

# ECON 6130 - Problem Set # 5

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## Problem 1

### 1. Sequential problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(C_t) \\ \text{such that } & C_t = F(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}) \\ & I_t = G(K_{I,t}, L_{I,t}) \\ & I_t = I_{C,t} + I_{I,t} \\ & L = L_{C,t} + L_{I,t} \\ & K_{C,t+1} = (1 - \delta)K_{I,t} + I_{I,t} \\ & K_{I,t+1} = (1 - \delta)K_{C,t} + I_{C,t} \\ & \text{where } L, K_{C,0} \text{ and } K_{I,0} \text{ given.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that we can write  $K_{I,t+1}$  in the following way

$$K_{I,t+1} = (1 - \delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}) - K_{C,t+1}$$

### Recursive problem

$$\begin{aligned} V(K_{C,t}, K_{I,t}) = & \max_{L_{C,t}, K_{C,t+1}} \{u(F(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t})) \\ & + \beta V(K_{C,t+1}, (1 - \delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}) - K_{C,t+1})\} \end{aligned}$$

where

(i) Control variables.

$$L_{C,t} \text{ and } K_{C,t+1}$$

(ii) State variables.

$$K_{C,t} \text{ and } K_{I,t}$$

### 2. (1) First-Order conditions.

(i)  $K_{C,t+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta V_1(K_{C,t+1}, (1-\delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}) - K_{C,t+1}) \\ & - \beta V_2(K_{C,t+1}, (1-\delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}) - K_{C,t+1}) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & V_1(K_{C,t+1}, K_{I,t+1}) = V_2(K_{C,t+1}, K_{I,t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $L_{C,t}$

$$\begin{aligned} & u'(F(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}))F_2(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}) \\ & - \beta V_2(K_{C,t+1}, (1-\delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}) - K_{C,t+1})G_2(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & u'(C_t)F_2(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}) = \beta V_2(K_{C,t+1}, K_{I,t+1})G_2(K_{I,t}, L_{I,t}) \end{aligned}$$

(2) Envelope conditions.

Let  $X_{j,t}^*$  be the choice of  $X_{j,t}$  according to the policy function.

(i)  $K_{C,t}$

$$\begin{aligned} & V_1(K_{C,t}, K_{I,t}) = u'(F(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}^*))F_1(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}^*) \\ & + \beta \{V_2(K_{C,t+1}^*, (1-\delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}^*) - K_{C,t+1}^*)(1-\delta)\} \\ \Rightarrow & V_1(K_{C,t}, K_{I,t}) = u'(C_t^*)F_1(K_{C,t}, L_{C,t}^*) + \beta V_2(K_{C,t+1}^*, K_{I,t+1}^*)(1-\delta) \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $K_{I,t}$

$$\begin{aligned} & V_2(K_{C,t}, K_{I,t}) = \beta \{V_2(K_{C,t+1}^*, (1-\delta)(K_{C,t} + K_{I,t}) + G(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}^*) - K_{C,t+1}^*) \\ & \quad \times (1-\delta + G_1(K_{I,t}, L - L_{C,t}^*))\} \\ \Rightarrow & V_2(K_{C,t}, K_{I,t}) = \beta V_2(K_{C,t+1}^*, K_{I,t+1}^*)(1-\delta + G_1(K_{I,t}, L_{I,t}^*)) \end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $X_j = X_{j,t} = X_{j,t+1}$ , where  $j = \{C, I, \emptyset\}$  and  $X = \{K, L, C\}$ .

Note that in the steady state we have  $X_j^* = X_j$  and

$$\begin{aligned} K_I + K_C &= \frac{G(K_I, L_I)}{\delta} \\ L_I + L_C &= L \end{aligned}$$

Then, combining the first-order and envelope conditions, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & V_1(K_C, K_I) = V_2(K_C, K_I) \\ & u'(C)F_2(K_C, L_C) = \beta V_2(K_C, K_I)G_2(K_I, L_I) \\ & V_1(K_C, K_I) = u'(C)F_1(K_C, L_C) + \beta V_2(K_C, K_I)(1-\delta) \\ & V_2(K_C, K_I) = \beta V_2(K_C, K_I)(1-\delta + G_1(K_I, L_I)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_I = \frac{G(K_I, L_I)}{\delta} - K_C$  and  $L_I = L - L_C$ .

This reduce to the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\beta} &= 1 - \delta + \frac{G_2(K_I, L_I)}{F_2(K_C, L_C)} F_1(K_C, L_C) \\ \frac{1}{\beta} &= 1 - \delta + G_1(K_I, L_I)\end{aligned}$$

where  $K_I = \frac{G(K_I, L_I)}{\delta} - K_C$  and  $L_I = L - L_C$ .

