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Introduction

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Chapter 1

Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) model

It is generally acknowledged that a satisfactory macroeconomic model should be grounded on rational intertemporal optimizing behavior of microagents, satisfying the rational expectations assumption. Furthermore, it should reflect the imperfectly flexible wages and prices, associated with deficiencies on labor and product markets. One of the most renowned New Keynesian model satisfying the above-mentioned presumptions was developed by [Smets and Wouters \(2003\)](#), as the elaboration of previous work of [Christiano et al. \(2005\)](#).

Succinctly, it assumes that in the closed economy framework there exists a continuum of households, who supply household-specific labor in monopolistically competitive environment. In addition, they set Calvo-sticky wages, deriving utility from consumption relative to their habits and disutility from work. Households save and part of their savings is transformed into capital through a household technology, which in turn has its own adjustment costs. Moreover, they rent out their capital to the intermediate-good sector and choose total amount of investment with variable capital utilization rate. The rest of their savings is spent for lending and borrowing decisions, not to mention the bond holding settlements.

On the firm side, a continuum of intermediate goods produced by firms in monopolistic competition is assumed. Their production requires various kinds of differentiated labor and (homogeneous) capital, leading to the Calvo-sticky prices setting. On the other hand, final goods are produced in perfect competition framework through intermediate goods and they are consumed by households and government, allowing for the fiscal policy and Taylor-type monetary policy rule.

Finally, there is a plethora of sources of shocks, such as two preference shocks, labor substitutability shock, intermediate-goods substitutability shock and aggregate productivity shock, goods mark-up or cost push shock, shocks to investment cost or monetary policy rule shock (similarly to the [Christiano et al. \(2005\)](#)).

After introduction of the main essence of the [Smets and Wouters \(2003\)](#) model, in the following sections it will be derived meticulously.

1.1. Households

In the examined economy, there is a continuum of mass one households indexed by $\tau \in (0, 1)$, maximizing an intertemporal utility function over an endless horizon:

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left(\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U_t^\tau \right) \quad (1.1.1)$$

where β is the discount factor and U_t^τ stands for the contemporaneous utility function depending on consumption C_t^τ , and labor l_t^τ .

The utility function is separable in its two arguments:

$$U_t^\tau (C_t^\tau, l_t^\tau) = \varepsilon_t^B \left[\frac{1}{1 - \sigma_c} (C_t^\tau - H_t)^{1 - \sigma_c} - \frac{\varepsilon_t^L}{1 + \sigma_l} (l_t^\tau)^{1 + \sigma_l} \right] \quad (1.1.2)$$

where σ_c is the measure of relative risk aversion or the inverse of the intertemporal elasticity of substitution, while $\frac{1}{\sigma_l}$ denotes the elasticity of labor with respect to the real wage.

The above-mentioned utility function includes two shocks, namely a general preference shock ε_t^B affecting intertemporal substitution of households and a labor supply shock ε_t^L . All of them follow autoregressive processes of the first order with normally and independently distributed error terms:

$$\varepsilon_t^B = \rho_B \cdot \varepsilon_{t-1}^B + \eta_t^B, \quad \eta_t^B \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (1.1.3)$$

$$\varepsilon_t^L = \rho_L \cdot \varepsilon_{t-1}^L + \eta_t^L, \quad \eta_t^L \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (1.1.4)$$

The utility function includes as well a habit H_t that is proportional to the aggregate past consumption:

$$H_t = h \cdot C_{t-1} \quad (1.1.5)$$

which allows the optimal behavior of households to respond to shocks with an hump-shaped and lagged path of the optimal consumption. It has to be underlined that the habit variable depends on lagged aggregate consumption that is unaffected by any one agent's decisions.

Furthermore, the income of the households Y_t^τ takes the form of:

$$Y_t^\tau = \frac{W_t^\tau}{P_t} \cdot l_t^\tau + A_t^\tau + D_t^\tau + \left(r_t^k z_t^\tau - \Psi(z_t^\tau) \right) K_{t-1}^\tau - T_t \quad (1.1.6)$$

thus depending on real labor income $l_t^\tau \cdot \frac{W_t^\tau}{P_t}$, net cash inflow from participating in state-contingent securities A_t^τ , the dividends derived from the imperfect competitive intermediate firms D_t^τ , taxes T_t and the return on the real capital stock depreciated by the cost associated with variations in the degree of capital utilization z_t^τ . It is assumed that the cost of capital utilization is zero when capital utilization is one ($\Psi(1) = 0$) as it

would in the steady state. Framing differently, households rent capital services to firms and decide about the amount of capital to accumulate given certain capital adjustment costs. With the augmentation of the rental price of capital, the capital stock can be used more intensively according to a specific cost schedule.

Households hold their financial wealth in the form of bonds B_t , which are one-period securities with market price b_t and gross return:

$$R_t = 1 + i_t = \frac{1}{b_t} \quad (1.1.7)$$

Current income and financial wealth can be used for consumption and investment in physical capital, thus households maximize their objective function subject to an intertemporal budget constraint:

$$C_t^\tau + I_t^\tau + b_t \frac{B_t^\tau}{P_t} = Y_t^\tau + \frac{B_{t-1}^\tau}{P_t} \quad (1.1.8)$$

Finally, following [Christiano et al. \(2005\)](#), it is assumed that there exist state-contingent securities that perfectly insure the households against variations in household specific labor income. As a result, the labor income plus the net cash-inflow from participating in state-contingent securities component $\frac{W_t^\tau}{P_t} \cdot l_t^\tau + A_t^\tau$ in the household's income will be equal to aggregate labor income. Analogously the consumption of an individual household will equal the aggregate consumption and the marginal utility of consumption will be identical across different types of households. Consequence, capital holdings $K_t^\tau \equiv K_t$, bond holdings $B_t^\tau \equiv B_t$ as well as firm dividends $D_t^\tau \equiv D_t$ will be indistinguishable across different types of households.

1.1.1. Consumption and savings behavior

The maximization of the objective function of the household subject to the budget constraint with respect to consumption and holdings of bonds, may be performed through the Lagrangian-based technique, yielding the first-order condition for consumption growth in the existence of external habit formation:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^B (C_{t+1}^\tau - h \cdot C_t)^\tau}{\varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - h \cdot C_{t-1})^\tau} R_t \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = 1 \quad (1.1.9)$$

or equivalently:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} R_t \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = 1 \quad (1.1.10)$$

where:

$$\lambda_t = \frac{\partial U_t^\tau}{\partial C_t^\tau} = \varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - H_t)^\tau = \varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - h \cdot C_{t-1})^\tau = \varepsilon_t^B (C_t - h \cdot C_{t-1})^\tau \quad (1.1.11)$$

The exact calculations for the whole chapter's derivations are performed in the [Appendix A](#).

1.1.2. Labor supply decisions and the wage setting equation

Households differ, supplying a differentiated type of labor. Thus, each household has a monopoly power over the supply of its labor. In other words, labor is a differentiated good, supplied by households in a monopolistic competition to the production sector. Consequently, firms consider labor supplies l_t^τ as imperfect substitutes. The aggregate labor demand L_t and the aggregate nominal wage W_t are given by the following Dixit-Stiglitz type aggregator, where $\lambda_{w,t} > 0$ is the substitution parameter:

$$L_t = \left[\int_0^1 (l_t^\tau)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{1+\lambda_{w,t}} \quad (1.1.12)$$

It can be observed that the condition $\lambda_{w,t} = 0$ would correspond to the perfect substitution of labor.

Therefore, firms minimize the cost function $\int_0^1 W_t^\tau l_t^\tau d\tau$ under the aggregate labor demand, which in turn yields:

$$\begin{aligned} L_t &= \left[\int_0^1 \left(\frac{W_t^\tau}{W_t} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} L_t^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{1+\lambda_{w,t}} \\ \Leftrightarrow W_t &= \left[\int_0^1 (W_t^\tau)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{-\lambda_{w,t}} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.13)$$

where the Lagrange multiplier W_t can be interpreted as well as the price of a working hour and thus a wage index.

In addition, the determination of wages follows a Calvo rule. In other words, each household τ has a (constant) probability of $1 - \varsigma_w$ in every period t to be able to set its nominal wage and therefore in each period t a fraction of $1 - \varsigma_w$ households adapts its wage. Moreover, wages of the fraction of households ς_w that cannot reoptimize are partially anchored to the inflation rate:

$$W_t^\tau = (\Pi_{t-1})^{\gamma_w} W_{t-1}^\tau = \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_w} W_{t-1}^\tau \quad (1.1.14)$$

where γ_w is the degree of wage indexation, such that $\gamma_w = 0$ entails no indexation ($W_t^\tau = W_{t-1}^\tau$), while $\gamma_w = 1$ suggests a complete indexation ($W_t^\tau = \Pi_{t-1} W_{t-1}^\tau$).

