

# Growth Model

Social Planner's problem in per capita terms:

$$\max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \frac{c_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

s.t.

$$c_t + k_{t+1} = (1 + g) k_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta) k_t$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} l_0 &= 1 \\ A_0 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Parameters:  $\beta, \sigma, g, \alpha, n$ , and  $\delta$ .

We can make a change-in-variables to render stationary; i.e.

$$\tilde{c}_t = c_t(1 + g)^{-t}, \quad \tilde{k}_t = k_t(1 + g)^{-t}, \quad \tilde{\beta} = \beta(1 + g)^{1-\sigma}$$

In which case,

$$\tilde{c}_t + \tilde{k}_{t+1}(1 + g) = \tilde{k}_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta) \tilde{k}_t$$

The Euler condition is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \tilde{k}_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta) \tilde{k}_t - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+1} \right]^{-\sigma} \\ &= \tilde{\beta} \left[ \tilde{k}_{t+1}^\alpha + (1 - \delta) \tilde{k}_{t+1} - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+2} \right]^{-\sigma} \left[ \alpha \tilde{k}_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta) \right] \end{aligned}$$

The steady state Euler condition is

$$1 = \tilde{\beta} \left[ \alpha k^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta) \right]$$

So

$$k = \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}^{-1} - (1 - \delta)}{\alpha} \right]^{1/(\alpha-1)}$$

Define the steady state savings fraction as

$$s := \frac{(1 + g)k}{k^\alpha + (1 - \delta)k}$$

We will be solving for the optimal "savings" function

$$k_{+1} = G(Y(k)), \quad Y(k) := k^\alpha + (1 - \delta)k$$

We will take the initial savings function to be  $G_0(Y) = sY/(1 + g)$ .

Given the savings function we can form the r.h.s of the Euler condition as

$$M(k|G) = \tilde{\beta}[Y(k) - (1 + g)G(Y(k))]^{-\sigma} \left[ \alpha k^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta) \right]$$

We will be constucting an approximation of  $M$  and using it to solve for the new savings function as follows.

- For each  $k \in \mathbf{K}$  we can solve for  $k'$  s.t.

$$[Y(k) - (1 + g)k']^{-\sigma} = M(k'|G).$$

- Then, we can use these results to form

$$k' = G_{+1}(Y(k))$$

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- Then we form the new rhs

$$M_{+1}(k|G_{+1}) = \tilde{\beta}[Y(k) - (1 + g)G_{+1}(Y(k))]^{-\sigma} \left[ \alpha k^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta) \right]$$

We iterate on this until we get convergence. Note that we are solving on a grid so we need to interpolate between grid points.

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In [1]: import numpy as np
from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
import scipy.optimize as sc
import matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Parameters
β = 0.98
σ = 2
g = .02
α = .033
δ = 0.08

β_t = (1+g)**(1-σ) * β

# Steady State Values
k_ss = ( (β_t**(-1) - 1 + δ)/α )**(1/(α-1))

Y_ss = k_ss**α + (1-δ)*k_ss
s_ss = (1+g)*k_ss / Y_ss

# Capital Grid
grid_size = 100
K_grid = np.linspace(.1*k_ss, 2*k_ss, grid_size)
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In [2]: # Key Functions

def Yfun(k):
    Y = k**α + (1-δ)*k
    return Y

def MU_RHS(k, K_array, G_array):
    """
    Right hand side of the Euler equation.
    """
    v = interp1d(K_array, G_array)
    c = Yfun(k) - (1+g)*v(k)
    MPK = α*k**(α-1) + (1-δ)
    return c**(-σ)*MPK

def Tfun(G_array, K_array):
    G_new = np.copy(G_array)
    for count in range(len(K_array)):
        k = K_array[count]
        def fun(k_new):
            gap = (Yfun(k) - (1+g)*k_new)**(-σ) - MU_RHS(k_new, K_array, G_array)
            return gap
        x = sc.fsolve(fun, 0.2)
        G_new[count] = x
    Err = max(abs(G_new-G_array))
    return G_new, Err
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In [3]: # Loop on savings function