4. We can take the previous equations to derive the following

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \frac{G_2(K_I, L_I)}{F_2(K_C, L_C)} F_1(K_C, L_C) &= G_1(K_I, L_I) \\ \frac{G_2(K_I, L_I)}{G_1(K_C, L_C)} &= \frac{F_2(K_I, L_I)}{F_1(K_C, L_C)} \\ \frac{(1-\gamma)K_I^\gamma L_I^{-\gamma}}{\gamma K_I^{\gamma-1} L_I^{1-\gamma}} &= \frac{(1-\alpha)K_C^\alpha L_C^{-\alpha}}{\alpha K_C^{\alpha-1} L_C^{1-\alpha}} \\ \frac{(1-\gamma)}{\gamma} \frac{K_I}{L_I} &= \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\alpha} \frac{K_C}{L_C}\end{aligned}$$

Additionally,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\beta} &= 1 - \delta + G_1(K_I, L_I) \\ \frac{1}{\beta} &= 1 - \delta + \gamma K_I^{\gamma-1} L_I^{1-\gamma} \\ \frac{1}{\beta} &= 1 - \delta + \gamma \left( \frac{K_I}{L_I} \right)^{\gamma-1} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{K_I}{L_I} &= \left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{K_C}{L_C} &= \frac{\alpha(1-\gamma)}{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}\end{aligned}$$

Then, we can solve for  $L_C$  in the following way

$$\begin{aligned}
K_I &= \frac{G(K_I, L_I)}{\delta} - K_C \\
\frac{K_I}{L_I} &= \left( \frac{K_I}{L_I} \right)^\gamma \frac{1}{\delta} - \frac{K_C}{L_I} \\
\frac{K_I}{L_I} &= \left( \frac{K_I}{L_I} \right)^\gamma \frac{1}{\delta} - \frac{K_C}{L_C} \frac{L_C}{(1 - L_C)} \\
\left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} &= \left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \frac{1}{\delta} - \frac{\alpha(1-\gamma)}{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \frac{L_C}{(L - L_C)} \\
\frac{L_C}{(L - L_C)} &= \frac{\gamma(1-\alpha)}{\alpha(1-\gamma)} \left( \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta}{\gamma} \right) - 1 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Delta = \frac{\gamma(1-\alpha)}{\alpha(1-\gamma)} \left( \frac{1}{\delta} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta}{\gamma} \right) - 1 \right)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
L_C &= \frac{\Delta}{1 + \Delta} L \\
L_I &= \frac{1}{1 + \Delta} L \\
K_C &= \frac{\alpha(1-\gamma)}{\gamma(1-\alpha)} \left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \frac{\Delta}{1 + \Delta} L \\
K_I &= \left( \frac{\gamma}{\frac{1}{\beta} - 1 + \delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \frac{1}{1 + \Delta} L
\end{aligned}$$

## Problem 2

### 1. Recursive problem

$$V(k_t, y_t) = \max_{0 \leq k_{t+1} \leq e^y k_t^\alpha + (1-\delta)k_t} \left\{ u(e^y k_t^\alpha + (1-\delta)k_t - k_{t+1}) + \beta \sum_{y_{t+1}} \pi(y_{t+1} \mid y_t) V(k_{t+1}, y_{t+1}) \right\}$$

where  $k_0, y_0$  given

where  $\pi(y_{t+1} \mid y_t) = \text{Prob}(y = y_{t+1} \mid y = y_t)$  and

(i) Control variables.

$$k_{t+1}$$

(ii) State variables.

$$k_t \text{ and } y_t$$

Note that  $0 \leq k_{t+1} \leq e^y k_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta)k_t$  is a non-empty, compact, continuous, convex and monotone set.

Thus, for  $V(\cdot)$  to be continuous, monotone and concave, we need the following assumptions on  $u(\cdot)$ :

- (a) Continuous and bounded
- (b) Strictly increasing in  $c_t$
- (c) Strictly concave

2. Note that the code is given in the appendix.

Figure 1 gives the sample distribution of 10000 replications of a 1000 period Markov chain.