After denoting by \widetilde{W}_t the wage of the household that in period t can reoptimize, it follows:

$$W_t^\tau = \begin{cases} \widetilde{W}_t & \text{with probability } 1 - \varsigma_w \\ (\Pi_{t-1})^{\gamma_w} W_{t-1}^\tau & \text{with probability } \varsigma_w \end{cases} \quad (1.1.15)$$

The equation of motion for the aggregate wage index W_t can be obtained through 1.1.13:

$$\begin{aligned} (W_t)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} &= \varsigma_w \cdot \int_0^1 \left(W_{t-1} \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau + (1 - \varsigma_w) \cdot \int_0^1 \widetilde{W}_t^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau = \\ &= \varsigma_w \cdot \left[W_{t-1} \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \right]^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} + (1 - \varsigma_w) \cdot \widetilde{W}_t^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.16)$$

The probability for \widetilde{W}_t not to re-set until period i is $(\varsigma_w)^i$, thus through the indexation the not reoptimized wage in period $t+i$ becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} W_t^\tau &= \widetilde{W}_t \\ W_{t+1}^\tau &= \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} W_t^\tau = \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t \\ W_{t+2}^\tau &= \left(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_t} \right)^{\gamma_w} W_{t+1}^\tau = \left(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_t} \right)^{\gamma_w} \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} W_t^\tau = \left(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t \\ &\vdots \\ W_{t+i}^\tau &= \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.17)$$

Households that can re-set their wages maximize their objective function subject to their budget constraint and the demand of labor, taking into consideration the fact that wages remain fixed until period i with a probability $(\varsigma_w)^i$, which yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\widetilde{W}_t}{P_t} \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{P_t}{P_{t+i}} \left(\frac{l_{t+1}^\tau U_{t+i}^C}{1 + \lambda_{w,t+i}} \right) \right\} = \\ = \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i l_{t+1}^\tau U_{t+i}^L \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.18)$$

Assuming perfect flexibility of wages ($\varsigma_w = 0$), the above-mentioned equation becomes:

$$\frac{\widetilde{W}_t}{P_t} = (1 + \lambda_{w,t}) \frac{U_t^L}{U_t^C} \quad (1.1.19)$$

It will be moreover assumed that the degree of substitutability $\lambda_{w,t}$ is affected by a normally and independently distributed shocks:

$$\lambda_{w,t} = \lambda_w + \eta_t^w, \quad \eta_t^w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\eta_w}^2) \quad (1.1.20)$$

In the flexible-wage economy, $1 + \lambda_{w,t}$ will be the markup of real wages over the usual ratio of the marginal disutility of labor to the marginal utility of consumption. Thus, η_t^w can be regarded as a wage markup shock.

1.1.3. Capital accumulation and investment decision

Households own the stock of capital of the economy and rent it at the rate r_t^k to the firms of the intermediate sector. Moreover, investment in period $t - 1$ increases the stock of capital in period t and households are assumed to choose the utilization rate z_t of their stock of capital. The equation of motion of capital becomes:

$$K_t = K_{t-1}(1 - \tau) + I_t \left[1 - S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right] \quad (1.1.21)$$

where τ is the depreciation rate, while the function S introduces in the model the adjustment costs for investment that depend on its rate of growth, proposed in order to avoid strong oscillations of capital. It will be furthermore assumed that for the constant growth rate of investment, as in the steady state, $S(1) = 0$ and similarly in the neighborhood of the steady state $S'(1) = 0$. Hence, adjustment costs depend only on the second derivative such that $S''(1) > 0$. Finally, the function S is subject to a shock ε_t^I following an $AR(1)$ process:

$$\varepsilon_t^I = \rho_I \varepsilon_{t-1}^I + \eta_t^I, \quad \eta_t^I \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (1.1.22)$$

Solving the respective maximization problem with the Lagrange multiplier in the form of $\lambda_t Q_t$ yields:

$$r_t^k = \Psi'(z_t) \quad (1.1.23)$$

$$Q_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \left(Q_{t+1}(1 - \tau) + z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k - \Psi(z_{t+1}) \right) \right] \quad (1.1.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_t \left[-\beta^t \lambda_t - \beta^t \lambda_t Q_t \left(-1 + S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) + I_t \cdot S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_t^I}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right] = \\ = \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} Q_{t+1} \left(I_{t+1} \cdot S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right) \cdot \frac{-\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t^2} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.25)$$

In other words the capital utilization rate is set so that the revenue r_t^k of the marginal utilization equals the marginal costs $\Psi'(z_t)$, the real value of the stock of capital today $\lambda_t Q_t$ is equal to the expected value of sum of not depreciated stock of capital of the next period $\lambda_{t+1} Q_{t+1}(1 - \tau)$ and the expected revenue of the future utilization $z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k$ minus the related costs $\Psi(z_{t+1})$, while the costs of the marginal investment (included the adjustment costs) must be equal to the expected marginal revenue of investment.

In addition, $\lambda_t Q_t$ can be viewed as the marginal value of capital. Therefore, regarding the fact that λ_t equals the marginal utility of consumption, Q_t can be interpreted as marginal Tobin-Q (the ratio of the marginal value of capital due to the increase of the capital stock over the marginal opportunity cost):

$$Q_t = \frac{\lambda_t Q_t}{\lambda_t} \quad (1.1.26)$$

At the steady-state $Q = 1$, thus marginal revenues and costs compensate each other. If $Q > 1$ there are incentives to increase the capital accumulation through investment, while if $Q < 1$ the reverse holds true.

1.2. Firms

The economy produces only one final product Y_t and a continuum of intermediates goods defined over $j \in [0, 1]$, such that firm j produces the intermediate product y_t^j . Firms of the final product sector operate in a (perfect) competitive market, while firms in the intermediate sector function in a monopolistic competition and set their prices forward-looking.

1.2.1. Final product sector

For the production of the final product Y_t firm use the intermediate products y_t^j as input, with aggregation performed through the following technology:

$$Y_t = \left[\int_0^1 \left(y_t^j \right)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{1+\lambda_{p,t}} \quad (1.2.1)$$

Define p_t^j as the price of the intermediate product y_t^j , then the representative firm minimizes the cost function $\int_0^1 p_t^j y_t^j dj$ of a particular combination of inputs observing the constraint 1.2.1. Solving the minimization problem through Lagrangian, with P_t as the Lagrange multiplier, yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_t &= \left[\int_0^1 \left(\frac{p_t^j}{P_t} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} Y_t^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{1+\lambda_{p,t}} \\
\iff P_t &= \left[\int_0^1 \left(p_t^j \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{-\lambda_{p,t}}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.2.2}$$

where P_t can be interpreted as the price index of the final good sector, while $\lambda_{p,t}$ is a stochastic parameter representing the mark-up of the good market (or a cost-push shock), such that:

$$\lambda_{p,t} = \lambda_p + \eta_t^p, \quad \eta_t^p \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma_{\eta_t^p}^2\right) \tag{1.2.3}$$

1.2.2. Intermediate product sector

Each firm j of the intermediate good sector minimizes its labour and capital costs $W_t L_{j,t} + r_t^k \widetilde{K}_{j,t}$, observing its Cobb-Douglas production function:

$$y_t^j = \varepsilon_t^a \widetilde{K}_{j,t}^\alpha L_{j,t}^{1-\alpha} - \Phi \tag{1.2.4}$$

where $\widetilde{K}_{j,t}$ is the effective utilized stock of capital given by $\widetilde{K}_{j,t} = z_t K_{j,t-1}$, $L_{j,t}$ is the index of the differently utilized labour force, while Φ are the fixed costs. Moreover, it is assumed that the aggregate productivity shock ε_t^a follows a $AR(1)$ process such that:

$$\varepsilon_t^a = \rho_a \varepsilon_{t-1}^a + \eta_t^a, \quad \eta_t^a \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \tag{1.2.5}$$

Each firm j has a market power in the market of its good and hence it maximizes its expected profit π_t^j with respect to p_t^j :

$$\pi_t^j = \underbrace{p_t^j y_t^j}_{\text{Revenues}} - \underbrace{MC_t (y_t^j + \Phi)}_{\text{Costs}} = (p_t^j - MC_t) \underbrace{\left(\frac{p_t^j}{P_t} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t})}{\lambda_{p,t}}} Y_t}_{y_t^j} - MC_t \Phi \tag{1.2.6}$$

where marginal costs takes the form:

$$MC_t = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_t^a} W_t^{1-\alpha} (r_t^k)^\alpha \left(\alpha^{-\alpha} (1-\alpha)^{-(1-\alpha)} \right) \tag{1.2.7}$$

The profits of intermediate goods firms are paid as dividends D_t .

In order to perform the maximization task, it uses a discount factor ($\beta^k \rho_{t+k}$) that is based on the fact that firms belong to households. From the Euler-equation of consumption, it holds:

$$\beta^k \rho_{t+k} = \beta^k \frac{\lambda_{t+k}}{\lambda_t P_{t+k}} \quad (1.2.8)$$

Finally, the determination of prices also follows a Calvo-rule in order to model the nominal price rigidity. Each firm j is allowed in period t to peg its nominal price with probability ς_p . Since firms are defined over a continuum between 0 and 1, prices that are updated in each period are $1 - \varsigma_p$ and prices that are not updated amount to ς_p . Prices of firms that was unable to re-set their prices are partially indexed by the past inflation rate Π_{t-1} :

$$p_t^j = (\Pi_{t-1})^{\gamma_p} p_{t-1}^j = \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_p} p_{t-1}^j \quad (1.2.9)$$

where γ_p is the degree of price indexation, such that $\gamma_p = 0$ entails no indexation ($p_t^j = p_{t-1}^j$), while $\gamma_p = 1$ suggests a complete indexation ($p_t^j = \Pi_{t-1} p_{t-1}^j$).

