ECON 6130 - Problem Set # 3

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Part (1)

We use the following FRED series for our data:

- (i) Consumer Price Index of All Items in United States (USACPIALLQINMEI)
- (ii) Real Gross Domestic Product (GDPC1)
- (iii) Immediate Rates: Less than 24 Hours: Federal Funds Rate for the United States (IRSTFR01USQ156N)
- (iv) Unemployment Rate: Aged 15-64: All Persons for the United States (LRUN64TTUSQ156S)

The data are log-linearized the series and detrend with the Hodrick–Prescott filter.

It is important to note that the Consumer Price Index represents the price level. Therefore, after taking the log of the CPI, it is important to differentiate the series before detrending them since

$$\pi_t = \ln(P_t) - \ln(P_{t-1})$$

where P_t is the price level (CPI) at time t.

Moreover, for a measure of labor inputs, we need the following

$$n_t = \ln\left(1 - \frac{U_t}{100}\right)$$

where U_t is the unemployment rate in at time t in per cent.

The detrended series are plotted in Fig.1.

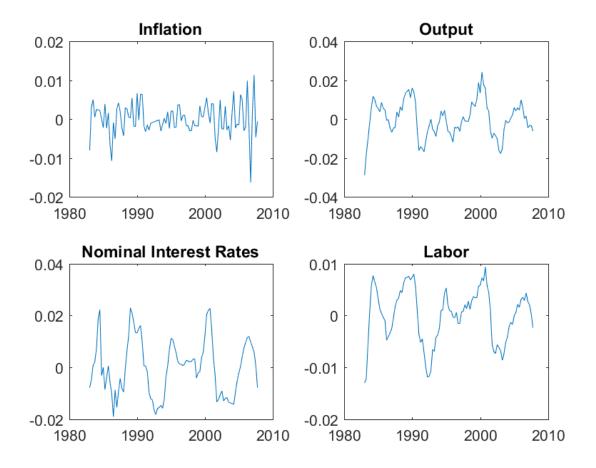


Figure 1: FRED Detrended Data

Part (2)

Note that the equations for the New Keynesian business cycle can be listed as follows

$$\kappa \tilde{y}_{t} - \kappa x_{t} - u_{t} = 0
\pi_{t} - \beta \mathbb{E}_{t}(\pi_{t+1}) - \kappa x_{t} - u_{t} = 0
x_{t} - \mathbb{E}_{t}(x_{t+1}) + \frac{1}{\sigma}[(i_{t} - \rho) - \mathbb{E}_{t}(\pi_{t+1}) - (r_{t}^{e} - \rho)] = 0
(r_{t}^{e} - \rho) + \sigma(1 - \rho_{a})\psi_{ya}a_{t} - (1 - \rho_{z})z_{t} = 0
(i_{t} - \rho) - \phi_{\pi}\pi_{t} - \phi_{y}\tilde{y}_{t} - \phi_{y}\psi_{ya}a_{t} - v_{t} = 0
v_{t} = \rho_{v}v_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}^{v}
a_{t} = \rho_{a}a_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}^{a}
z_{t} = \rho_{z}z_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}^{z}
u_{t} = \rho_{u}u_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}^{u}
x_{t} = \mathbb{E}_{t-1}(x_{t}) + \eta_{t}^{x_{t}}$$

where η_t are the forecast errors.

Thus, we define the following states for our model

$$S_t = [\tilde{y}_t, x_t, \pi_t, r_t^e - \rho, i_t - \rho, v_t, a_t, z_t, u_t, \mathbb{E}_t(x_{t+1}), \mathbb{E}_t(\pi_{t+1})]$$

This implies the following parameters are need to be estimated/calibrated in order solve the model

$$\Theta = \left[\sigma, \beta, \phi, \epsilon, \phi_{\pi}, \phi_{y}, \theta, \alpha, \rho_{v}, \rho_{a}, \rho_{z}, \rho_{u}, \sigma_{v}, \sigma_{a}, \sigma_{z}, \sigma_{u} \right]$$

where the different parameters are defined as in Gali's book. In total, there is 16 parameters in our model.