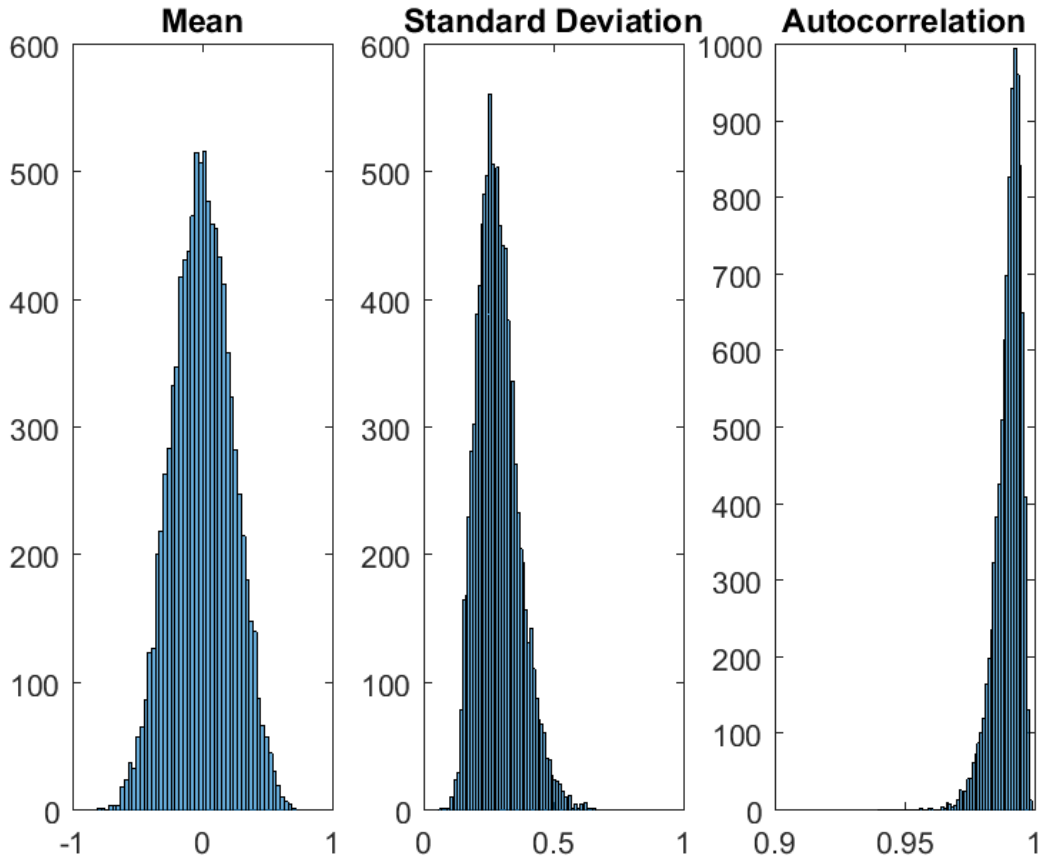


Figure 1: Distribution of Markov Chain

- (i) Mean: 0.0003
- (ii) Standard Deviation: 0.2867
- (iii) Autocorrelation: 0.9898

