

Macroeconomics Summer School

Part II: Advanced Tools

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Assignment

Solving the Aiyagari Model in Continuous Time

For this problem set, you are asked to solve the Aiyagari model in continuous time. To your help is an m.file called `household.m` which solves the households problem given a wage and an interest rate. All needed parameters are in the code.

- (i) Start by familiarising yourself with the code. You can do so by setting `Na` to a small number and print the relevant matrices.
- (ii) Calculate the steady state value of the employment rate and the unemployment rate, and derive the equilibrium tax rate.
- (iii) Calculate the stationary endogenous distribution, and the associated value of capital supply.
- (iv) Set $r_h = 1/\beta - 1$ and $r_l = 0$.
- (v) Set $r = \frac{r_h + r_l}{2}$ and calculate the wage according to the firms optimisation problem.
- (vi) Repeat step (iii) and find the interest rate implied by the associated capital supply, \hat{r} .
- (vii) Update r_h or r_l according to the bisection method and return to step (vi) until $|r - \hat{r}| < 1e - 6$