Part (3)

Note that our code is based on gensys.m which solves the following linear equation

$$\Gamma_0 S_t = \Gamma_1 S_{t-1} + B + \Psi \epsilon_t + \Pi \eta_t$$

Therefore, by rewriting the set of equations for the New Keynesian business cycle in

matrix form, we get

Using theses matrices, gensys.m will out the coefficients of an VAR(1) process of the following form

$$S_t = AS_{t-1} + C\epsilon_t$$

where $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, I)$.

Finally, to represents our model in state space form, we also need an equation that links the states to our observations. Since we have four exogenous shocks and four variables, we can write inflation, output, nominal interest rates, and labor in the following matrix form

$$Z(t) = DX(t)$$

where

See the appendix for the code.

Part (4)

Note that the likelihood function for a state space model is given by

$$L(\Theta \mid Z) = -\frac{pT}{2}\ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{t=1}^{T} \left[\log(|\Omega_t|) + \tilde{Z}_t'\Omega_t^{-1}\tilde{Z}_t\right]$$

where p is the number of observations and

$$\tilde{Z}_t = Z_t - DAX_{t-1|t-1}$$

$$X_{t|t} = AX_{t-1|t-1} + K_t \tilde{Z}_t$$

$$\Omega_t = DP_{t|t-1}D' + \Sigma_{vv}$$

See the appendix for the code.

Part (5)

The results for the maximum likelihood estimate of Θ are given in Tab.1.

	$\hat{\Theta}_{MLE}$
σ	2.4596
β	0.81704
ϕ	3.0245
ϵ	5.2968
ϕ_{π}	1.5695
ϕ_y	0.64808
θ	0.65917
α	0.17379
$ ho_v$	0.55141
$ ho_a$	0.80006
$ ho_z$	0.62
$ ho_u$	0.38658
σ_v	0.0085544
σ_a	0.0038708
σ_z	0.12524
σ_u	0.022965

Table 1: Simulated annealing estimation of New Keynesian model

Note that for Tab.1, we use the simulated code implemented in MATLAB. The results from the simulated annealing code used in class are reported in table Tab.2.

While in both cases the impulses responses follow the same shape, the estimate are completely different. In fact, using the code shown in class, our estimates $\hat{\Theta}_{MLE}$ hits the upper bound that we set arbitrarily for β and ϕ_{π} . This is usually a bad sign and as such we discard these results. I would investigate this situation more deeply if I had more time.

	$\hat{\Theta}_{MLE}$
σ	0.35582
β	1
ϕ	3.3888
ϵ	6.5416
ϕ_{π}	5
ϕ_y	0.19053
$\check{ heta}$	0.72868
α	0.23639
$ ho_v$	0.95112
$ ho_a$	0.83334
$ ho_z$	0.88805
$ ho_u$	0.60757
σ_v	0.026778
σ_a	0.0039169
σ_z	0.052927
σ_u	0.0071002

Table 2: Simulated annealing estimation of New Keynesian model (simannb.m)

Part (6)

The impulse responses are plotted in Fig.2, Fig.3, Fig.4 and Fig.5.

Note that the impulse response are plotted with respect to shocks of one unit in lieu of one standard deviation, i.e. we do not use C for the impulse responses, but instead C scaled down with the respective standard deviations of the shocks.

Moreover, for the estimation of output gap, we need the following measurement matrix in our state space model