### 3. Policy function

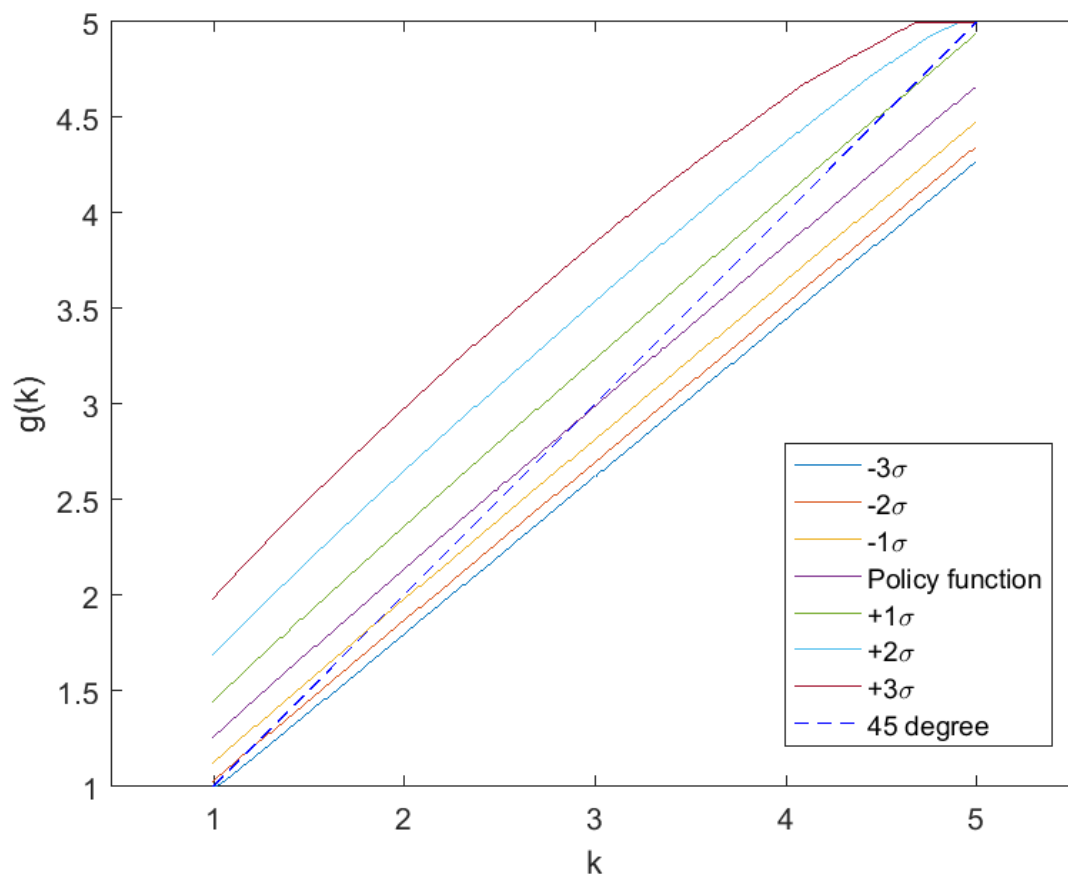


Figure 2: Policy Function

### Value function

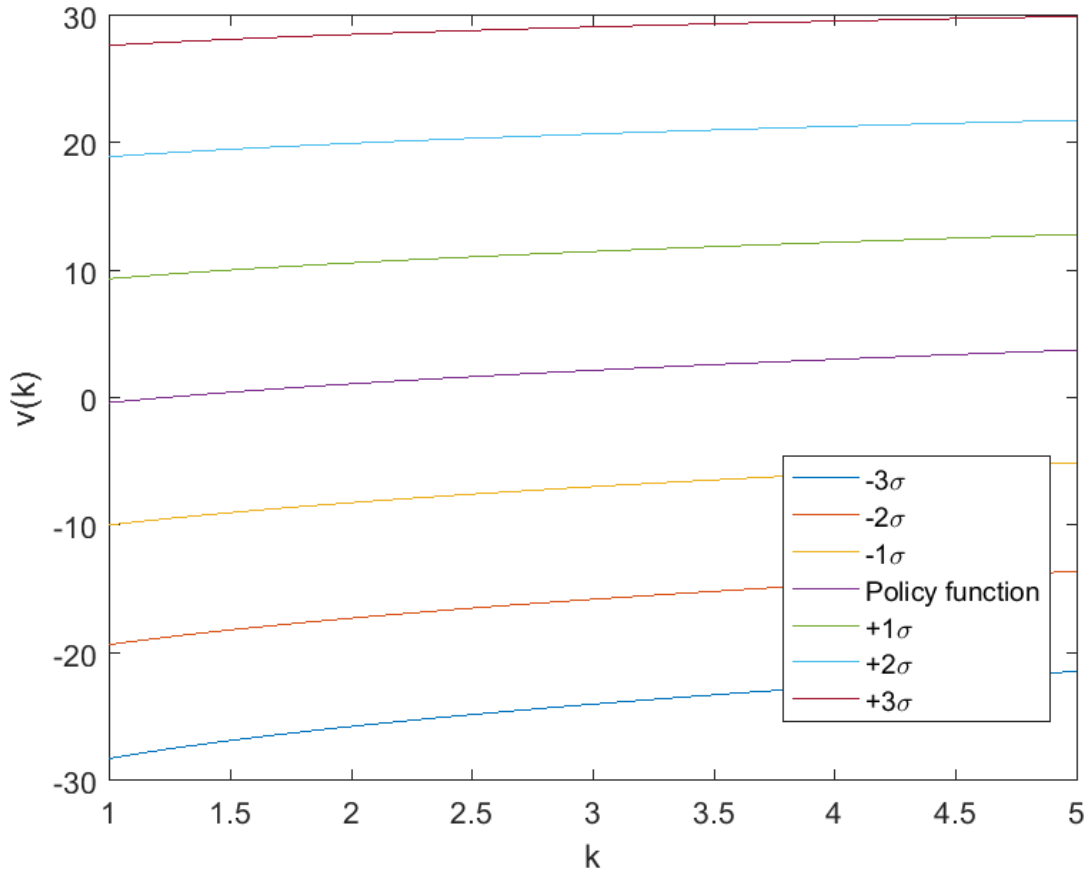


Figure 3: Value Function

4. The simulation is terrible! As we can see in Figure 4, it **does not** match the data at all. I am in pain just looking at the graph. Thankfully, if we change the values of  $\sigma_y$  and  $\phi$  to 0.02 and 0.85 respectively we get Figure 5 which somewhat fits the data.

The standard deviations are given in Table 1.

	$\sigma_C$	$\sigma_{GDP}$	$\sigma_I$
Data	0.0125	0.0161	0.0739
Simulation	0.2140	0.2168	0.2393

Table 1: Standard Deviations of GDP, Consumption and Investment

The correlations are given in Table 2.

