

## Problem Set 3

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In [1]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import scipy.stats as sta
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
```

### Ex.1

T = 1:

the optimal amount of cake to eat is:

$$U = \max_{W_{T+1}} \sum_{t=1}^T \beta^{t-1} u(W_t - W_{t+1}) = \max_{W_{T+1}} u(W_t)$$

$$W_{T+1} = \min(W_{T+1}) = 0 \quad \forall W_T$$

### Ex.2

T = 2:

$$U = \max_{W_2, W_3} \sum_{t=1}^{T=2} \beta^{t-1} u(W_t - W_{t+1}) = \max_{W_2, W_3} u(W_1 - W_2) + \beta u(W_2 - W_3)$$

The optimal amount of cake to leave for the next period  $W_3$  in period 2 is:

$$W_3 = \min(W_3) = 0 \quad \forall W_2, W_1$$

To optimize  $W_2$ , consider the first order condition of the utility:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial W_2} &= 0 \\ - \frac{\partial u(C_1)}{\partial C_1} + \beta \frac{\partial(C_2)}{\partial C_2} &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial u(C_1)}{\partial C_1} &= \beta \frac{\partial(C_2)}{\partial C_2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_t = W_t - W_{t+1}$ .

### Ex.3

T = 3:

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \max_{W_2, W_3, W_4} \sum_{t=1}^{T=2} \beta^{t-1} u(W_t - W_{t+1}) \\ &= \max_{W_2, W_3, W_4} u(W_1 - W_2) + \beta u(W_2 - W_3) + \beta^2 u(W_3 - W_4) \end{aligned}$$

The optimal amount of cake to leave for  $W_4$  is:

$$W_4 = \min(W_4) = 0 \quad \forall W_3, W_2, W_1$$

The optimal amount of cake to leave for  $W_3$  should satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial W_3} &= 0 \\ -\beta \frac{\partial u(C_2)}{\partial C_2} + \beta^2 \frac{\partial(C_3)}{\partial C_3} &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial u(C_2)}{\partial C_2} &= \beta \frac{\partial(C_3)}{\partial C_3} \end{aligned}$$

The optimal amount of cake to leave for  $W_2$  should satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial W_2} &= 0 \\ -\frac{\partial u(C_1)}{\partial C_1} + \beta \frac{\partial(C_2)}{\partial C_2} &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial u(C_1)}{\partial C_1} &= \beta \frac{\partial(C_2)}{\partial C_2} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $W_1 = 1$ ,  $\beta = 0.9$ , and the period utility function be  $\ln C_t$ .

Then the utility function becomes:

$$U = \max_{W_2, W_3, W_4} \ln(C_1) + \ln(C_2) + \ln(C_3)$$

where  $C_t = W_t - W_{t+1}$

The optimal amount for  $W_4$  is  $W_4 = 0$ .

The optimal amount of  $W_3$  should satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(C_2)}{\partial C_2} &= \beta \frac{\partial(C_3)}{\partial C_3} \\ \implies \frac{1}{C_2} &= \beta \frac{1}{C_3} \\ \implies \frac{1}{W_2 - W_3} &= \beta \frac{1}{W_3 - W_4} \\ \implies \frac{1}{W_2 - W_3} &= 0.9 \frac{1}{W_3} \\ \implies W_3 &= \frac{0.9}{1.9} W_2 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the optimal amount of  $W_2$  should satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(C_1)}{\partial C_1} &= \beta \frac{\partial(C_2)}{\partial C_2} \\ \implies \frac{1}{C_1} &= \beta \frac{1}{C_2} \\ \implies \frac{1}{W_1 - W_2} &= \beta \frac{1}{W_2 - W_3} \\ \implies \frac{1}{1 - W_2} &= 0.9 \frac{1}{W_2 - W_3} \\ \implies W_2 &= \frac{0.9 + W_3}{1.9} \end{aligned}$$

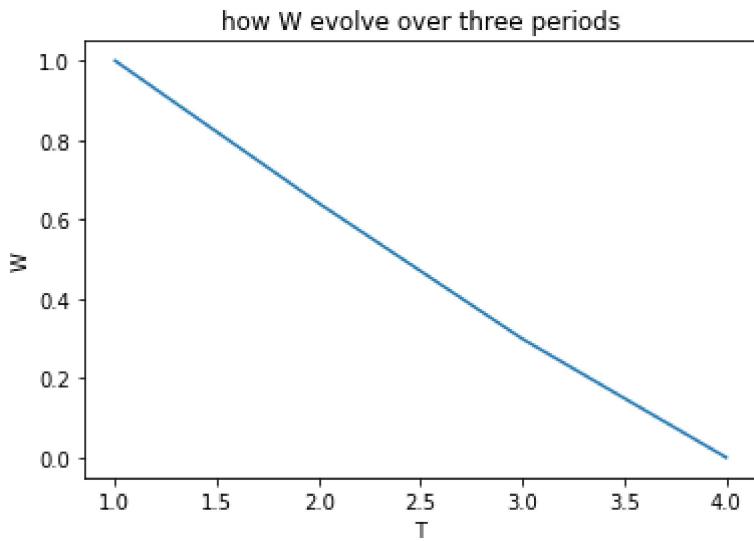
Solving for  $W_2, W_3$ , we get:  $W_2 = 0.630996, W_3 = 0.298893$ .

Then  $C_1 = W_1 - W_2 = 0.369004, C_2 = W_2 - W_3 = 0.332103, C_3 = W_3 - W_4 = 0.298893$ .

In [3]:

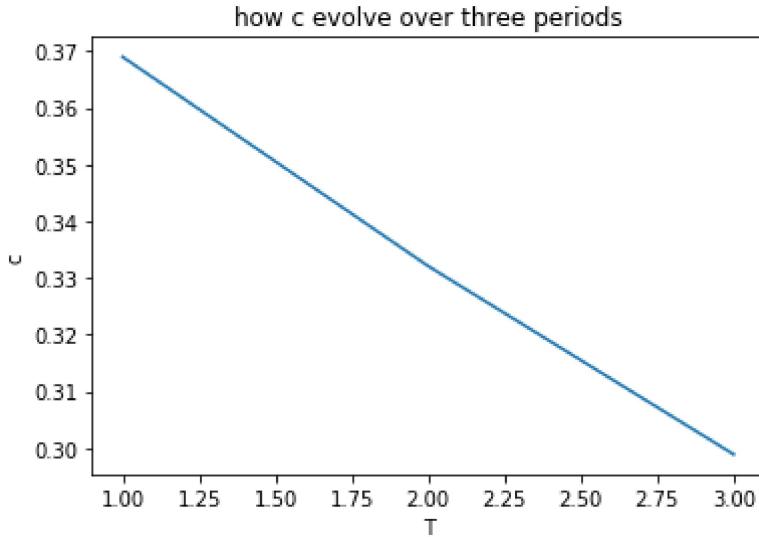
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W = [1, 0.640996, 0.298893, 0]
c = [0.369004, 0.332103, 0.298893]
T = [1, 2, 3, 4]

plt.plot(T, W)
plt.title("how W evolve over three periods")
plt.xlabel("T")
plt.ylabel("W")
plt.show()
```