Solow_g = (s_ss/(1+g))*(K_grid**α + (1-δ)*K_grid)
G_old = (s_ss/(1+g))*(K_grid**α + (1-δ)*K_grid)

for counter in range(500):
    G_new, gap_new = Tfun(G_old, K_grid)
    if gap_new < .0001:
        print('success ', counter)
        break
    G_old = G_new

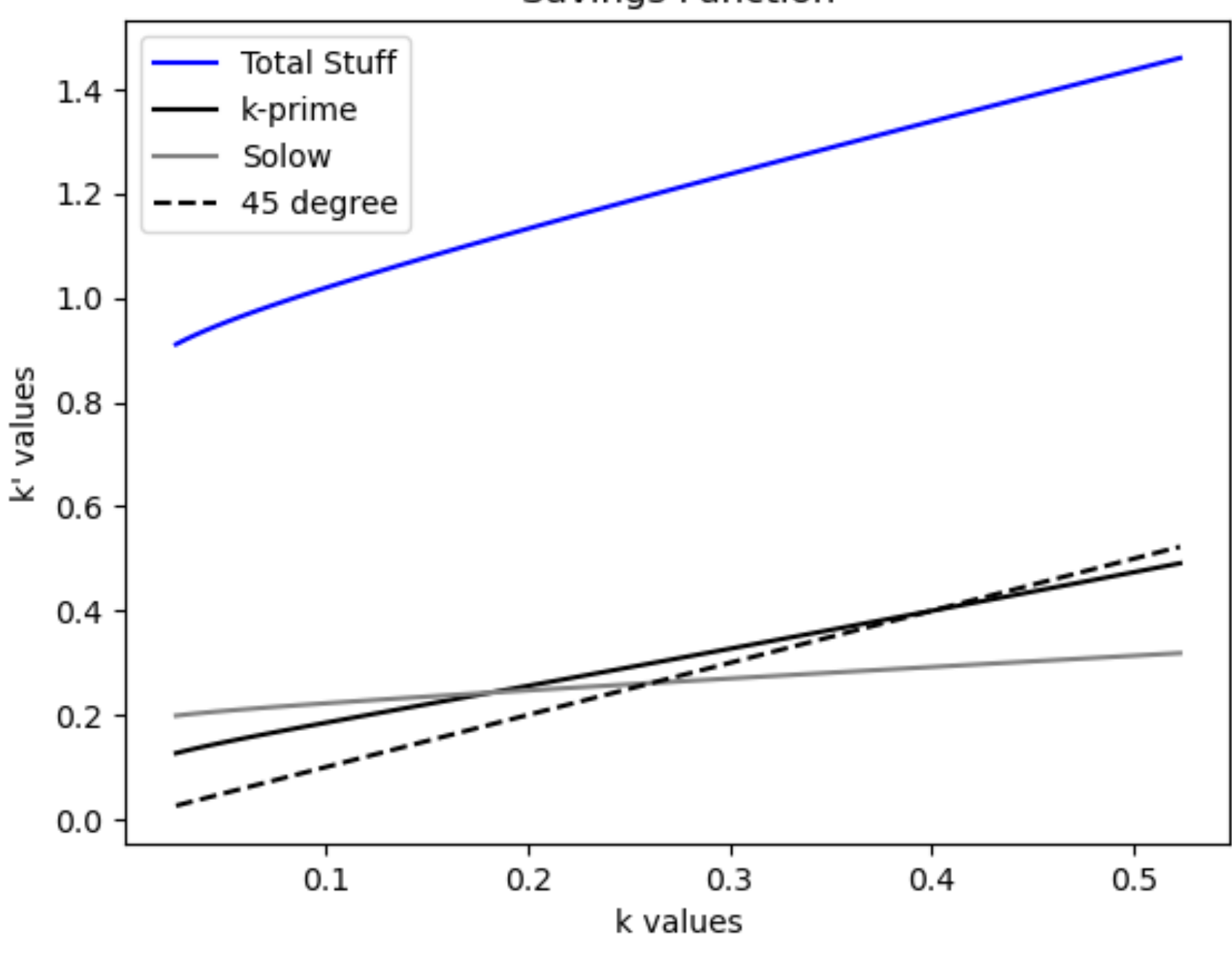
print(G_new, gap_new)