	$C$	$GDP$	$I$
Data	0.0421	0.0674	0.0302

Table 2: Correlations of GDP, Consumption and Investment

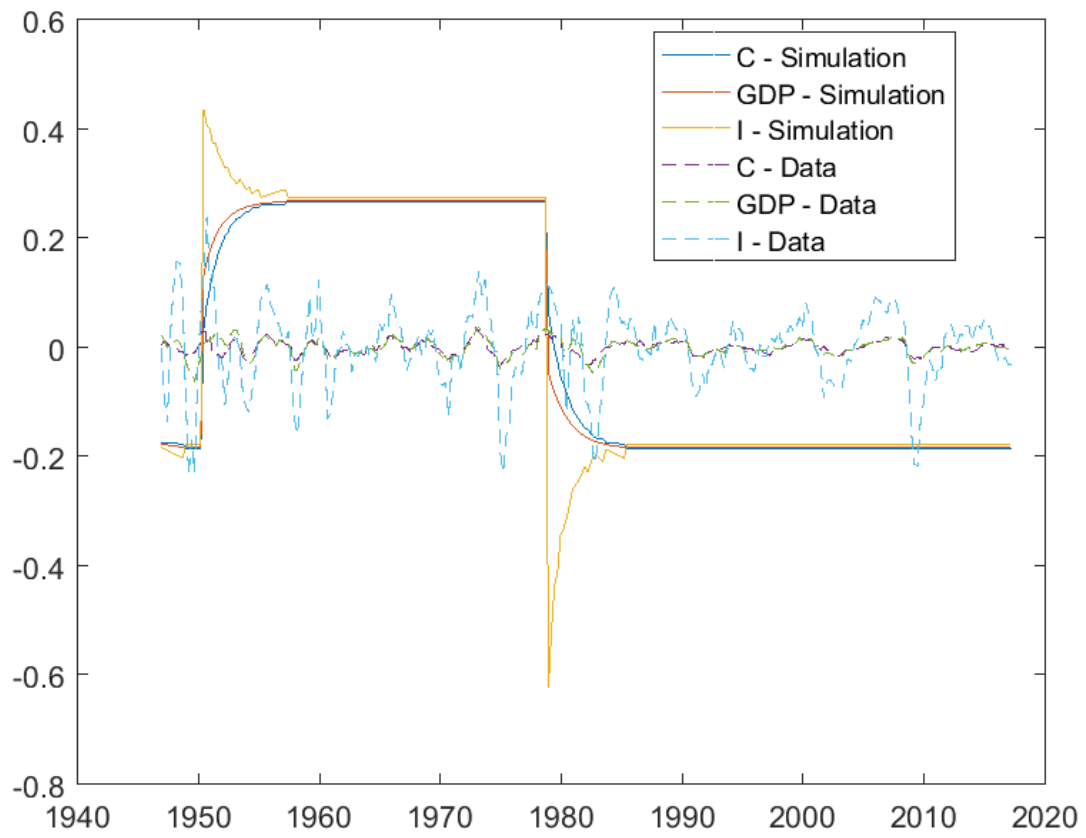


Figure 4: Simulation of RBC Model



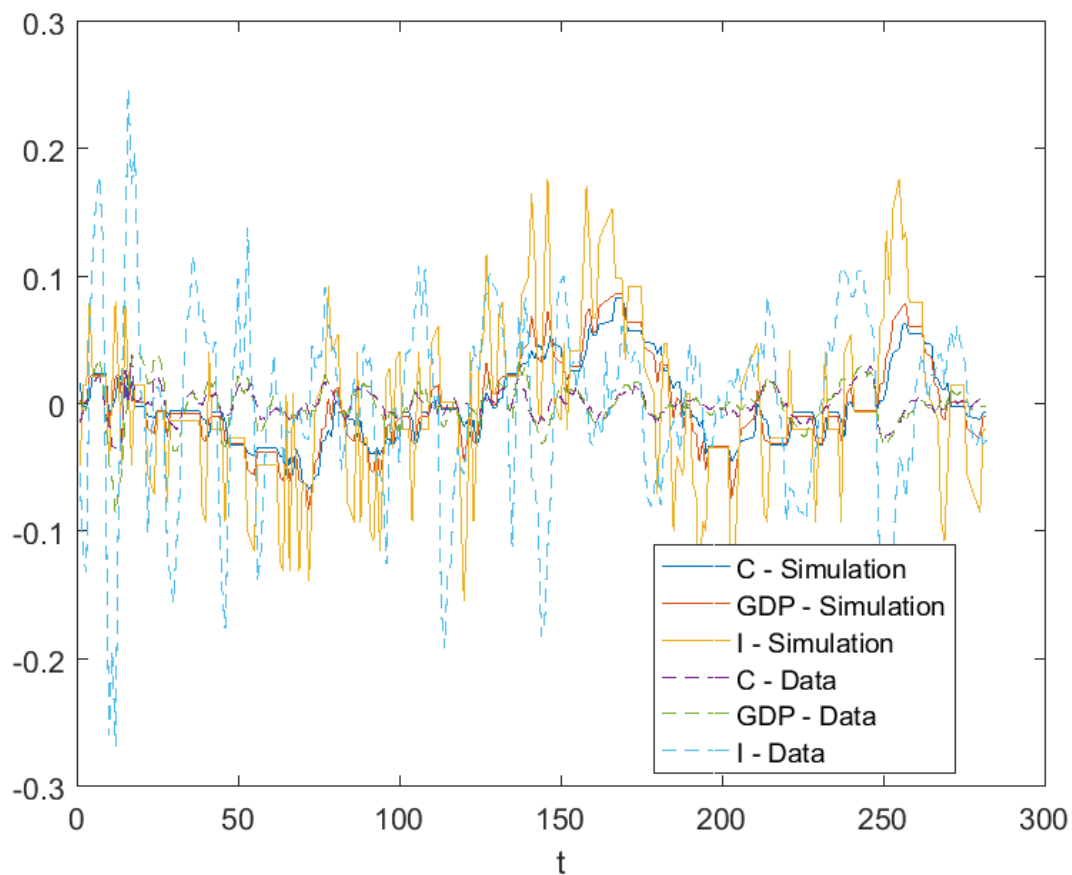


Figure 5: Simulation of RBC Model

## Problem 3

### 1. Sequential Problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U(c_t, C_t) \\ & \text{such that } C_t = F(K_t, N_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1} \\ & \quad c_t = C_t \\ & \quad K_0 \text{ given.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the households will maximize utility when  $N_t = 1$ , thus we can write  $F(K_t, 1) = f(K_t)$ .

### Recursive Problem

$$V(K_t) = \max_{0 \leq K_{t+1} \leq f(K_t) + (1-\delta)K_t} \{u(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}, f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}) + \beta V(K_{t+1})\}$$

2. (1) First-Order conditions.

$$-u_1(C_t, C_t) - u_2(C_t, C_t) + \beta V'(K_{t+1}) = 0$$

where  $C_t = f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}$

(2) Envelope conditions.

$$V'(K_t) = u_1(C_t^*, C_t^*)f'(K_t) + u_2(C_t^*, C_t^*)f'(K_t)$$

where  $C_t^* = f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)$  and  $g(\cdot)$  is the policy function.

Euler equation

$$\begin{aligned} & u_1(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t), f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)) \\ & + u_2(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t), f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)) \\ & = \beta [u_1(f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t)), f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t))) \\ & + u_2(f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t)), f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t)))] f'(g(K_t)) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$u_1(C_t^*, C_t^*) + u_2(C_t^*, C_t^*) = \beta [u_1(C_t^{**}, C_t^{**}) + u_2(C_t^{**}, C_t^{**})] f'(g(K_t))$$

where  $C_t^* = f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)$  and  $C_t^{**} = f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t))$ .