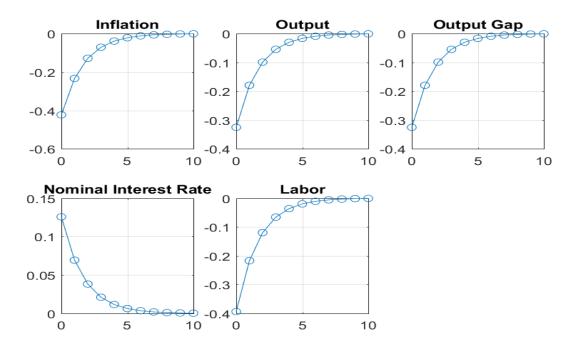


Figure 2: Impulse response to monetary shocks

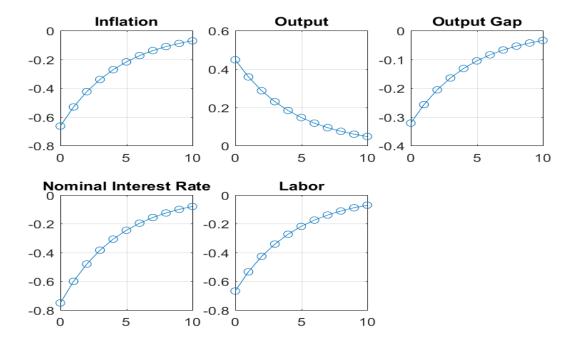


Figure 3: Impulse response to productivity shocks

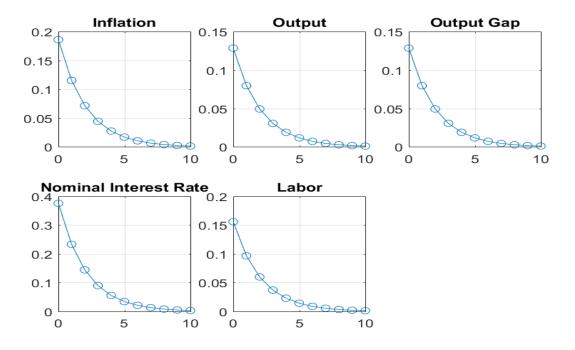


Figure 4: Impulse response to demand shocks

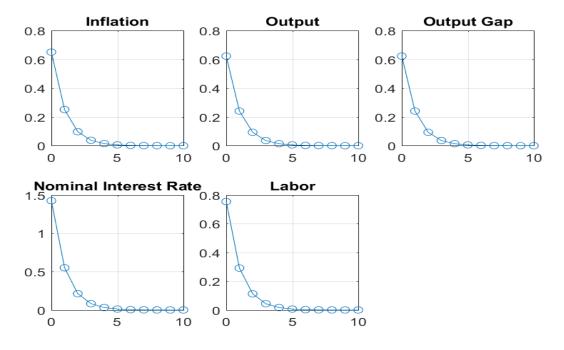


Figure 5: Impulse response to cost-push shocks

Part (7)

Recall that we can write our model in the following state space form

$$S_t = AS_{t-1} + C\epsilon_t$$
$$Z(t) = DX(t)$$

where A and C are defined as previously, $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, I)$, and

Fig.6 reports both the ouput and the estimated output gap.

