

diff=	Use this operator
False (default)	All entries in the keep_solution dictionary are displayed
True	The difference to the first entry is shown.

It can also be useful to compare the scenario results with the baseline result **measured in percent**. This is done with the diffpct argument.

diffpct=	Use this operator
False (default)	All entries in the keep_solution dictionary is displayed
True	The difference in percent to the first entry is shown

savefig='[path/]<prefix>.<extension>' Will create a number of files with the charts. The files will be saved location with name <path>/<prefix><variable name>.<extension> The extension determines the format of the saved file: pdf, svg and png are the most common extensions.

# 9.2.2 An example using the diff=TRUE option

When diff=True (or 1) results will be shown all of the selected scenarios presented as the change in selected variables with respect to the first scenario – in this instance the scenario saves with the name baseline.

```
Note in this instance `baseline` and `basedf` are the same because they were defined that way. However, there is nothing in the system that guarantees that the first \( \text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\
```

```
mpak.keep_plot('PAKNYGDPMKTPCN PAKNECONPRVTKN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN', diff=1, legend=True)
```

```
{'PAKNYGDPMKTPCN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>,
    'PAKNECONPRVTKN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>,
    'PAKNEIMPGNFSKN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>}
```

# 9.2.3 The showtype option

In this example the difference with respect first 'keep scenario baseline values are once again shown. This time the showtype option has been set to growth. As a result the data is displayed as the difference in the growth rate.

```
mpak.keep_plot('PAKNYGDPMKTPCN PAKNEIMPGNFSKN', diff=1,showtype='growth', legend=True)
{'PAKNYGDPMKTPCN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>,
```

'PAKNEIMPGNFSKN': <Figure size 1000x600 with 1 Axes>}

#### 9.2.4 The diffpct option

Setting diffpct=True instructs .keep\_plot() to display the data as a percent deviation from the first kep scenario.

#### Differences in percent of baseline values

In this plot, the same results are presented, but as percent deviations from the baseline values of the displayed data.

#### 9.2.5 The .keep\_switch() method

The .keep\_switch() method restricts the number of scenarios on which subsequent calls to .keep\_plot() (and .keep\_plot\_multi()) are executed on .keep\_switch() can be passed a list of scenarios or

```
mpak.keep_plot(help)
```

```
AttributeError Traceback (most recent call last)

Cell In[29], line 1

----> 1 mpak.keep_plot(help)

File C:\modelflow2\modelflow\modelclass.py:4387, in Display_Mixin.keep_plot(self,__
pat, start, end, start_ofset, end_ofset, showtype, diff, diffpct, mul, title,__
plegend, scale, yunit, ylabel, dec, trans, showfig, vline, savefig, keep_dim_lext page)
pdataonly)
```

```
4385 try:
   4386 if keep_dim:
-> 4387
               dfs = self.keep_get_dict(pat, start, end, start_ofset, end_ofset)
   4388
            else:
   4389
               dfs = self.keep_var_dict(pat, start, end, start_ofset, end_ofset)
File C:\modelflow2\modelflow\modelclass.py:4037, in Display_Mixin.keep_get_
dict(self, pat, start, end, start_ofset, end_ofset, diff)
           return
   4035 allvars = list({c for k, df in self.keep_solutions.items()
   4036
                       for c in df.columns})
-> 4037 vars = self.list_names(allvars, pat)
   4038 \text{ res} = \{\}
   4039 with self.set_smpl(start, end) as a, self.set_smpl_relative(start_ofset,_
⇔end_ofset):
File C:\modelflow2\modelflow\modelclass.py:1134, in Org_model_Mixin.list_
→names(input, pat, sort)
   1132 '''returns a list of variable in input matching the pattern'''
   1133 if sort:
-> 1134
           out = [v for up in pat.split()
   1135
                   for v in sorted(fnmatch.filter(input, up.upper()))]
   1136 else:
   1137
          out = [v for up in pat.split()
   1138
                   for v in fnmatch.filter(input, up.upper())]
AttributeError: '_Helper' object has no attribute 'split'
```

#### 9.2.6 The results visualization widget view

When working in Jupyter Notebook, referencing a selection of series will cause a data visualization widget to be generated that allows you to look at results (basesdf vs latestdf) for the selected variables as tables or charts, as levels, as growth rates and as percent differences from baseline.

```
mpak['PAKNYGDPMKTPCN PAKNYGDPMKTPKN PAKGGEXPTOTLCN PAKGGREVTOTLCN PAKNECONGOVTKN']
```

```
Tab(children=(Tab(children=(HTML(value='<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"_standalone="no"?>\n<!DOCTYPE svg ...
```

# Part IV More modelflow features

The preceding chapters have demonstrated how to install modelflow, download a World Bank macro model, perform a variety of simulations with the model and report the results using some of the core functionalities of the modelflow library. In this section demonstrates some additional functionality that can be helpful.