3. Sequential Problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U(c_t, C_t) \\ & \text{such that } c_t = F(K_t, N_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1} \\ & K_0, C_t \text{ given.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the households will maximize utility when  $N_t = 1$ , thus we can write  $F(K_t, 1) = f(K_t)$ . Moreover, in this setting the households are taking  $C_t$  to be given.

Recursive Problem

$$\begin{aligned} V(K_t) &= \max_{0 \leq K_{t+1} \leq f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t} \{u(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}, C_t) + \beta V(K_{t+1})\} \\ & \text{where } C_t \text{ given} \end{aligned}$$

4. (1) First-Order conditions.

$$-u_1(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}, C_t) + \beta V'(K_{t+1}) = 0$$

where  $C_t = f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}$ .

(2) Envelope conditions.

$$V'(K_t) = u_1(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t), C_t^*)f'(K_t)$$

where  $C_t^* = f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)$  and  $g(\cdot)$  is the policy function.

Euler equation

$$\begin{aligned} &u_1(f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t), f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)) \\ &= \beta [u_1(f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t)), f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t)))] f'(g(K_t)) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$u_1(C_t^*, C_t^*) = \beta [u_1(C_t^{**}, C_t^{**})] f'(g(K_t))$$

where  $C_t^* = f(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t - g(K_t)$  and  $C_t^{**} = f(g(K_t)) + (1 - \delta)g(K_t) - g(g(K_t))$ .

5. Note that the social planner solution is different than the unique competitive equilibrium if  $u_2(\cdot) \neq 0$ .

Since the social planner has more information than the household (it understands how the household impact the aggregate outcome), the utility generated from the social planner problem is going to be higher than the competitive equilibrium.

Hence, the competitive equilibrium is not Pareto efficient.