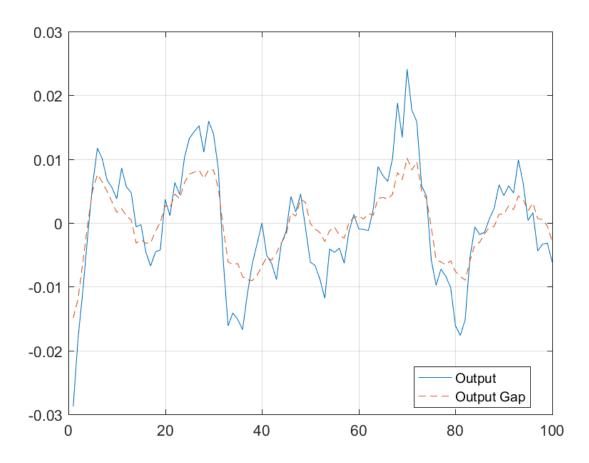


Figure 6: Kalman Filter estimate of output and output gap

Code

```
1 % New Keynesian Model - Simulated Annealing
2 % Based off Tilahun Emiru's and Kris Nimark's codes.
з % By Julien Neves
  % Housekeeping
  close all;
  clear all;
  warning off all;
9
  % Part (1)
  global Z
  % Set handle for FRED data
  url = 'https://fred.stlouisfed.org/';
  c = fred(url);
14
15
  % Set dates for sample period
  startdate = '01/01/1983';
  enddate = '12/01/2007';
18
19
  CPI = fetch (c, 'USACPIALLQINMEI', '09/01/1982', enddate); % fetch CPI
      from FRED
  GDP = fetch (c, 'GDPC1', startdate, enddate); % fetch GDP from FRED
  INT = fetch (c, 'IRSTFR01USQ156N', startdate, enddate); % fetch rate
     from FRED
  UNR = fetch (c, 'LRUN64TTUSQ156S', startdate, enddate); % fetch rate
     from FRED
24
  pi_data = diff(log(CPI.Data(:,2))); \% log[price(t)] - log[price(t)]
     -1)
  gdp_data = log(GDP.Data(:,2)); \% log of GDP
  i_data = log(1+INT.Data(:,2)/100); \% log of nominal interest rate
  n_{data} = log(1-UNR. Data(:,2)/100); \% log of employment rate
29
  [~, pi_data] = hpfilter(pi_data,1600); % extract cyclical
     component of pi
  [~, gdp_data] = hpfilter(gdp_data,1600); % extract cyclical
     component of y
  [~,i_data] = hpfilter(i_data,1600); % extract cyclical component
  [~, n_data] = hpfilter(n_data, 1600); % extract cyclical component
     of n
34
  % Combine data
  Z = [pi_data'; gdp_data'; i_data'; n_data'];
37
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```
% Plot FRED detrended data
  figure (5)
  subplot (2,2,1); plot (INT. Data (:,1), Z(1,:)); datetick ('x', 'yyyy');
     title ('Inflation');
  subplot (2,2,2); plot (INT. Data (:,1), Z(2,:)); datetick ('x', 'yyyy');
     title ('Output');
  subplot (2,2,3); plot (INT. Data (:,1), Z(3,:)); datetick ('x', 'yyyy');
     title ('Nominal Interest Rates');
  subplot (2,2,4); plot (INT. Data (:,1), Z(4,:)); datetick ('x', 'yyyy');
     title ('Labor');
  saveas (gcf, 'data.png')
44
45
  % Part (2)
  % Calibration
             = 2; % CRRA parameter.
  sigma
             = 0.99; % discount factor
  beta
             = 3; % inverse of elasticity of labor supply
  phi
             = 5; % elasticity of substitution between goods i and j
  eps
51
             = 1.5; % taylor rule parameter
  phi_pi
             = 0.5; % taylor rule parameter
  phi_y
             = 0.75; % degree of price stickiness
  theta
54
  alpha
             = 0.3; % production function parameter
             = 0.5; % persistence parameter
  rho_v
56
  rho_a
             = 0.8; % persistence parameter
             = 0.7; % persistence parameter
  rho_z
58
             = 0.5; % persistence parameter
  rho_u
  sigma_v
             = 0.01; % standard deviation
             = 0.008; % standard deviation
  sigma_a
             = 0.03; % standard deviation
  sigma_z
             = 0.01; % standard deviation
  sigma_u
63
64
  % Part (5)
  % Set starting value
  THETA = [sigma; beta; phi; eps; phi_pi; phi_y; theta; alpha;
67
       rho_v; rho_a; rho_z; rho_u; sigma_v; sigma_a; sigma_z; sigma_u
68
          |;
69
  LB = [0 \ 0 \ 1]
               1
                   1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]'; % lower bound
  UB= [10 1 10 25 5 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 10 10 10 10]'; % upper bound
72
  % Simulated Annealing - Matlab
  options = optimoptions(@simulannealbnd, 'Display', 'diagnose','
     PlotFcn', @saplotx, 'MaxTime', 600, 'FunctionTolerance', 1e-2,
     'MaxStallIterations',1000);
<sup>75</sup> logL = @loglikelihood_DSGE;
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```
xhat = simulannealbnd(logL, THETA, LB, UB, options);
77
  % % Simulated Annealing - Class
   \% sa_t= 5;
  \% \text{ sa_rt} = .3;
   \% sa_nt=5;
  \% sa_ns=5;
83 % xhat = simannb( 'loglikelihood_DSGE', THETA, LB, UB, sa_t, sa_rt
      , sa_nt, sa_ns, 1);
84
   thetalabel = ['sigma '; 'beta '; 'phi '; 'eps phi_pi '; 'phi_y '; 'theta '; 'alpha ';
85
               '; 'rho_a '; 'rho_z '; 'rho_u '; 'sigma_v '; '
86
           sigma_a '; 'sigma_z '; 'sigma_u '];
   disp ('ML estimate of THETA')
87
   disp ([thetalabel, num2str(xhat)])
88
89
   % Part (6)
90
91