After denoting by \tilde{p}_t nominal price of the firm that is able in period t to reoptimize, it follows:

$$p_t^j = \begin{cases} \tilde{p}_t & \text{with probability } 1 - \varsigma_p \\ (\Pi_{t-1})^{\gamma_p} p_{t-1}^j & \text{with probability } \varsigma_p \end{cases} \quad (1.2.10)$$

The equation of motion for the aggregated price index P_t can be obtained through 1.2.2:

$$\begin{aligned} (P_t)^{\frac{1}{-\lambda_{p,t}}} &= \varsigma_p \int_0^1 \left(P_{t-1} \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} dj + (1 - \varsigma_p) \int_0^1 (\tilde{p}_t)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} dj = \\ &= \varsigma_p \left[P_{t-1} \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \right]^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} + (1 - \varsigma_p) (\tilde{p}_t)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2.11)$$

The optimal price \tilde{p}_t set in t has a probability of ς_p^i not to be modified until period $t + i$. Furthermore, through the indexation procedure it holds that:

$$\begin{aligned}
p_t^j &= \tilde{p}_t \\
p_{t+1}^j &= \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} p_t^j = \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t \\
p_{t+2}^j &= \left(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_t} \right)^{\gamma_p} p_{t+1}^j = \left(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_t} \right)^{\gamma_p} \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t = \left(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t \\
&\vdots \\
p_{t+i}^j &= \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t
\end{aligned} \tag{1.2.12}$$

Firms that are not allowed to change their prices in period t , maximize their profit function 1.2.6 under the constraint 1.2.12, which yields:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \frac{\lambda_{t+i}}{\lambda_t} y_{t+i}^j \left\{ \frac{\tilde{p}_t}{P_t} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p}}{\frac{P_{t+i}}{P_t}} \right] - (1 + \lambda_{p,t+i}) \frac{MC_{t+i}}{P_{t+i}} \right\} = 0 \tag{1.2.13}$$

Assuming perfect flexibility of prices ($\varsigma_p = 0$), the above-mentioned equation becomes:

$$\tilde{p}_t = (1 + \lambda_{p,t}) \cdot MC_t \tag{1.2.14}$$

The optimal price is set so that firms impose a premium over the average marginal costs.

1.3. The log-linearised DSGE model

In the following section, the log-linearised version of the DSGE model adopted in this paper is described. The hat symbol above the variable will denote the log deviations from its steady state. The dynamics of aggregate consumption is given by:

$$R_t + \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^B - \frac{\sigma_c}{1-h} \left(\mathbb{E}_t \hat{C}_{t+1} - h \hat{C}_t \right) = \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^B - \frac{\sigma_c}{1-h} \left(\hat{C}_t - h \hat{C}_{t-1} \right) + \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \tag{1.3.1}$$

For $h = 0$ one obtains the usual Euler equation, nevertheless in the presence of the external habit, present consumption depends on both the expected consumption of the next period and on consumption of the last period. The elasticity of consumption with respect to interest rates depends both on the intertemporal elasticity of substitution σ_c and on the degree of the habit h . A higher h reduces the effect of a variation of interest rate on consumption holding σ_c constant.

In addition, through rearranging terms, one obtains an explicit expression for \hat{C}_t :

$$\hat{C}_t = \frac{h}{1+h} \hat{C}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{1+h} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{C}_{t+1} - \frac{1-h}{(1+h)\sigma_c} \left(\hat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \right) + \frac{1-h}{(1+h)\sigma_c} \left(\hat{\varepsilon}_t^B - \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^B \right) \quad (1.3.2)$$

Furthermore, the linearization of the investment equation yields:

$$\hat{I}_t = \frac{1}{1+\beta} \hat{I}_{t-1} + \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{I}_{t+1} + \frac{1}{S''(1)(1+\beta)} \hat{Q}_t + \frac{\beta \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^I - \hat{\varepsilon}_t^I}{1+\beta} \quad (1.3.3)$$

The dependency of the optimal investment of past values introduce the dynamic in this equation. In addition, a positive shock of the adjustment costs function reduces investment and hence it can be considered as a negative investment shock.

Due to the steady state condition $\beta = \frac{1}{1-\tau+r^k}$, the linearization of the Q-equation yields:

$$\hat{Q}_t = - \left(\hat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \right) + \frac{1-\tau}{1-\tau+r^k} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{Q}_{t+1} + \frac{r^k}{1-\tau+r^k} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{r}_{t+1}^k + \eta_t^Q \quad (1.3.4)$$

An equity premium shock η_t^Q , normally and independently distributed, is added in order to take into account the effect of changes of the external refinancing premium over the value of the capital stock.

The linearization of the equation of the capital accumulation yields:

$$\hat{K}_t = (1-\tau) \hat{K}_{t-1} + \tau \hat{I}_{t-1} \quad (1.3.5)$$

Through the partial indexation, it follows that the linearized prices equation depends not only on the present marginal costs and on the expectations of the future inflation but also on the past inflation rate.

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta\gamma_p} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{\gamma_p}{1+\beta\gamma_p} \hat{\pi}_{t-1} + \frac{(1-\beta\varsigma_p)(1-\varsigma_p)}{(1+\beta\gamma_p)\varsigma_p} \underbrace{\left(\alpha \hat{r}_t^k + (1-\alpha) \hat{w}_t - \hat{\varepsilon}_t^a + \eta_t^p \right)}_{\hat{m}_{ct}} \quad (1.3.6)$$

For $\gamma_p = 0$ one obtains the usual forward-looking Phillips curve.

Similarly one obtains the linearized equation of motion for the real wage:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{w}_t = & \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{w}_{t+1} + \frac{1}{1+\beta} \hat{w}_{t-1} + \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} - \frac{1+\beta\gamma_w}{1+\beta} \hat{\pi}_t + \\ & + \frac{\gamma_w}{1+\beta} \hat{\pi}_{t-1} - \frac{(1-\beta\varsigma_w)(1-\varsigma_w)}{(1+\beta) \left(1 + \frac{(1+\lambda_w)\sigma_l}{\lambda_w} \right) \varsigma_p} \left[\hat{w}_t - \sigma_l \hat{L}_t - \frac{\sigma_c}{1-h} \left(\hat{C}_t - h \hat{C}_{t-1} \right) - \hat{\varepsilon}_t^L - \hat{\eta}_t^w \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1.3.7)$$

The real wage is a function of expected and past real wages and the expected, current and past inflation rate if $\gamma_w > 0$. There is a negative effect of the deviation of the actual real wage from the wage that would prevail in a flexible labour market.

The linearized demand of labor is:

$$\hat{L}_t = -\hat{w}_t + \left(1 + \frac{\Psi'(1)}{\Psi''(1)}\right) \hat{r}_t^k + \hat{K}_{t-1} \quad (1.3.8)$$

or equivalently:

$$\hat{L}_t = -\hat{w}_t + (1 + \Psi) \hat{r}_t^k + \hat{K}_{t-1} \quad (1.3.9)$$

where $\Psi = \frac{\Psi'(1)}{\Psi''(1)}$ is the inverse of the elasticity of the capital utilization cost function. In other words, given a capital stock, the demand of labor negatively depends on real wages.

Furthermore, the good market is in equilibrium if the production is equal to the public expense G_t , the household demand of consumption and investment plus related costs:

$$Y_t = C_t + G_t + I_t + \Psi(z_t)K_{t-1} \quad (1.3.10)$$

where government consumption G_t is financed by the lump sum taxation:

$$G_t = T_t \quad (1.3.11)$$

In the steady state deviations:

$$\hat{Y}_t = (1 - \tau k_y - g_y) \hat{C}_t + \tau k_y \hat{I}_t + \varepsilon_t^G \quad (1.3.12)$$

where k_y and g_y denote the steady state proportions of capital and public spending on output. On the other hand, from the production function:

$$\hat{Y}_t = \vartheta \hat{\varepsilon}_t^a + \vartheta \alpha \hat{K}_{t-1} + \vartheta \alpha \frac{\Psi'(1)}{\Psi''(1)} \hat{r}_t^k + \vartheta (1 - \alpha) \hat{L}_t \quad (1.3.13)$$

where $1 + \vartheta$ is the proportion of fix costs of the production. Moreover, it is assumed that the shock of the public spending ε_t^G follows a $AR(1)$ process:

$$\varepsilon_t^G = \rho_G \varepsilon_{t-1}^G + \eta_t^G, \quad \eta_t^G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (1.3.14)$$

Analogously, the capital market is in equilibrium if the demand (of firms of the intermediate sector) of capital goods equals the supply of households:

$$\int_0^1 K_{j,t-1} dj = K_{t-1} \quad (1.3.15)$$

while the labour market is in equilibrium if the demand of labour of firms equals the supply of households at wages set by households:

$$L_t = \left[\int_0^1 (l_t^j)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{1+\lambda_{w,t}} \quad (1.3.16)$$

Finally, the monetary policy follows a generalized Taylor Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_t = & \rho \hat{R}_{t-1} + (1 - \rho) \left[\bar{\pi}_t + r_\pi (\hat{\pi}_{t-1} - \bar{\pi}_t) + r_y \hat{Y}_t^{\text{gap}} \right] + \\ & + r_{\Delta_\pi} (\hat{\pi}_t - \hat{\pi}_{t-1}) + r_{\Delta_Y} (\hat{Y}_t^{\text{gap}} - \hat{Y}_{t-1}^{\text{gap}}) + \eta_t^R \end{aligned} \quad (1.3.17)$$

The Taylor rule is obtained by minimizing the central bank loss function subject to the Phillips curve and the IS curve. The central bank loss function is generally set to be equal to a weighted sum of the squared difference between the actual and the target inflation and the squared output gap. The output gap \hat{Y}_t^{gap} is the difference between the actual and the potential output. The potential output is the production that theoretically the economy performs under perfect flexibility of prices and wages.