## Code

### Problem 2

```
1 %% Value Function Iteration
2 clear , clc;
3
4 %% Set parameters
5 nk = 500;          % Size of grid
6 ns = 7;
7 dev = 3;
8
9 delta = 0.1;       % Depreciation rate
10 alpha = 0.3;       % Capital share of income
11 beta = 0.96;       % Discount factor
12
13 phi = 0.98; % AR coefficient
14 sig_y = sqrt(.1); % Standard deviation of y_t
15
16 %% Markov (Tauchen)
17 N = 10000; % Number of simulation
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18
19 sample = ones(N,3); % Initialize mean, std, autocorr. placeholder
20
21 [prob, state_grid] = tauchen(ns, phi, sig_y, dev); % Transition
    matrix
22 for i = 1:N
23 chain = markovchain(prob, 1000, 4); % Generate Markov chain
24 chain = state_grid(chain); % Map markov chain to state values
25
26 acf = autocorr(chain,1); % Compute autocorrelation
27
28 sample(i,:) = [mean(chain), std(chain), acf(2)]; % Store values
29 end
30
31 mean(sample) % Compute average of mean, std, autocorr.
32
33 %% Value function
34 k_max = 5; % Upper bound
35 k_min = 1; % Lower bound
36 k_grid = linspace(k_min, k_max, nk)'; % Create grid
37
38 % Compute value/policy function
39 [val_fun, pol_fun] = bellman(k_grid, state_grid, alpha, beta,
    delta, prob);
40
41 %% Data
42 url = 'https://fred.stlouisfed.org/';
43 c = fred(url);
44
45 GDP = fetch(c, 'GDPC1'); % Fetch GDP from FRED
46 CON = fetch(c, 'PCECC96'); % Fetch consumption from FRED
47 INV = fetch(c, 'GPDIC1'); % Fetch investment from FRED
48
49 gdp_data = log(GDP.Data(:,2)); % Log of GDP
50 c_data = log(CON.Data(:,2)); % Log of consumption
51 i_data = log(INV.Data(:,2)); % Log of investment
52
53 [~, gdp_data] = hpfilter(gdp_data, 1600); % Extract cyclical
    component of GDP
54 [~, i_data] = hpfilter(i_data, 1600); % Extract cyclical component
    of C
55 [~, c_data] = hpfilter(c_data, 1600); % Extract cyclical component
    of I
56
57 %% Simulation

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58 T = size(c_data,1)+1; % Set size of Markov Chain to match data
59
60 y_sim = markovchain(prob, T, 4); % Generate Markov chain
61
62 k_sim = ones(T,1); % Initialize capital vector
63 k_sim(1) = round(nk/2); % Set starting value to the middle of grid
64
65 for t = 2:T
66     k_sim(t) = pol_fun(k_sim(t-1), y_sim(t-1)); % Compute k' from
        k
67 end
68
69 y_sim = state_grid(y_sim); % Map markov chain to state values
70 k_sim = k_grid(k_sim); % Map markov chain to capital values
71
72 gdp_sim = exp(y_sim).* k_sim.^alpha; % Compute GDP
73 gdp_sim = gdp_sim(1:end-1); % Drop last value
74
75 i_sim = k_sim(2:end) - (1-delta)*k_sim(1:end-1); % Compute
        investment
76
77 c_sim = gdp_sim - i_sim; % Compute consumption
78
79 c_sim = log(c_sim); % Log of c
80 i_sim = log(i_sim); % Log of i
81 gdp_sim = log(gdp_sim); % Log of GDP
82
83 c_sim = c_sim - mean(c_sim); % Detrend c
84 i_sim = i_sim - mean(i_sim); % Detrend i
85 gdp_sim = gdp_sim - mean(gdp_sim); % Detrend GDP
86
87 std_sim = std([c_sim, gdp_sim, i_sim]) % Compute standard value of
        simulation
88 std_data = std([c_data, gdp_data, i_data]) % Compute standard value
        of data
89 corr(c_sim, c_data) % Compute the correlation for consumption
90 corr(gdp_sim, gdp_data) % Compute the correlation for GDP
91 corr(i_sim, i_data) % Compute the correlation for investment
92
93 %% Plot figures
94 % Value function
95 figure
96 plot(k_grid, val_fun)
97
98 xlabel('k')

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99 ylabel( 'v(k)' )
100 legend( '-3\sigma', '-2\sigma', '-1\sigma', 'Policy function', '+1\sigma', '+2\sigma', '+3\sigma', 'Location', 'best' )
101
102 print( 'plot_value', '-dpng' )
103
104 % Policy function
105 figure
106 plot( k_grid, k_grid( pol_fun ) )
107 axis equal
108 hold on
109 plot( k_grid, k_grid, '—b' )
110
111 xlabel( 'k' )
112 ylabel( 'g(k)' )
113 legend( '-3\sigma', '-2\sigma', '-1\sigma', 'Policy function', '+1\sigma', '+2\sigma', '+3\sigma', '45 degree', 'Location', 'best' )
114
115 print( 'plot_policy', '-dpng' )
116
117 % Markov
118 figure
119 subplot(1,3,1); histogram(sample(:,1)); title( 'Mean' );
120 subplot(1,3,2); histogram(sample(:,2)); title( 'Standard Deviation' );
121 subplot(1,3,3); histogram(sample(:,3)); title( 'Autocorrelation' );
122
123 print( 'plot_markov', '-dpng' )
124
125 % Simulation
126 figure
127 plot( GDP.Data(:,1), [c_sim, gdp_sim, i_sim] )
128 hold on
129 plot( GDP.Data(:,1), [c_data, gdp_data, i_data], '—' )
130
131 datetick( 'x' )
132 legend( 'C - Simulation', 'GDP - Simulation', 'I - Simulation', 'C - Data', 'GDP - Data', 'I - Data', 'Location', 'best' )
133 print( 'plot_sim', '-dpng' )

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#### Transition Matrix (tauchen.m)