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**CHAPTER** 

**TEN** 

# THE MODEL WIDGET CLASS

The model widget class provides some additional display routines that might be useful.

To access it in addition to initializing you python session with 1modelflow one also needs to import the modelwidget class, which is installed as part of the modelflow library.

```
import pandas as pd
from modelclass import model
import modelwidget as mw # import the modelwidget class into the python session
model.widescreen()
model.scroll_off()

#load a pre-existing model
mpak,result = model.modelload('../../models/pak.pcim',run=1,silent=1)
```

# 10.1 The .html\_widget\_df() method

The .html\_widget\_df() method takes a dataframe and displays it as a nicely formatted html table. Below we create a DataFarme comprised of the growth rates of all the national expenditure variables in the mpak model.

```
HTML(value='<style type="text/css">\n#T_e8583 thead tr:nth-child(1) th {\n position: sticky;\n background-co...
```

```
#mw.htmlwidget_fig(mpak,dispdf).show
help(mw)
```

```
Help on module modelwidget:
   modelwidget - Created on Mon Aug 9 14:46:11 2021
DESCRIPTION
   To define Jupyter widgets show variables.
   @author: Ib
CLASSES
   builtins.object
       basewidget
       htmlwidget_df
       htmlwidget_fig
       htmlwidget_label
        sheetwidget
        slidewidget
        sumslidewidget
        tabwidget
        updatewidget
        visshow
   class basewidget(builtins.object)
     | basewidget(datachildren: list = <factory>) -> None
    | basis for widget updating in jupyter
    | Methods defined here:
       __eq__(self, other)
    __init__(self, datachildren: list = <factory>) -> None
       __repr__(self)
       update_df(self, df, current_per)
           will update container widgets
       Data descriptors defined here:
       __dict_
           dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
        __weakref__
           list of weak references to the object (if defined)
       Data and other attributes defined here:
       __annotations__ = {'datachildren': <class 'list'>}
       __dataclass_fields__ = {'datachildren': Field(name='datachildren', type...
       __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
     | __hash__ = None
                                                                      (continues on next page)
```

```
class htmlwidget_df(builtins.object)
   | htmlwidget_df(mmodel: <built-in function any>, df_var: <built-in function_
→any> = Empty DataFrame
   | Columns: []
    | Index: [], trans: <built-in function any> = <function htmlwidget_df.
_{	extsf{q}}<ahreen-the-dambda> at 0x000001DFE726EF70>, transpose: bool = False, expname: str = ^{"}
→percent: bool = False) -> None
    | class displays a dataframe in a html widget
    | Methods defined here:
      __eq__(self, other)
    __init__(self, mmodel: <built-in function any>, df_var: <built-in function__
→any> = Empty DataFrame
   | Columns: []
    | Index: [], trans: <built-in function any> = <function htmlwidget_df.
دراambda> at 0x000001DFE726EF70>, transpose: bool = False, expname: str = '', د
→percent: bool = False) -> None
        _post_init__(self)
       __repr__(self)
      trans lambda x
      Readonly properties defined here:
      show
      Data descriptors defined here:
       __dict__
          dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
           list of weak references to the object (if defined)
      Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'df_var': <built-in function any>, 'expname': <clas...
      __dataclass_fields__ = {'df_var': Field(name='df_var',type=<built-in f...
      __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
       __hash__ = None
      df_var = Empty DataFrame
      Columns: []
   | Index: []
                                                                     (continues on next page)
```

```
| expname = ''
   | percent = False
   | transpose = False
  class htmlwidget_fig(builtins.object)
   | htmlwidget_fig(figs: <built-in function any>, expname: str = '', format:_
⇔str = 'svg') -> None
   | class displays a dataframe in a html widget
   | Methods defined here:
   | __eq__(self, other)
    __init__(self, figs: <built-in function any>, expname: str = '', format:_
⇔str = 'svg') -> None
      __post_init__(self)
       __repr__(self)
      Data descriptors defined here:
      __dict__
          dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
      __weakref__
          list of weak references to the object (if defined)
     Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'expname': <class 'str'>, 'figs': <built-in functio...
   __dataclass_fields__ = {'expname': Field(name='expname',type=<class 's...
      __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
      __hash__ = None
      expname = ''
      format = 'svg'
  class htmlwidget_label(builtins.object)
   | htmlwidget_label(expname: str = '', format: str = 'svg') -> None
   | class displays a dataframe in a html widget
   | Methods defined here:
   | __eq__(self, other)
                                                                    (continues on next page)
```

```
__init__(self, expname: str = '', format: str = 'svg') -> None
      __post_init__(self)
      __repr__(self)
      Data descriptors defined here:
      __dict
          dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
      __weakref__
          list of weak references to the object (if defined)
      Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'expname': <class 'str'>, 'format': <class 'str'>}
      __dataclass_fields__ = {'expname': Field(name='expname',type=<class 's...
       __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
      __hash__ = None
    | expname = ''
   | format = 'svg'
  class sheetwidget(builtins.object)
   | sheetwidget(df_var: <built-in function any> = Empty DataFrame
   | Index: [], trans: <built-in function any> = <function sheetwidget.<lambda>__
⇔at 0x000001DFE72578B0>, transpose: bool = False, expname: str = 'Carbon tax rate,
→ US$ per tonn ') -> None
   | class defining a widget which updates from a sheet
   | Methods defined here:
      __eq__(self, other)
   __init__(self, df_var: <built-in function any> = Empty DataFrame
    | Columns: []