The central bank reacts to deviations of both the lagged inflation with respect to the target inflation (normalized to 0) and of the lagged output gap. The monetary policy is subject to two different kinds of shock: a shock of the target inflation process $\bar{\pi}_t = \rho_\pi \bar{\pi}_{t-1} + \eta_t^\pi$ and shock of the interest rate η_t^R . The central smooths the interest rates by setting the present rate as a weighted average of the past interest rate and the optimal rate as a function of the above quantities.

To sum up, in order to calculate the results, two systems have to be created: one is the flexible system where there is no price stickiness, wage stickiness or three cost-push shocks, while the other one is the sticky system where prices and wages are set following a Calvo mechanism. Then the potential output produced in the flexible system is used to calculate the output gap in the Taylor rule. In each system, there are eight endogenous variables and two state variables. The eight endogenous variables are as following: capital, consumption, investment, inflation, wages, output, interest rate and real capital stock. The two state variables are labor and return on capital.

1.4. Solution

DSGE model consists of state variables (x_t), control variables (y_t), transition equations for structural shocks and measurement errors (ε_t) and a vector of deep parameters θ , which can be cast into a nonlinear first-order system of expectational difference equations:

$$\mathbb{E}_t f(x_{t+1}, y_{t+1}, x_t, y_t | \theta) = 0 \quad (1.4.1)$$

Solution is then characterized by transition equations for state and control variables, so-called *policy-functions*, that solve (at least approximately) the system of equations f :

$$\begin{cases} x_{t+1} &= \tilde{h}(x_t | \theta) + \eta_x(\theta) \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ y_t &= \tilde{g}(x_t | \theta) \end{cases} \quad (1.4.2)$$

Analytical derivation of g and h most of the times is impossible. One therefore distinguishes between linear (such as in Klein (2000) or Sims (2002)) and non-linear methods (for instance Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2004) or Gomme and Klein (2011)) of local approximation of the policy functions in a neighborhood of a particular point (mostly steady-state). The fundamental idea is to introduce the perturbation parameter σ that captures the stochastic nature of the model. The general perturbation framework (in the spirit of Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2004)) is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} 0 &= \mathbb{E}_t f(x_{t+1}, y_{t+1}, x_t, y_t | \theta) \\ x_{t+1} &= h(x_t, \sigma | \theta) + \sigma \eta_x \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ y_t &= g(x_t, \sigma | \theta) \end{cases} \quad (1.4.3)$$

with $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon_t) = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_t') = \Sigma_\varepsilon$. The non-stochastic steady state is then defined as:

$$\begin{cases} 0 &= f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{y} | \theta) \\ \bar{y} &= h(\bar{x}, 0 | \theta) \\ \bar{y} &= g(\bar{x}, 0 | \theta) \end{cases} \quad (1.4.4)$$

where exogenous shocks and measurement errors are stacked into ε_t for convenience.

As far as the first-order approximations of g and h around the point $(x_t, \sigma) = (\bar{x}, 0)$ are concerned:

$$\begin{cases} g(x_t, \sigma) = g(\bar{x}, 0) + g_x(\bar{x}, 0)(x_t - \bar{x}) + g_\sigma(\bar{x}, 0)(\sigma - 0) \\ h(x_t, \sigma) = h(\bar{x}, 0) + h_x(\bar{x}, 0)(x_t - \bar{x}) + h_\sigma(\bar{x}, 0)(\sigma - 0) \end{cases} \quad (1.4.5)$$

Substituting into the model:

$$F(x_t, \sigma) = \mathbb{E}_t f \left(\underbrace{h(x_t, \sigma) + \sigma \varepsilon_{t+1}}_{x_{t+1}}, \underbrace{g \left(\overbrace{h(x_t, \sigma) + \sigma \varepsilon_{t+1}}^{x_{t+1}}, \sigma \right)}_{y_{t+1}}, x_t, \underbrace{g(x_t, \sigma)}_{y_t} \right) \quad (1.4.6)$$

After noticing that f and its derivatives are 0 when evaluated at the non-stochastic steady state $(\bar{x}, 0)$, taking derivative of F with respect to σ and evaluating at the non-stochastic steady state yields:

$$\begin{aligned} F_\sigma(\bar{x}, 0) &= E_t f_1[h_\sigma + \varepsilon_{t+1}] + E_t f_2[g_x(h_\sigma + \varepsilon_{t+1}) + g_\sigma] + f_3 \cdot 0 + f_4 g_\sigma = 0 \\ &\iff \begin{bmatrix} f_1 + f_2 g_x & f_2 + f_4 \\ (n \times n_x) & (n \times n_y) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_\sigma \\ g_\sigma \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (n_x \times 1) \\ (n_y \times 1) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} (n \times 1) \end{matrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.4.7)$$

$$\text{with } f_1 = \frac{\partial f(\bar{x}, 0)}{\partial x_{t+1}}, f_2 = \frac{\partial f(\bar{x}, 0)}{\partial y_{t+1}}, f_3 = \frac{\partial f(\bar{x}, 0)}{\partial x_t}, f_4 = \frac{\partial f(\bar{x}, 0)}{\partial y_t}.$$

There are n equations in n unknowns in a linear and homogenous system, hence if there is a unique solution, it must be:

$$\begin{cases} h_\sigma &= 0 \\ & (n_x \times 1) \\ g_\sigma &= 0 \\ & (n_y \times 1) \end{cases} \quad (1.4.8)$$

Furthermore, taking derivative of F with respect to x_t and evaluating at the non-stochastic steady state yields:

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(\bar{x}, 0) &= f_1 h_x + f_2 g_x h_x + f_3 + f_4 g_x = 0 \\ &\iff \underbrace{- \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \\ (n \times n_x) & (n \times n_y) \end{bmatrix}}_{:=A} \begin{bmatrix} h_x \\ g_x h_x \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (n_x \times n_x) \\ (n_y \times n_x)(n_x \times n_x) \end{matrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_3 & f_4 \\ (n \times n_x) & (n \times n_y) \end{bmatrix}}_{:=B} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ g_x \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (n_x \times n_x) \\ (n_y \times n_x) \end{matrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.4.9)$$

There are $n \times n_x$ equations for $n \times n_x$ unknown elements of h_x and g_x . Postmultiply by the deviation from the steady state $\hat{x}_t := (x_t - \bar{x})$:

$$A \begin{bmatrix} h_x \hat{x}_t \\ g_x h_x \hat{x}_t \end{bmatrix} = B \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_t \\ g_x \hat{x}_t \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.10)$$

Notice that the coefficient matrices are equivalent to the first order approximation:

$$A\mathbb{E}_t \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{t+1} \\ \hat{y}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = B \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_t \\ \hat{y}_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma\eta_x\varepsilon_{t+1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.11)$$

If A and B are known matrices, then inverting A yields solution for h_x and g_x . Nevertheless, in general A is singular and non-invertible. [Klein \(2000\)](#) approach to approximate the first order solution using the generalized Schur decomposition will be therefore implemented, in order to uncouple system into a (block) triangular system of equations and solve system recursively.

1.4.1. Matrix theory

Definition 1. Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices. The set of all matrices of the form $A - \lambda B$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is said to be a pencil. The eigenvalues of the pencil are elements of the set $\lambda(A, B)$ defined by

$$\lambda(A, B) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \det(A - zB) = 0\}$$

Definition 2. Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices. Then $\lambda \in \lambda(A, B)$ is called a generalized eigenvalue if there exist a nonzero vector $q \in \mathbb{C}^n$ such that

$$Aq = \lambda Bq$$

Notice that if $B = I$, then this simplifies to the ordinary eigenvalue problem: $Aq = \lambda q$. Moreover, A always has n eigenvalues, which can be ordered (in more than one way) to form an $n \times n$ diagonal matrix Λ and a corresponding matrix of nonzero columns Q that satisfies the eigenvalue equation:

$$AQ = Q\Lambda \quad (1.4.12)$$

Theorem 1 (Spectral decomposition). Let A be a squared ($n \times n$) matrix with n linearly independent columns, then A can be factorized as:

$$AQ = Q\Lambda \Leftrightarrow A = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$$

where Λ is a diagonal matrix such that $\lambda_i = \Lambda_{ii}$ is the eigenvalue of A associated to the eigenvector q_i stored in column i of the square ($n \times n$) matrix Q .

The proofs for the following section can be found for instance in [Roman \(2008\)](#) or [Brown \(1988\)](#).