   % Compute Neg Keynesian Model with estimated theta
   [A, C, D, \tilde{}, T] = nkbc_model(xhat, 'impulse');
93
94
   % Compute impulse responses
95
   time = 0:10; % set time horizon
   col = T;
             % start impulse matrix
97
   for j=1: length (time)
       resp(:,:,j)=D*col; % compute observations
99
        col=A*col; % compute next period states
100
   end
101
102
   for i = 1:4
103
       % Extract impulse responses for observations
104
        resp_pi(:,i) = squeeze(resp(1,i,:));
105
        resp_y(:, i) = squeeze(resp(2, i, :));
106
        resp_yg(:,i)=squeeze(resp(3,i,:));
107
        resp_i(:, i) = squeeze(resp(4, i, :));
108
        resp_n(:, i) = squeeze(resp(5, i,:));
109
110
       % Plot Impulse Responses
111
        figure (i)
112
        subplot (2,3,1); plot (time, resp_pi(:,i), '-O'); title ('Inflation
113
           '); grid on;
        subplot (2,3,2); plot (time, resp_y (:,i), '-O'); title ('Output');
114
           grid on;
        subplot (2,3,3); plot (time, resp_yg(:,i), '-O'); title ('Output
115
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Gap'); grid on;
       subplot (2,3,4); plot (time, resp_i(:,i), '-O'); title ('Nominal
116
          Interest Rate'); grid on;
       subplot (2,3,5); plot (time, resp_n(:,i), '-O'); title ('Labor');
117
          grid on;
   end
118
119
  % Print Impulse Responses - Monetary Shock
120
   figure (1)
121
   saveas(gcf, 'impulse_monetary.png')
  % Print Impulse Responses - Productivity Shock
123
   figure (2)
124
   saveas(gcf, 'impulse_prod.png')
  % Print Impulse Responses – Demand Shock
   figure (3)
127
   saveas (gcf, 'impulse_demand.png')
  % Print Impulse Responses - Cost-push Shock
129
   figure (4)
130
   saveas(gcf, 'impulse_cost.png')
131
  % Part (7)
  % Solve New Keynesian Model
   [A,C,D] = nkbc_model(xhat, 'data');
135
136
  % Set starting values
  X0 = zeros(size(A,2),1);
                               % set starting X
  P0 = dlyap(A,C*C'); % set starting for the variance
140
  % Compute the Kalman Filter
   [ X_post, P_post, X_prior, Z_tilde, Omega] = kfilter(Z, A, C, D,
142
      0, X0, P0);
143
   figure (6)
144
  plot (Z(2,:));
145
  hold
  plot (X_post (1,:), '---');
  legend ('Output', 'Output Gap', 'Location', 'best'); grid on;
  saveas (gcf, 'kalman.png')
   New Keynesian Model (nkbc_model.m)
 function [A, C, D, eu, R] = nkbc_model(THETA, type)
 2 %nkbc_model New Keynesian Model with cost-push shocks
 з %
       State space model:
 4 %
       X(t) = A*X(t-1) + C*eps(t)
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%
      Z(t) = D*X(t)
  %
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  Matrix A and C
  % Calibration
  sigma
             = THETA(1); % CRRA parameter.
  beta
             = THETA(2); % discount factor
             = THETA(3); % inverse of elasticity of labor supply
  phi
12
             = THETA(4); % elasticity of substitution between goods i
  eps
      and j
  phi_pi
             = THETA(5); % taylor rule parameter
             = THETA(6); % taylor rule parameter
  phi_y
15
             = THETA(7); % degree of price stickiness
  theta
             = THETA(8); % production function parameter
  alpha
17
             = THETA(9); % persistence parameter
  rho_v
18
             = THETA(10); % persistence parameter
  rho_a
             = THETA(11); % persistence parameter
  rho_z
  rho_u
             = THETA(12); % persistence parameter
  sigma_v
             = THETA(13); % standard deviation
             = THETA(14); % standard deviation
  sigma_a
             = THETA(15); % standard deviation
  sigma_z
24
             = THETA(16); % standard deviation
  sigma_u
25
26
  % Compute the coefficients
  rho = -log(beta);
  lambda = (1-theta)*(1-beta*theta)*(1-alpha)/(theta*(1-alpha+alpha*theta)
  kappa = lambda*(sigma + (phi+alpha)/(1-alpha));
  psi_ya = (1+phi)/(sigma*(1-alpha)+phi+alpha);
31
32
  % State: 'v', 'x'; 'pi'; 'r^e'; 'i'; 'v'; 'a'; 'z'; 'u'; 'E(x)'; 'E
33
     (pi)'
  Gamma0 = [kappa - kappa 0 0 0 0 0 0 -1 0 0;
34
       0 -kappa 1 0 0 0 0 0 -1 0 -beta;
35
       0\ 1\ 0\ -1/sigma\ 1/sigma\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ -1\ -1/sigma;
36
      -phi_y \ 0 \ -phi_pi \ 0 \ 1 \ -1 \ -phi_y *psi_ya \ 0 \ 0 \ 0;
37