    | Index: [], trans: <built-in function any> = <function sheetwidget.<lambda>_
→at 0x000001DFE72578B0>, transpose: bool = False, expname: str = 'Carbon tax rate,
→ US$ per tonn ') -> None
      __post_init__(self)
   | __repr__(self)
   | reset(self, q)
```

```
| trans lambda x
     update_df(self, df, current_per=None)
     Data descriptors defined here:
          dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
      __weakref__
          list of weak references to the object (if defined)
      Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'df_var': <built-in function any>, 'expname': <clas...
      __dataclass_fields__ = {'df_var': Field(name='df_var',type=<built-in f...
      __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
      __hash__ = None
     df_var = Empty DataFrame
      Columns: []
     Index: []
   | expname = 'Carbon tax rate, US$ per tonn '
   | transpose = False
  class slidewidget(builtins.object)
   | slidewidget(slidedef: dict, altname: str = 'Alternative', basename: str =
⊶'Baseline', expname: str = 'Carbon tax rate, US$ per tonn ') -> None
   | class defefining a widget with lines of slides
   | Methods defined here:
      __eq__(self, other)
       _init__(self, slidedef: dict, altname: str = 'Alternative', basename: str_
←= 'Baseline', expname: str = 'Carbon tax rate, US$ per tonn ') -> None
     __post_init__(self)
   | __repr__(self)
   | reset(self, g)
   | set_slide_value(self, g)
          updates the new values to the self.current_vlues
          will be used in update_df
   update_df(self, df, current_per)
```

```
updates a dataframe with the values from the widget
      Data descriptors defined here:
      ___dict___
          dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
      __weakref__
          list of weak references to the object (if defined)
      Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'altname': <class 'str'>, 'basename': <class 'str'>...
      __dataclass_fields__ = {'altname': Field(name='altname', type=<class 's...
      __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True, repr=True, eq=True, or...
      __hash__ = None
    | altname = 'Alternative'
   | basename = 'Baseline'
      expname = 'Carbon tax rate, US$ per tonn '
  class sumslidewidget(builtins.object)
   | sumslidewidget(slidedef: dict, maxsum: <built-in function any> = None, =
⇔altname: str = 'Alternative', basename: str = 'Baseline', expname: str = 'Carbon_
→tax rate, US$ per tonn ') -> None
   | class defefining a widget with lines of slides
   | Methods defined here:
      __eq__(self, other)
   __init__(self, slidedef: dict, maxsum: <built-in function any> = None, _
altname: str = 'Alternative', basename: str = 'Baseline', expname: str = 'Carbon_
→tax rate, US$ per tonn ') -> None
      __post_init__(self)
   | __repr__(self)
   | reset(self, q)
    | set_slide_value(self, g)
          updates the new values to the self.current_vlues
          will be used in update_df
   update_df(self, df, current_per)
          updates a dataframe with the values from the widget
                                                                    (continues on next page)
```

```
Data descriptors defined here:
      __dict__
          dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
      __weakref__
          list of weak references to the object (if defined)
      Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'altname': <class 'str'>, 'basename': <class 'str'>...
      __dataclass_fields__ = {'altname': Field(name='altname', type=<class 's...
      __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
      __hash__ = None
    | altname = 'Alternative'
    | basename = 'Baseline'
      expname = 'Carbon tax rate, US$ per tonn '
   | maxsum = None
  class tabwidget(builtins.object)
   | tabwidget(tabdefdict: dict, tab: bool = True, selected_index: <built-in_
⇒function any> = None) -> None
   | A widget to create tab or acordium contaners
   | Methods defined here:
     __eq__(self, other)
      __init__(self, tabdefdict: dict, tab: bool = True, selected_index: <built-
→in function any> = None) -> None
      __post_init__(self)
   | __repr__(self)
    | reset(self, g)
          will reset container widgets
     update_df(self, df, current_per)
          will update container widgets
     Data descriptors defined here:
   | __dict__
        dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
```

```
__weakref__
          list of weak references to the object (if defined)
   Data and other attributes defined here:
      __annotations__ = {'selected_index': <built-in function any>, 'tab': <...
      __dataclass_fields__ = {'selected_index': Field(name='selected_index',...
      __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
   __hash__ = None
      selected_index = None
    tab = True
  class updatewidget(builtins.object)
   | updatewidget(mmodel: <built-in function any>, a_datawidget: <built-in_
function any>, basename: str = 'Business as usual', keeppat: str = '*', varpat:
⇔str = '*', showvarpat: bool = True, exodif: <built-in function any> = Empty_
→DataFrame
    | Columns: []
   | Index: [], lwrun: bool = True, lwupdate: bool = False, lwreset: bool =__
True, lwsetbas: bool = True, lwshow: bool = True, outputwidget: str = 'jupviz',
prefix_dict: dict = <factory>, display_first: <built-in function any> = None,_
evline: list = <factory>, relativ_start: int = 0, short: bool = False, legend:
⇔bool = False) -> None
   | class to input and run a model
   | Methods defined here:
   | __eq__(self, other)
   | __init__(self, mmodel: <built-in function any>, a_datawidget: <built-in_
function any>, basename: str = 'Business as usual', keeppat: str = '*', varpat:
⇔str = '*', showvarpat: bool = True, exodif: <built-in function any> = Empty_
→DataFrame
    | Columns: []
   | Index: [], lwrun: bool = True, lwupdate: bool = False, lwreset: bool =_
⊶True, lwsetbas: bool = True, lwshow: bool = True, outputwidget: str = 'jupviz', _
uprefix_dict: dict = <factory>, display_first: <built-in function any> = None,u
4vline: list = <factory>, relativ_start: int = 0, short: bool = False, legend:_
⇒bool = False) -> None
   __post_init__(self)
       __repr__(self)
   | reset(self, g)
   | run(self, g)
   - 1
```