Theorem 2 (Generalized (complex) Schur decomposition or QZ decomposition). Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices. Then there exist matrices Q, Z, T and S such that

$$\begin{aligned} Q^*AZ &= S \Leftrightarrow A = QSZ^* \\ Q^*BZ &= T \Leftrightarrow B = QTZ^* \end{aligned}$$

1. Q and Z are unitary, i.e. $Q^*Q = QQ^* = I_n$ and $Z^*Z = ZZ^* = I_n$.
2. S and T are upper triangular.
3. pairs (s_{ii}, t_{ii}) can be arranged in any desired order.
4. If for some i , t_{ii} and s_{ii} are both zero, then $\lambda(A, B) = \mathbb{C}$. Otherwise: $\lambda(A, B) = \left\{ \frac{s_{ii}}{t_{ii}} : t_{ii} \neq 0 \right\}$

The interest in the following paper will be limited to the case $\lambda(A, B) \neq \mathbb{C}$ and unit roots will not be allowed, that is t_{ii} and s_{ii} are not both zero, as well as $|t_{ii}| \neq |s_{ii}|$.

1.4.2. Schur decomposition application

Returning to the problem of finding g_x and h_x :

$$AE_t \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{t+1} \\ \hat{y}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = B \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_t \\ \hat{y}_t \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.13)$$

The Schur decompositions of A and B are given by:

$$\begin{cases} Q^*A = SZ^* \\ Q^*B = TZ^* \end{cases} \quad (1.4.14)$$

where the following order is chosen: the stable generalized eigenvalues ($|s_{ii}| > |t_{ii}|$) come first.

Premultiplying by Q^* and using:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_t \\ n_x \times 1 \\ u_t \\ n_y \times 1 \end{bmatrix} := Z^* \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_t \\ n_x \times 1 \\ \hat{y}_t \\ n_y \times 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.15)$$

one gets:

$$S \begin{bmatrix} E_t s_{t+1} \\ E_t u_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = T \begin{bmatrix} s_t \\ u_t \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.16)$$

where S and T are upper triangular, such that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ n_x \times n_x & n_x \times n_y \\ 0 & S_{22} \\ n_y \times n_x & n_y \times n_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_t s_{t+1} \\ E_t u_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ n_x \times n_x & n_x \times n_y \\ 0 & T_{22} \\ n_y \times n_x & n_y \times n_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_t \\ u_t \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.17)$$

Solving the lower block first:

$$S_{22}E_t[u_{t+1}] = T_{22}u_t \quad (1.4.18)$$

Note that due to the ordering $|s_{ii}| < |t_{ii}|$ (or $|s_{ii}| \leq |t_{ii}|$). Using backward-substitution, it can be shown, that any solution with bounded mean and variance must satisfy $u_t = 0$ for all t (unless $\Sigma = 0$), otherwise the solution explodes. In other words, as many state variables as there are generalized eigenvalues with $|s_{ii}| > |t_{ii}|$ are needed. This property has a name:

Definition 3 (Blanchard/Khan-conditions). *The number of generalized eigenvalues, that are in absolute terms greater than 1, must be equal to the number of state variables, in order to get a stable solution (saddle-path).*

Now given that $u_t = 0$, x_t and y_t from the definition of s_t and u_t become:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ y_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_t \\ u_t \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_t = Z_{11}s_t \\ y_t = Z_{21}s_t \end{cases} \quad (1.4.19)$$

If Z_{11} is invertible, then:

$$y_t = \underbrace{Z_{21}Z_{11}^{-1}}_{=g_x} x_t \quad (1.4.20)$$

Thus, in order to compute g_x a nonsingular Z_{11} is needed. Assuming that S_{11} is invertible, the first block yields:

$$E_t[s_{t+1}] = S_{11}^{-1}T_{11}s_t \quad (1.4.21)$$

Plugging in $s_t = Z_{11}^{-1}x_t$ one gets:

$$E_t[x_{t+1}] = \underbrace{Z_{11}S_{11}^{-1}T_{11}Z_{11}^{-1}}_{=h_x} x_t \quad (1.4.22)$$

Thus, in order to compute h_x , nonsingular S_{11} and Z_{11} are required. However, S_{11} has full rank by construction. The [Klein \(2000\)](#) algorithm can be summarized as follows:

Data: Nonlinear first-order system of expectational difference equations;
Result: DSGE solution;
Compute generalized Schur decomposition of $A = -\begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} f_3 & f_4 \end{bmatrix}$;
Reorder generalized eigenvalues such that $|s_{ii}| > |t_{ii}|$ in the upper left;
if *Blanchard-Khan condition fulfilled* **then**
 if Z_{11} invertible **then**
 Compute $h_x = Z_{11}S_{11}^{-1}T_{11}Z_{11}^{-1}$ and $g_x = Z_{21}Z_{11}^{-1}$;
 else
 Infeasible solution;
 end
else
 Infeasible solution;
end

Algorithm 1: Klein (2000) algorithm

To conclude, even though agents take the effect of future shocks into account when optimizing, in a linearization to the first-order they don't matter for the decision rule.

Definition 4 (Certainty-equivalence-property). *In a first-order approximation the constant term needs not to be corrected for uncertainty (i.e. variance of shocks). Moreover, expectation of x_t and y_t is equal to its non-stochastic steady-state.*

This is problematic when uncertainty does matter, not to mention the risk premium or welfare evaluation. A second-order approximation can be then implemented, thus being regarded as a potential extension.

Chapter 2

Estimation

Step 1: the linear rational expectations model is solved resulting in a state equation in the predetermined state variables.

Step 2: the model is written in the state space form by adding a measurement equation linking the seven observable variables (output, consumption, investment, hours worked, real wages, prices, short-term interest rate) to the vector of state variables.

Step 3: the likelihood function is derived using the Kalman filter.

Step 4: maximize the likelihood function.

Chapter 3

Concluding remarks

Here goes the conclusion.

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Appendix A

Consumption and savings behavior

The maximization of the objective function of the household subject to the budget constraint with respect to consumption and holdings of bonds, may be performed through the Lagrangian-based technique:

$$L = \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \varepsilon_t^B \left[\frac{1}{1-\sigma_c} (C_t^\tau - H_t^\tau)^{1-\sigma_c} - \frac{\varepsilon_t^L}{1+\sigma_l} (l_t^\tau)^{1+\sigma_l} \right] + \beta^t \lambda_t \left[C_t^\tau + I_t^\tau + b_t \frac{B_t^\tau}{P_t} - Y_t^\tau - \frac{B_{t-1}^\tau}{P_t} \right] \quad (3.0.1)$$

The derivatives with respect to C_t^τ and B_t^τ are respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial C_t^\tau} &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^t \left(\varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - H_t^\tau)^{-\sigma_c} - \lambda_t \right) \right] = 0 \\ \iff \lambda_t &= \varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - H_t^\tau)^{-\sigma_c} = \frac{\partial U_t^\tau}{\partial C_t^\tau} := U_t^c \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial B_t^\tau} &= -\mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^t \lambda_t \frac{b_t}{P_t} \right] - \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} \frac{-1}{P_{t+1}} \right] = 0 \\ \iff \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \frac{1}{b_t} \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.3)$$

Exploiting the fact that households are homogeneous in their consumption-saving decisions, meaning that the marginal utility of consumption is identical for all τ , yields the following Euler equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \frac{1}{b_t} \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{U_{t+1}^c}{U_t^c} (1+i_t) \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^B (C_{t+1}^\tau - H_{t+1}^\tau)^{-\sigma_c}}{\varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - H_t^\tau)^{-\sigma_c}} R_t \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^B (C_{t+1}^\tau - h \cdot C_t) ^{-\sigma_c}}{\varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - h \cdot C_{t-1}) ^{-\sigma_c}} R_t \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.4)$$

Alternatively one can rearrange the aforementioned equation as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \frac{1}{b_t} \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{U_{t+1}^c}{U_t^c} (1 + i_t) \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = 1 \\ \iff \beta(1 + i_t) \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{U_{t+1}^c}{P_{t+1}} \right] &= \frac{U_t^c}{P_t}\end{aligned}\quad (3.0.5)$$

Labor supply decisions

The problem of the firm is as following:

$$\min_{l_t^\tau} \int_0^1 W_t^\tau l_t^\tau d\tau \quad \text{s.t.} \quad L_t = \left[\int_0^1 (l_t^\tau)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{1+\lambda_{w,t}} \quad (3.0.6)$$

Define W_t as the Lagrange multiplier, then the cost minimization becomes:

$$L = \int_0^1 W_t^\tau l_t^\tau d\tau + W_t \left(L_t - \left[\int_0^1 (l_t^\tau)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{1+\lambda_{w,t}} \right) \quad (3.0.7)$$

Taking the first order conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial l_t^\tau} &= W_t^\tau - W_t \left((1 + \lambda_{w,t}) \left[\int_0^1 (l_t^\tau)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{\lambda_{w,t}} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda_{w,t}} (l_t^\tau)^{\frac{-\lambda_{w,t}}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} \right) = 0 \\ \iff W_t^\tau &= W_t L_t^{\frac{\lambda_{w,t}}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} (l_t^\tau)^{\frac{-\lambda_{w,t}}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} \\ \iff l_t^\tau &= L_t \left(\frac{W_t^\tau}{W_t} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t})}{\lambda_{w,t}}}\end{aligned}\quad (3.0.8)$$

The derived optimal demand function of labor can be then substituted in the aggregate labor demand equation yielding:

$$\begin{aligned}L_t &= \left[\int_0^1 \left(\frac{W_t^\tau}{W_t} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} L_t^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{1+\lambda_{w,t}} \\ \iff W_t &= \left[\int_0^1 (W_t^\tau)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t}}} d\tau \right]^{-\lambda_{w,t}}\end{aligned}\quad (3.0.9)$$

The Lagrange multiplier W_t , generally considered as the representation of the marginal value of relaxing the constrain, can be interpreted as well as the price of a working hour and thus a wage index.