       0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ sigma*(1-rho_a)*psi_ya -(1-rho_z)\ 0\ 0\ 0;
38
       0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0;
39
       0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0;
       0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0;
41
       0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0;
42
       0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0;
43
       0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0];
44
45
  Gamma1 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0];
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```
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0;
47
               0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0;
48
              0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0;
49
              0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0;
50
              0 0 0 0 0 rho_v 0 0 0 0 0;
51
              0 0 0 0 0 0 rho_a 0 0 0;
52
              0 0 0 0 0 0 0 rho_z 0 0 0;
53
              0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 rho_u 0 0;
54
               0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0;
              0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1;
56
57
   58
            0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0;
59
            0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0;
60
            0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0;];
61
62
  Pi = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0;
63
          0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1];
64
65
  Cons = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0];
66
67
  % Solve New Keynesian Model
  [A, \tilde{A}, R, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}] = gensys (Gamma0, Gamma1, Cons, Psi, Pi);
69
70
  C = R*|sigma_v 0 0 0;
71
           0 \operatorname{sigma}_{-a} 0 0;
72
           0 \ 0 \ sigma_z \ 0;
73
           0 0 0 sigma_u];
74
75
  % Matrix D
76
  % Set up measurement matrix Z(t)=D*S(t)
   if strcmp(type, 'data')
       % State: 'y', 'x'; 'pi'; 'r^e'; 'i'; 'v'; 'a'; 'z'; 'u'; 'E(x)
79
           '; 'E(pi)'
       D = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]; % inflation
80
            1 0 0 0 0 0 psi_ya 0 0 0; % output
81
            0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0; % nominal interest rate
82
            1/(1-alpha) 0 0 0 0 0 -(1-psi_ya)/(1-alpha) 0 0 0 0]; %
83
                labor
84
   elseif strcmp(type, 'impulse')
85
       % State: 'y', 'x'; 'pi'; 'r^e'; 'i'; 'v'; 'a'; 'z'; 'u'; 'E(x)
86
           '; 'E(pi)'
       D = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]; % inflation
87
            1 0 0 0 0 0 psi_ya 0 0 0 0; % output
88
```

```
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; % output gap
89
           0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0; % nominal interest rate
90
           1/(1-alpha) 0 0 0 0 0 -(1-psi_ya)/(1-alpha) 0 0 0 0]; %
91
              labor
  else
       warning ('Measurement matrix missing')
93
  end
95
  end
  Loglikelihood (loglikelihood_DSGE.m)
  function [ logL ] = loglikelihood_DSGE( THETA )
2 %loglikelihood_DSGE Likelihood function for State space model
  %
       State space model:
  %
      X(t) = A*X(t-1) + C*eps(t)
       Z(t) = D*X(t)
      By Julien Neves
  global Z
  % Solve New Keynesian Model
  [A,C,D,eu] = nkbc\_model(THETA, 'data');
  % Set starting values
  X0 = zeros(size(A,2),1);
                                 % set starting X
  P0 = dlyap(A,C*C'); % set starting for the variance
15
  % Compute the Kalman Filter
  [\tilde{\ }, \tilde{\ }, \tilde{\ }, Z_{\text{tilde}}, Omega] = kfilter(Z, A, C, D, 0, X0, P0);
18
  % Initialize loglikelihood
19
  T = length(Z);
  \log L = -T/2 * \log (2 * pi) * size (Z, 1);
22
  for t = 1:T
23
      % Update loglikelihood
       logL = logL - 1/2*log(det(Omega\{t\})) - 1/2* Z_tilde\{t\}'/Omega\{t\})
25
          t  * Z_tilde\{t\};
  end
26
  % if imaginary parts or not identified model set likelihood to
     small value
  if (imag(logL)^{\sim}=0) | | (min(eu)==0)
       \log L = -9e + 200;
29
  end
  logL=-logL; % take the negative loglikelihood since SA minimizes
```