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```
| setbasis(self, g)
  show(self, g=None)
  update(self, g)
  Data descriptors defined here:
      dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
   __weakref__
      list of weak references to the object (if defined)
  Data and other attributes defined here:
  __annotations__ = {'a_datawidget': <built-in function any>, 'basename'...
  __dataclass_fields__ = {'a_datawidget': Field(name='a_datawidget',type...
  __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
  __hash__ = None
  basename = 'Business as usual'
  display_first = None
  exodif = Empty DataFrame
  Columns: []
  Index: []
| keeppat = '*'
  legend = False
  lwreset = True
  lwrun = True
  lwsetbas = True
  lwshow = True
  lwupdate = False
  outputwidget = 'jupviz'
  relativ_start = 0
  short = False
  showvarpat = True
```

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```
| varpat = '*'
   class visshow(builtins.object)
    | visshow(mmodel: <built-in function any>, varpat: str = '*', showvarpat:__
 ⇒bool = True, show_on: bool = True) -> None
    | visshow(mmodel: <built-in function any>, varpat: str = '*', showvarpat:
 ⇒bool = True, show_on: bool = True)
    | Methods defined here:
       __eq__(self, other)
    __init__(self, mmodel: <built-in function any>, varpat: str = '*', _
 ⇒showvarpat: bool = True, show_on: bool = True) -> None
       __post_init__(self)
       __repr__(self)
          Return repr(self).
      Readonly properties defined here:
       show
       Data descriptors defined here:
       __dict__
           dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
       __weakref__
           list of weak references to the object (if defined)
      Data and other attributes defined here:
       __annotations__ = {'mmodel': <built-in function any>, 'show_on': <clas...
       __dataclass_fields__ = {'mmodel': Field(name='mmodel',type=<built-in f...
       __dataclass_params__ = _DataclassParams(init=True,repr=True,eq=True,or...
       __hash__ = None
      show_on = True
     | showvarpat = True
     | varpat = '*'
FUNCTIONS
   fig_to_image(figs, format='svg')
FILE
   c:\modelflow2\modelflow\modelwidget.py
```

#### Note: Dataframes with strings and zip

Pandas dataframes are very versatile. Here the dataframe is filled not with scalars but with strings.

Also the zip function is used to combine lists. More here

#### 10.1.1 List of fixed variables

```
mpak.split_calc_add_factor
True
```

# 10.1.2 Show the equations for the .calc\_add\_factor\_model

Here only 3 are displayed. Delete the [:3] and all equations will be displayed.

# Part V

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