Wage setting equation

Households that can re-set their wages maximize their objective function subject to their budget constraint and the demand of labor, taking into consideration the fact that wages remain fixed until period i with a probability $(\varsigma_w)^i$. The Lagrangian function in t becomes:

$$L = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i \left\{ \underbrace{U(C_{t+i}^\tau, l_{t+i}^\tau)}_{\text{Utility function}} - \lambda_{t+i} \left(\underbrace{\dots + \frac{W_{t+i}^\tau}{P_{t+i}} l_{t+i}^\tau + \dots}_{\text{Budget constraint}} \right) + \right. \\ \left. - \mu_{t+i} \left(\underbrace{l_{t+i}^\tau - L_{t+i}^\tau \left(\frac{W_{t+i}^\tau}{W_{t+i}} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}}}}_{\text{Labor demand}} \right) \right\} \quad (3.0.10)$$

Substituting the demand of labour (3.0.8) in the objective function and in the budget constraint and considering the formulas for not reoptimized wages in period $t+i$, one obtains:

$$L = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i \left\{ \underbrace{U \left(C_{t+i}^\tau, L_{t+i} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t}{W_{t+i}} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}}} \right)}_{\text{Utility function}} + \right. \\ \left. - \lambda_{t+i} \left(\underbrace{\dots + \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{\widetilde{W}_t}{P_{t+i}} L_{t+i} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t}{W_{t+i}} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}}} + \dots}_{\text{Budget constraint}} \right) \right\} \quad (3.0.11)$$

Taking the first order conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial L}{\partial \widetilde{W}_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i & \left\{ U_{t+i}^L \frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} L_{t+i} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t}{W_{t+i}} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} - 1} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right)^{\gamma_w}}{W_{t+i}} \right) + \right. \\
& - \lambda_{t+i} \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{1}{P_{t+i}} L_{t+i} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t}{W_{t+i}} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}}} + \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{\widetilde{W}_t}{P_{t+i}} L_{t+i} \frac{1+\lambda_{w,t+i}}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right)^{\gamma_w} \widetilde{W}_t}{W_{t+i}} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} - 1} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}}\right)^{\gamma_w}}{W_{t+i}} \right) \right] \right\} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.0.12}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial L}{\partial \widetilde{W}_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i & \left\{ U_{t+i}^L \frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} \frac{l_{t+1}^\tau}{\widetilde{W}_t} + \right. \\
& - \lambda_{t+i} \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{1}{P_{t+i}} l_{t+i}^\tau - \frac{1+\lambda_{w,t+i}}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{1}{P_{t+i}} l_{t+i}^\tau \right] \Big\} = \\
= \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i & \left\{ U_{t+i}^L \frac{-(1+\lambda_{w,t+i})}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} \frac{l_{t+1}^\tau}{\widetilde{W}_t} + \right. \\
& \left. - \lambda_{t+i} \left[\frac{-1}{\lambda_{w,t+i}} \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{1}{P_{t+i}} l_{t+i}^\tau \right] \right\} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.0.13}$$

Multiplying by the factor $\frac{-\lambda_{w,t+i}}{1+\lambda_{w,t+i}}$ and considering that $\lambda_t = U_t^c$ one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\widetilde{W}_t}{P_t} \mathbb{E}_t & \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i \left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_w} \frac{P_t}{P_{t+i}} \left(\frac{l_{t+1}^\tau U_{t+i}^C}{1+\lambda_{w,t+i}} \right) \right\} = \\
= \mathbb{E}_t & \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_w^i l_{t+1}^\tau U_{t+i}^l \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.0.14}$$

Assuming perfect flexibility of wages ($\varsigma_w = 0$), the above-mentioned equation becomes:

$$\frac{\widetilde{W}_t}{P_t} = (1+\lambda_{w,t}) \frac{U_t^L}{U_t^C} \tag{3.0.15}$$

Capital accumulation and investment decision

Define the Lagrange multiplier $\lambda_t Q_t$ for the maximization problem with respect to K_t, I_t, z_t :

$$L = \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[\underbrace{U(C_t^\tau, I_t^\tau)}_{\text{Objective function}} - \lambda_t \underbrace{\left(I_t + \left(\Psi(z_t) - r_t^k z_t \right) K_{t-1} + \dots \right)}_{\text{Budget constraint}} + \right. \\ \left. - \lambda_t Q_t \underbrace{\left(K_t - K_{t-1}(1 - \tau) - I_t + I_t \cdot S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right)}_{\text{Capital accumulation}} \right] \quad (3.0.16)$$

The first-order conditions:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[-\beta^t \lambda_t \left(\Psi'(z_t) - r_t^k \right) K_{t-1} \right] = 0 \\ \iff r_t^k = \Psi'(z_t) \quad (3.0.17)$$

The capital utilization rate is set so that the revenue r_t^k of the marginal utilization equals the marginal costs $\Psi'(z_t)$.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial K_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} \left(z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k - \Psi(z_{t+1}) \right) - \beta^t \lambda_t Q_t + \beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} Q_{t+1} (1 - \tau) \right] = 0 \\ \iff Q_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \left(Q_{t+1} (1 - \tau) + z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k - \Psi(z_{t+1}) \right) \right] \quad (3.0.18)$$

The real value of the stock of capital today $\lambda_t Q_t$ is equal to the expected value of sum of not depreciated stock of capital of the next period $\lambda_{t+1} Q_{t+1} (1 - \tau)$ and the expected revenue of the future utilization $z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k$ minus the related costs $\Psi(z_{t+1})$.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial I_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[-\beta^t \lambda_t - \beta^t \lambda_t Q_t \left(-1 + S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) + I_t \cdot S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_t^I}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right] + \\ - \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} Q_{t+1} \left(I_{t+1} \cdot S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right) \cdot \frac{-\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t^2} \right) \right] = 0 \quad (3.0.19)$$

The costs of the marginal investment (included the adjustment costs) must be equal to the expected marginal revenue of investment.

Firms - Final product sector

The Lagrangian for the minimization problem:

$$\int_0^1 p_t^j y_t^j dj + P_t \left(Y_t - \left[\int_0^1 (y_t^j)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{1+\lambda_{p,t}} \right) \quad (3.0.20)$$

First order conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_t^j} &= p_t^j - P_t \left((1 + \lambda_{p,t}) \left[\int_0^1 (y_t^j)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{\lambda_{p,t}} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda_{p,t}} (y_t^j)^{\frac{-\lambda_{p,t}}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} \right) = 0 \\ \iff p_t^j &= P_t Y_t^{\frac{\lambda_{p,t}}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} (y_t^j)^{\frac{-\lambda_{p,t}}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} \\ \iff y_t^j &= Y_t \left(\frac{p_t^j}{P_t} \right)^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t})}{\lambda_{p,t}}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.21)$$

Substituting into the technology constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \left[\int_0^1 \left(\frac{p_t^j}{P_t} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} Y_t^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{1+\lambda_{p,t}} \\ \iff P_t &= \left[\int_0^1 (p_t^j)^{\frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}}} dj \right]^{-\lambda_{p,t}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.22)$$

Firms - Intermediate product sector

In order to find the optimal production quantity, it is convenient to show that marginal costs are constant. One proceeds first by finding a functional relationship between $\widetilde{K}_{j,t}$ and $L_{j,t}$ derived by the minimization problem of $W_t L_{j,t} + r_t^k \widetilde{K}_{j,t}$ with respect to $L_{j,t}$ and $\widetilde{K}_{j,t}$ subject to $y_t^j = \varepsilon_t^a \widetilde{K}_{j,t}^\alpha L_{j,t}^{1-\alpha} - \Phi$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{W_t}{r_t^k} &= \frac{(1 - \alpha) \varepsilon_t^a \widetilde{K}_{j,t}^\alpha L_{j,t}^{-\alpha}}{\alpha \varepsilon_t^a \widetilde{K}_{j,t}^{\alpha-1} L_{j,t}^{1-\alpha}} \\ \iff \frac{W_t L_{j,t}}{r_t^k \widetilde{K}_{j,t}} &= \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.23)$$

The utilization rate between capital and labour is identical for all firms and constant. This is the same of the economy as a whole. The marginal costs of product j are derived by substituting the above-mentioned relation in the production function:

$$\widetilde{K}_{j,t} = (y_t^j + \Phi) \frac{1}{\varepsilon_t^a} \left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{W_t}{r_t^k} \right)^{1-\alpha} \quad (3.0.24)$$

$$L_{j,t} = (y_t^j + \Phi) \frac{1}{\varepsilon_t^a} \left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{W_t}{r_t^k} \right)^{-\alpha} \quad (3.0.25)$$

Therefore the total cost equals:

$$TC_t = W_t L_{j,t} + r_t^k \widetilde{K}_{j,t} = (y_t^j + \Phi) \frac{1}{\varepsilon_t^a} W_t^{1-\alpha} (r_t^k)^\alpha (\alpha^{-\alpha} (1-\alpha)^{-(1-\alpha)}) \quad (3.0.26)$$