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In [4]: fig = plt.figure()
ax = plt.axes()

ax.plot(K_grid, Yfun(K_grid), color = 'blue', linestyle = 'solid');
ax.plot(K_grid, G_new, color = 'black', linestyle = 'solid');
ax.plot(K_grid, Solow_g, color = 'grey', linestyle = 'solid');
ax.plot(K_grid, K_grid, color = 'black', linestyle = 'dashed');
plt.title("Savings Function")
plt.xlabel("k values")
plt.ylabel("k' values")
plt.legend(["Total Stuff", "k-prime", "Solow", "45 degree"], loc = "upper left")

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# Extension to higher dimensional state

Assume now that the output is subject to an AR1 productivity shock

$$z_t = \rho_z z_{t-1} + \sigma_z \epsilon_t$$

Assume that depreciation is subject to a MA depreciation shock

$$\delta_t = \mu_t + \mu_{t-1}$$

Thus, the state is now multidimensional with a shock vector

$$s = (z_t, \delta_t, \mu_t)$$

and an endogenous capital level  $k_t$ .

The Euler condition is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ z_t \tilde{k}_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta_t) \tilde{k}_t - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+1} \right]^{-\sigma} \\ &= \tilde{\beta} E \left\{ \left[ z_{t+1} \tilde{k}_{t+1}^\alpha + (1 - \delta_{t+1}) \tilde{k}_{t+1} - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+2} \right]^{-\sigma} \left[ \alpha z_{t+1} \tilde{k}_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta_{t+1}) \right] \middle| z_t, \mu_t \right\} \end{aligned}$$

If we define

$$MU(k_{t+1}, s_t) = \tilde{\beta} E \left\{ \left[ z_{t+1} \tilde{k}_{t+1}^\alpha + (1 - \delta_{t+1}) \tilde{k}_{t+1} - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+2} \right]^{-\sigma} \left[ \alpha z_{t+1} \tilde{k}_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta_{t+1}) \right] \middle| z_t, \mu_t \right\}$$

Then we can solve for

$$\tilde{k}_{t+1} : \left[ z_t \tilde{k}_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta_t) \tilde{k}_t - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+1} \right]^{-\sigma} = MU(k_{t+1}, s_t)$$

$$\implies (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+1} = z_t \tilde{k}_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta_t) \tilde{k}_t - MU(k_t, s_t)^{-1/\sigma}$$

Denote this solution by

$$\tilde{k}_{t+1} = G(k_t, s_t) = \frac{z_t \tilde{k}_t^\alpha + (1 - \delta_t) \tilde{k}_t - MU(k_t, s_t)^{-1/\sigma}}{1 + g}$$

Then, we can numerically approximate the implied  $MU$  functions as

$$\begin{aligned} MU(k_{t+1}, s_{t+1}) &= \int_{\epsilon_{t+1}} \int_{\mu_{t+1}} \tilde{\beta} \times \\ & \left[ z_{t+1} \tilde{k}_{t+1}^\alpha + (1 - \delta_{t+1}) \tilde{k}_{t+1} - (1 + g) \tilde{k}_{t+2} \right]^{-\sigma} \times \left[ \alpha z_{t+1} \tilde{k}_{t+1}^{\alpha-1} + (1 - \delta_{t+1}) \right] \times \\ & Pr\{\epsilon_{t+1}, \mu_{t+1}\} \\ \text{where } z_{t+1} &= (1 - \rho_z)^{-1} + \rho_z z_t + \sigma_z \epsilon_{t+1}, \quad \delta_{t+1} = \mu_t + \mu_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

# Solution methods

Approximate functions using either grid and functional approximation or simulation based approximation.

- Sparse grid
- Deep Neural Net
- Gaussian

Simulation methods work with either Neural Nets or Guassian. Direct approximation works with Sparse grids and Gaussian methods.

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