32 end

Kalman Filter (kfilter.m)

```
function [X_{post}, P_{post}, X_{prior}, Z_{tilde}, Omega] = kfilter(Z, A)
       , C, D, S<sub>-vv</sub>, X0, P0 )
  %KFILTER Compute the Kalman Filter for a VAR(1) process
  %
            X[t+1] = AX[t] + Cu[t+1]
  %
        Z[t+1] = DX[t+1] + v[t+1]
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  %
6
  % Get size of observations
  T = length(Z);
9
  % Allocate space for estimates
   X_{\text{-prior}} = \text{cell}(1,T);
  X_{-post} = cell(1,T+1);
_{13} K = cell(1,T);
   Z_{\text{-tilde}} = \text{cell}(1,T);
   Omega = cell(1,T);
   P_{\text{-}post} = \text{cell}(1,T+1);
17
  % Set starting values
   X_{-post}\{1\} = X0;
19
   P_{-post}\{1\} = P0;
21
   for t = 1:T
22
       % Compute X_{-}\{t+1|t\}
23
        X_{prior}\{t+1\} = A*X_{post}\{t\};
24
25
       % Compute P_{t+1|t}
^{26}
        P_{prior} = A * P_{post}\{t\} * A' + C * C';
27
28
       % Innovations
29
        Z_{\text{tilde}}\{t\} = Z(:,t) - D*X_{\text{prior}}\{t+1\};
30
        Omega\{t\} = D*P\_prior'*D'+S\_vv ;
31
32
       % Compute K_{-}\{t+1\}
33
       K\{t\} = P_prior'*D'/(Omega\{t\});
34
35
       \% Compute X_{-}\{t+1|t+1\}
36
        X_{post}\{t+1\} = X_{prior}\{t+1\} + K\{t\} * Z_{tilde}\{t\};
37
38
       % Compute P_{-}\{t+1|t+1\}
39
        P_{post}\{t+1\} = P_{prior} - K\{t\}*D*P_{prior};
40
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```
end

41 end

42

43 % Convert post and prior estimates to matrices

44 X_prior = cell2mat(X_prior);

45 X_prior(:,1) = [];

46 X_post = cell2mat(X_post);

47 X_post(:,1) = [];

48 end
```