Hence the marginal cost takes the form:

$$MC_t = \frac{\partial TC_t}{\partial y_t^j} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_t^a} W_t^{1-\alpha} (r_t^k)^\alpha (\alpha^{-\alpha} (1-\alpha)^{-(1-\alpha)}) \quad (3.0.27)$$

In order to derive the optimal mark-up formula for the reoptimize price, the Lagrangian can be formed:

$$L = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \rho_{t+i} \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t - MC_{t+i} \right] Y_{t+i} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t}{P_{t+i}} \right]^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t+i})}{\lambda_{p,t+i}}} - \Phi MC_{t+i} \right\} \quad (3.0.28)$$

First order condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \tilde{p}_t} &= \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \rho_{t+i} \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \right] Y_{t+i} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t}{P_{t+i}} \right]^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t+i})}{\lambda_{p,t+i}}} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t - MC_{t+i} \right] Y_{t+i} \frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t+i})}{\lambda_{p,t+i}} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t}{P_{t+i}} \right]^{\frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t+i})}{\lambda_{p,t+i}} - 1} \frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p}}{P_{t+i}} \right\} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \rho_{t+i} \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \right] y_{t+i}^j + \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \tilde{p}_t - MC_{t+i} \right] \frac{-(1+\lambda_{p,t+i})}{\lambda_{p,t+i}} \frac{y_{t+i}^j}{\tilde{p}_t} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.29)$$

Multiplying through the factor $\tilde{p}_t \lambda_{p,t+i}$ and considering equation 1.2.8, the following mark-up formula for the reoptimized price obtains:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \frac{\lambda_{t+i}}{\lambda_t} y_{t+i}^j \left\{ \frac{\tilde{p}_t}{P_t} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p}}{\frac{P_{t+i}}{P_t}} \right] - (1 + \lambda_{p,t+i}) \frac{MC_{t+i}}{P_{t+i}} \right\} = 0 \quad (3.0.30)$$

Log-linearised DSGE model - Consumption

Recall that:

$$\lambda_t = \varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - H_t)^{-\sigma_c} \quad (3.0.31)$$

Then from the household maximization problem it holds that:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \lambda_{t+1} \frac{R_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = \frac{\lambda_t}{P_t} \quad (3.0.32)$$

Then the left-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \lambda_{t+1} \frac{R_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \varepsilon_{t+1}^B (C_{t+1}^\tau - H_{t+1})^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \varepsilon_{t+1}^B (C_{t+1}^\tau - hC_t)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R_t}{P_{t+1}} \right] \simeq \\ &\simeq \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R}{P} + \beta \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R}{P} \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^B - \sigma_c \beta \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c-1} (C \hat{C}_{t+1} - hC \hat{C}_t) \frac{R}{P} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \beta \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R}{P} \hat{R}_t - \beta \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R}{P} \hat{P}_{t+1} \right] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{R}{P} \cdot \left(1 + \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^B - \sigma_c (C - hC)^{-1} (C \hat{C}_{t+1} - hC \hat{C}_t) + \hat{R}_t - \hat{P}_{t+1} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.33)$$

While the right-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda_t}{P_t} &= \varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - H_t)^{-\sigma_c} P_t^{-1} = \varepsilon_t^B (C_t^\tau - hC_{t-1})^{-\sigma_c} P_t^{-1} \simeq \\ &\simeq \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} P^{-1} + \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} P^{-1} \hat{\varepsilon}_t^B + \\ &\quad - \sigma_c \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c-1} P^{-1} (C \hat{C}_t - hC \hat{C}_{t-1}) + \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} P^{-1} \hat{P}_t = \\ &= \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} P^{-1} \left(1 + \hat{\varepsilon}_t^B - \sigma_c (C - hC)^{-1} (C \hat{C}_t - hC \hat{C}_{t-1}) - \hat{P}_t \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.34)$$

Finally considering that in the steady-state:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta R \left[\varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \right] &= \varepsilon^B (C - hC)^{-\sigma_c} \frac{P}{P} \\ \iff \beta &= \frac{1}{R}\end{aligned}\tag{3.0.35}$$

Putting both sides together yields:

$$\hat{R}_t + \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1}^B - \frac{\sigma_c}{1-h} \left(\mathbb{E}_t \hat{C}_{t+1} - h \hat{C}_t \right) = \hat{\varepsilon}_t^B - \frac{\sigma_c}{1-h} \left(\hat{C}_t - h \hat{C}_{t-1} \right) + \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \tag{3.0.36}$$

from which one obtains the explicit expression for \hat{C}_t .

Log-linearised DSGE model - Investment

Recall the optimal condition for investment:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial I_t} &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[-\beta^t \lambda_t - \beta^t \lambda_t Q_t \left(-1 + S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) + I_t \cdot S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_t^I}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right] + \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta^{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} Q_{t+1} \left(I_{t+1} \cdot S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right) \cdot \frac{-\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t^2} \right) \right] = 0 \\ \iff Q_t S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) &- \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[Q_{t+1} \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right) \frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \frac{I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right] + 1 = \\ &= Q_t \left(1 - S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right)\end{aligned}\tag{3.0.37}$$

Since in the steady state $\varepsilon^I = 1$ and $S(1) = S'(1) = 0$, it holds:

$$Q S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} \right) \left(\frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} \right) - \beta \left[Q \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} \right) \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} \frac{I}{I} \right] + 1 = Q \left(1 - S \left(\frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} \right) \right) \iff Q = 1 \tag{3.0.38}$$

The approximation of the single terms yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} &\simeq S'(1) \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} + \left[S''(1) \left(\frac{I}{I} \right) \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} + S'(1) \frac{I}{I} \right] (\varepsilon_t^I - \varepsilon^I) + \\
&+ \left[S''(1) \left(\frac{\varepsilon^I}{I} \right) \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} + S'(1) \frac{\varepsilon^I}{I} \right] (I_t - I) + \\
&+ \left[S''(1) \left(\frac{-\varepsilon^I I}{I^2} \right) \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} + S'(1) \frac{-\varepsilon^I I}{I^2} \right] (I_{t-1} - I) = \\
&= S''(1) [\hat{I}_t - \hat{I}_{t-1} + \hat{\varepsilon}_t^I]
\end{aligned} \tag{3.0.39}$$

Note that since $S'(1) = 0$ one does not need the approximation of Q_t, Q_{t+1}, λ_t and λ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{Q_{t+1}}{Q_t} \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right) \frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}^I I_{t+1}}{I_t} \frac{I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right] &\simeq \\
\simeq \beta \frac{Q}{Q} \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} S' \left(\frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I} \right) \frac{\varepsilon^I I^2}{I^2} + \beta \frac{Q}{Q} \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \left[S''(1) \frac{\varepsilon^I}{I} \frac{\varepsilon^I I^2}{I^2} + 2S'(1) \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I^2} \right] (\mathbb{E}_t I_{t+1} - I) + \\
+ \beta \frac{Q}{Q} \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \left[S''(1) \frac{-\varepsilon^I I}{I^2} \frac{\varepsilon^I I^2}{I^2} - 2S'(1) \frac{\varepsilon^I I^2}{I^3} \right] (I_t - I) + \\
+ \beta \frac{Q}{Q} \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \left[S''(1) \frac{I}{I} \frac{\varepsilon^I I^2}{I^2} + S'(1) \frac{I^2}{I^2} \right] (\mathbb{E}_t \varepsilon_{t+1}^I - \varepsilon^I) = \\
= \beta S''(1) [\mathbb{E}_t \hat{I}_{t+1} - \hat{I}_t + \mathbb{E}_t \varepsilon_{t+1}^I]
\end{aligned} \tag{3.0.40}$$

Since $Q = 1$:

$$\frac{1}{Q_t} \simeq \frac{1}{Q} - \frac{1}{Q^2} (Q_t - Q) = 1 - \hat{Q}_t \tag{3.0.41}$$

Moreover:

$$S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \simeq S(1) + S'(1) \left[\frac{I}{I} (\varepsilon_t^I - \varepsilon) + \frac{\varepsilon^I}{I} (I_t - I) - \frac{\varepsilon^I I}{I^2} (I_{t-1} - I) \right] = 0 \tag{3.0.42}$$

Hence it follows:

$$S''(1) [\hat{I}_t - \hat{I}_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t^I] - \beta S''(1) [\mathbb{E}_t \hat{I}_{t+1} - \hat{I}_t + \mathbb{E}_t \varepsilon_{t+1}^I] \simeq 1 - (1 - \hat{Q}_t) \tag{3.0.43}$$

Thus:

$$\hat{I}_t = \frac{1}{1 + \beta} \hat{I}_{t-1} + \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{I}_{t+1} + \frac{1}{S''(1)(1 + \beta)} \hat{Q}_t + \frac{\beta \mathbb{E}_t \varepsilon_{t+1}^I - \varepsilon_t^I}{1 + \beta} \tag{3.0.44}$$

Log-linearised DSGE model - Q-equation

Recall that

$$Q_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \left(Q_{t+1}(1 - \tau) + z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k - \Psi(z_{t+1}) \right) \right] \quad (3.0.45)$$