```

1 function [prob, state_grid] = tauchen(ns, phi, sig_y, dev)
2 %markovchain Discretize AR(1) process
3 % [prob, cum_prob, state_grid] = tauchen(ns, phi, sig_y, dev)

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    returns
4  %   prob, transition matrix,
5  %   cum_prob, cumulative distribution
6  %   state_grid, value of states
7
8  state_grid = linspace(-dev*sig_y,dev*sig_y,ns)';    % Set state
    grid
9  % Compute  $y^j_{-t+1} - \phi y^i_{-t}$ 
10 state_change = repmat(state_grid,1,ns)' - phi*repmat(state_grid
    ,1,ns);
11
12 sig_eps = sig_y*sqrt(1-phi^2); % Compute std of epsilon
13
14 prob = zeros(ns,ns); % Initialize transition matrix
15 % Compute transition matrix according to Tauchen (1986)
16 prob(:,1) = cdf('norm',state_change(:,1)+sig_y/2,0,sig_eps);
17 prob(:,end) = 1- cdf('norm',state_change(:,end) - sig_y/2,0,
    sig_eps);
18 prob(:,2:end-1) = cdf('norm',state_change(:,2:end-1)+sig_y/2,0,
    sig_eps)-cdf('norm',state_change(:,2:end-1)-sig_y/2,0,sig_eps);
19
20 end

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### Markov Chain (markovchain.m)

```

1 function [chain] = markovchain(prob, T, start)
2 %markovchain Generate Markov chain
3 %   [chain] = markovchain(prob, T, start) returns chain, Markov
    chain.
4
5 chain = ones(T,1); % Initialize Markov Chain
6 chain(1)= start; % Set starting value
7
8 cum_prob = cumsum(prob,2); % Compute cumulative distribution
9
10 % Generate Markov Chain using random numbers uniformly distributed
11 for t = 2:T
12     chain(t)=find(cum_prob(chain(t-1),:)>rand(),1);
13 end
14
15 end

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### Value Function Iteration (bellman.m)

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2 function [val_fun, pol_fun] = bellman( k_grid, state_grid, alpha,
    beta, delta, prob)
3 %% bellman Value Function Iteration with log utility
4 % [val_fun, pol_fun] = bellman( k_grid, state_grid, alpha, beta,
    delta, prob) returns
5 % val_fun, value function and pol_fun, policy function
6
7 crit = 1; % Initialize convergence criterion
8 tol = 1e-6; % Convergence tolerance
9
10 %% Grid
11 nk = size(k_grid,1);
12 ns = size(state_grid,1);
13 % Create grid
14
15 % Empty
16 val_temp = zeros(nk,ns); % Initialize temporary value function
    vector
17 val_fun = zeros(nk,ns); % Initialize value function vector
18 pol_fun = zeros(nk,ns); % Initialize policy function vector
19
20
21 %% Value function iteration
22 while crit>tol ;
23     % Iterate on k
24     for j = 1:ns
25         for i=1:nk
26             c = exp(state_grid(j))* k_grid(i)^alpha + (1-delta)*k_grid
                (i) - k_grid; % Compute consumption for kt
27             utility_c = log(c); % Compute utility for every ct
28             utility_c(c<=0) = -Inf; % Set utility to -Inf for c<=0
29             [val_fun(i,j), pol_fun(i,j)] = max(utility_c + beta*
                val_temp*prob(j,:) '); % Solve Bellman equation
30         end
31     end
32     crit = max(abs(val_fun-val_temp)); % Compute convergence
        criterion
33     val_temp = val_fun; % Update value function
34 end
35
36 end

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