In the steady state $Q = 1$, $z = 1$ and $\Psi(1) = 0$, thus:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \beta \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \left(Q(1 - \tau) + z r^k - \Psi(z) \right) \\ \iff 1 &= \beta \left(1 - \tau + r^k \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.46)$$

The linearization of the left side yields:

$$Q_t \simeq 1 + \hat{Q}_t \quad (3.0.47)$$

Exploiting the fact that $r^k = \Psi'(z)$, the right side approximates by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_t \left[\beta \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_t} \left(Q_{t+1}(1 - \tau) + z_{t+1} r_{t+1}^k - \Psi(z_{t+1}) \right) \right] &\simeq \\ \simeq \beta \left(1 - \tau + r^k \right) + \underbrace{\beta \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[Q(1 - \tau) + z r^k - \Psi(z) \right]}_{\beta^{-1}} (\mathbb{E}_t \lambda_{t+1} - \lambda) + \\ - \underbrace{\beta \frac{\lambda}{\lambda^2} \left[Q(1 - \tau) + z r^k - \Psi(z) \right]}_{\beta^{-1}} (\lambda_t - \lambda) + \\ + \beta \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} (1 - \tau) (\mathbb{E}_t Q_{t+1} - Q) + \beta \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} z (\mathbb{E}_t r_{t+1}^k - r) + \\ + \beta \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \left(r^k - \Psi'(z) \right) (z_{t+1} - z) = \\ = 1 + \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\lambda}_{t+1} - \hat{\lambda}_t + \beta(1 - \tau) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{Q}_{t+1} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t r^k \hat{r}_{t+1} \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.48)$$

From the Euler equation:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \hat{\lambda}_{t+1} - \hat{\lambda}_t = - \left(\hat{R}_t - \hat{\pi}_{t+1} \right) \quad (3.0.49)$$

Putting the above-mentioned conditions together:

$$\hat{Q}_t = - \left(\hat{R}_t - \hat{\pi}_{t+1} \right) + \beta(1 - \tau) \mathbb{E}_t \hat{Q}_{t+1} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t r^k \hat{r}_{t+1} \quad (3.0.50)$$

Log-linearised DSGE model - Capital accumulation

Starting from:

$$K_t = K_{t-1}(1 - \tau) + I_t \left[1 - S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right] \quad (3.0.51)$$

In the steady state it holds:

$$K = (1 - \tau)K + I \left[1 - \underbrace{S(1)}_{=0} \right] \iff I = \tau K \quad (3.0.52)$$

The approximation of the left side yields:

$$K_t = K + (K_t - K) \simeq K + \hat{K}_t K \quad (3.0.53)$$

Analogously for the right side:

$$K_{t-1}(1 - \tau) + I_t \left[1 - S \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t^I I_t}{I_{t-1}} \right) \right] \simeq K(1 - \tau) + I + (1 - \tau)(K_{t-1} - K) + (I_t - I) \quad (3.0.54)$$

Considering the steady state relationships:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K}_t K &= (1 - \tau)K \hat{K}_{t-1} + \hat{I}_t I = (1 - \tau)K \hat{K}_{t-1} + \hat{I}_t \tau K \\ &\Rightarrow \hat{K}_t = (1 - \tau)\hat{K}_{t-1} + \hat{I}_{t-1} \tau \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.55)$$

Log-linearised DSGE model - Prices

Starting from:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \frac{\lambda_{t+i}}{\lambda_t} y_{t+i}^j \left\{ \frac{\tilde{p}_t}{P_t} \left[\left(\frac{P_{t+i-1}}{P_{t-1}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \right] - (1 + \lambda_{p,t+i}) \frac{MC_{t+i}}{P_{t+i}} \right\} = 0 \quad (3.0.56)$$

Denote $\phi_t = \log(\tilde{p}_t)$, $p_t = \log(P_t)$, $mc_t = \log\left(\frac{MC_t}{P_t}\right)$ and $\mu = \log(1 + \lambda)$. Then:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \frac{\lambda_{t+i}}{\lambda_t} y_{t+i}^j \left\{ e^{\phi_t - p_{t+i} + \gamma_p(p_{t+i-1} - p_{t-1})} - e^{\mu + mc_{t+i}} \right\} = 0 \quad (3.0.57)$$

In the steady state it holds $\phi_t = p_t = p$, thus:

$$\begin{aligned} e^0 - e^{\mu + mc} &= 0 \\ \iff mc &= -\mu \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.58)$$

Having noticed that the internal bracket of equation 3.0.57 is null in the steady state:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} y \left\{ e^0 (\phi_t - p) + e^0 (-1) (p_{t+i} - p) + e^0 (p_{t+i-1} - p) - e^0 \gamma_p (p_{t-1} - p) + \right. \\ \left. - e^0 (mc_{t+i} - mc) \right\} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \phi_t &= \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i \left[\underbrace{-mc}_{=\mu} + mc_{t+i} + p_{t+i} - \gamma_p (p_{t+i-1} - p_{t-1}) \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 - \beta \varsigma_p} \phi_t &= \frac{1}{1 - \beta \varsigma_p} \mu + \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i [mc_{t+i} + p_{t+i} - \gamma_p (p_{t+i-1} - p_{t-1})] \\ \Rightarrow \phi_t &= \mu + (1 - \beta \varsigma_p) \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i [mc_{t+i} + p_{t+i} - \gamma_p (p_{t+i-1} - p_{t-1})] \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}_t = \phi_t - p &= (1 - \beta \varsigma_p) \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \varsigma_p^i [\hat{m}c_{t+i} + \hat{p}_{t+i} - \gamma_p (p_{t+i-1} - p_{t-1})] \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}_t - \beta \varsigma_p \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\phi}_{t+1} &= (1 - \beta \varsigma_p) (\hat{m}c_t + \hat{p}_t) \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.59)$$

Moreover, the linearization of the equation of motion of the price level yields:

$$\begin{aligned} (P_t)^{\frac{-1}{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}}} &= \varsigma_p \left[P_{t-1} \left(\frac{P_{t-1}}{P_{t-2}} \right)^{\gamma_p} \right]^{\frac{-1}{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}}} + (1 - \varsigma_p) (\tilde{p}_t)^{\frac{-1}{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}}} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \varsigma_p \left[\Pi_{t-1}^{\gamma_p} \Pi_t^{-1} \right]^{\frac{-1}{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}}} + (1 - \varsigma_p) \left(\frac{\tilde{p}_t}{P_t} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}}} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= \frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}} \left[\Pi^{\gamma_p} \Pi^{-1} \right]^{\frac{-1}{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}} - 1} \left[\gamma_p \pi^{\gamma_p - 1} (\Pi_{t-1} - \Pi) - \Pi^{-2} (\Pi_t - \Pi) \right] + \\ &\quad - \frac{-1}{\lambda_{p,t}} (1 - \varsigma_p) \frac{P}{P} \frac{\bar{\lambda}_{p,t}^{-1} - 1}{P} \frac{1}{P} [(\tilde{p}_t - P) (P_t - P)] \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}_t - \hat{p}_t &= \frac{\varsigma_p}{1 - \varsigma_p} (\hat{\pi}_t - \gamma_p \hat{\pi}_{t-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.60)$$

The substitution into 3.0.59 yields the new-keynesian Phillips curve:

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta\gamma_p} \mathbb{E}_t \hat{\pi}_{t+1} + \frac{\gamma_p}{1 + \beta\gamma_p} \hat{\pi}_{t-1} + \frac{(1 - \beta\varsigma_p)(1 - \varsigma_p)}{(1 + \beta\gamma_p)\varsigma_p} \underbrace{\left(\alpha \hat{r}_t^k + (1 - \alpha) \hat{w}_t - \hat{\varepsilon}_t^a + \eta_t^p \right)}_{\hat{m}c_t} \quad (3.0.61)$$

Log-linearised DSGE model - Labor demand

Starting with:

$$\frac{W_t L_t}{r_t^k z_t K_{t-1}} = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \quad (3.0.62)$$

In the steady state it holds:

$$\frac{WL}{r^k z K} = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \quad (3.0.63)$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(L_t) - \log(L) &= \log(r_t^k) - \log(r^k) - [(\log(W_t) + \log(P_t)) - (\log(W) + \log(P))] + \\ &\quad + \log(z_t) - \log(z) + \log(K_{t-1}) - \log(K) \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.64)$$

Hence:

$$\hat{L}_t = -\hat{w}_t + \hat{r}_t^k + \hat{z}_t + \hat{K}_{t-1} \quad (3.0.65)$$

On the other hand:

$$r_t^k = \Psi'(z_t) \Rightarrow r^k + r^k \hat{r}_t^k = \Psi'(z) + \Psi''(z) z_t \hat{z}_t \simeq \Psi'(z_t) \quad (3.0.66)$$

But simultaneously:

$$r^k = \Psi'(z) \quad (3.0.67)$$

$$z = 1 \quad (3.0.68)$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{r}_t^k \Psi'(1) &= \Psi''(1) \hat{z}_t \\
\Rightarrow \hat{z}_t &= \frac{\Psi'(1)}{\Psi''(1)} \hat{r}_t^k
\end{aligned} \tag{3.0.69}$$

It follows:

$$\hat{L}_t = -\hat{w}_t + \left(1 + \frac{\Psi'(1)}{\Psi''(1)}\right) \hat{r}_t^k + \hat{K}_{t-1} \tag{3.0.70}$$