In [4]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(T[0:-1], c)
plt.title("how c evolve over three periods")
plt.xlabel("T")
plt.ylabel("c")
plt.show()
```



## Ex.4

The optimal choice in period  $T - 1$  for  $W_T = \psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1})$  should satisfy:

$$-u(W_{T-1} - W_T) + \beta u(W_T - W_{T+1}) = 0$$

$$\implies -u(W_{T-1} - \psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1})) + \beta u(\psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1}) - W_{T-1}) = 0$$

The value function  $V_{T-1}$  is:

$$V_{T-1}(W_{T-1}) = \max_{\psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1})} u(W_{T-1} - \psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1})) + \beta V_T(\psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1}))$$

## Ex.5

$$u(c) = \ln(c)$$

If  $T < \infty$  represents the last period of an individual's life:

$$\psi_T(W_T) = W_{T+1} = 0$$

$$\psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1}) = W_T = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} W_{T-1} > 0$$

So  $\psi_{T-1}(\bar{W}) \neq \psi_T(\bar{W})$ .

$$V_T(W_T) = \max_{W_{T+1}} u(W_T - W_{T+1}) + \beta V_{T+1}(W_{T+1}) = \ln(W_T)$$

$$V_{T-1}(W_{T-1}) = \max_{W_T} u(W_{T-1} - W_T) + \beta V_T(W_T) = \ln(W_{T-1} - W_T) + \beta \ln(W_T)$$

So  $V_{T-1}(\bar{W}) \neq V_T(\bar{W})$ .

## Ex.6

$$u(c) = \ln(c)$$

The finite horizon Bellman equation for the value function at time  $T - 2$  is:

$$V_{T-2}(W_{T-2}) = \max_{W_{T-1}, W_T} \ln(W_{T-2} - W_{T-1}) + \beta \ln(W_{T-1} - W_T) + \beta^2 \ln(W_T)$$

Since  $W_T = \psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1})$ , we have:

$$V_{T-2}(W_{T-2}) = \max_{W_{T-1}} \ln(W_{T-2} - W_{T-1}) + \beta \ln(W_{T-1} - \psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1})) + \beta^2 \ln(\psi_{T-1}(W_{T-1}))$$

$$\implies V_{T-2}(W_{T-2}) = \max_{W_{T-1}} \ln(W_{T-2} - W_{T-1}) + \beta \ln(W_{T-1} - \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} W_{T-1}) + \beta^2 \ln(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} W_{T-1})$$

To get the optimal value of  $W_{T-1} = \psi_{T-2}(W_{T-2})$ , consider the first order condition of this equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{W_{T-2} - W_{T-1}} + \beta \frac{1}{W_{T-1}} + \beta^2 \frac{1}{W_{T-1}} = 0 \\ \implies & W_{T-1} = \frac{\beta + \beta^2}{1 + \beta + \beta^2} W_{T-2} \end{aligned}$$

The analytical solution for  $V_{T-2}$  is:

$$V_{T-2} = \ln(\frac{1}{1 + \beta + \beta^2} W_{T-2}) + \beta \ln(\frac{\beta}{1 + \beta + \beta^2} W_{T-2}) + \beta^2 \ln(\frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta + \beta^2} W_{T-2})$$

## Ex.7

$$u(c) = \ln(c)$$

The analytical solutions for  $\psi_{T-s}(W_{T-s})$  and  $V_{T-s}(W_{T-s})$  are:

$$\psi_{T-s}(W_{T-s}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s \beta^i}{\sum_{j=0}^s \beta^j} W_{T-s}$$

$$V_{T-s}(W_{T-s}) = \sum_{i=0}^s \beta^i \ln(\frac{\beta^i}{\sum_{j=0}^s \beta^j} W_{T-s})$$

If  $s \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \psi_{T-s}(W_{T-s}) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s \beta^i}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^s \beta^i} W_{T-s} = \beta W_{T-s} = \psi(W_{T-s})$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} V_{T-s}(W_{T-s}) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^s \beta^i \ln(\frac{\beta^i}{\sum_{j=0}^s \beta^j} W_{T-s}) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \ln((1-\beta)W_{T-s}) + \frac{\beta}{(1-\beta)^2} \ln(\beta)$$

## Ex.8

The Bellman equation for a general utility function  $u(c)$  when the horizon is infinite:

$$V(W) = \max_{W' \in [0, W]} u(W - W') + \beta V(W')$$

## Ex.9

In [5]:

```
W_max = 1
W_min = 0.01
N = 100
W = np.linspace(W_min, W_max, N).reshape(N, 1) # column vector
W
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Out[5]:

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array([[0.01],  
       [0.02],  
       [0.03],  
       [0.04],  
       [0.05],  
       [0.06],  
       [0.07],  
       [0.08],  
       [0.09],  
       [0.1 ],  
       [0.11],  
       [0.12],  
       [0.13],  
       [0.14],  
       [0.15],  
       [0.16],  
       [0.17],  
       [0.18],  
       [0.19],  
       [0.2 ],  
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       [0.22],  
       [0.23],  
       [0.24],  
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       [0.26],  
       [0.27],  
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       [0.29],  
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       [0.32],  
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       [0.34],  
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       [0.36],  
       [0.37],  
       [0.38],  
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       [0.4 ],  
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       [0.43],  
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       [0.47],  
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       [0.49],  
       [0.5 ],  
       [0.51],  
       [0.52],  
       [0.53],  
       [0.54],  
       [0.55],  
       [0.56],  
       [0.57],  
       [0.58],  
       [0.59],
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[0.6 ],
[0.61],
[0.62],
[0.63],
[0.64],
[0.65],
[0.66],
[0.67],
[0.68],
[0.69],
[0.7 ],
[0.71],
[0.72],
[0.73],
[0.74],
[0.75],
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[0.84],
[0.85],
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[0.87],
[0.88],
[0.89],
[0.9 ],
[0.91],
[0.92],
[0.93],
[0.94],
[0.95],
[0.96],
[0.97],
[0.98],
[0.99],
[1. ]])
```

## Ex.10

In [6]:

```
# T is the last period, so W_T+1 should be 0.
Wprime = W.reshape(1, N)

beta = 0.9

# u(c) = ln(c)
def u(c):
    c_leq0 = c <= 10e-10
    util = np.zeros_like(c)
    util[~c_leq0] = np.log(c[~c_leq0])
    util[c_leq0] = -10e10
    return util
```

In [7]:

```

W_mat = np.tile(W, (1, N))
Wprime_mat = np.tile(Wprime, (N, 1))

c_mat = W_mat - Wprime_mat
util = u(c_mat)

V_Tp1 = np.zeros(N).reshape(N, 1) #####
V_T = (util + beta * V_Tp1).max(axis=1)

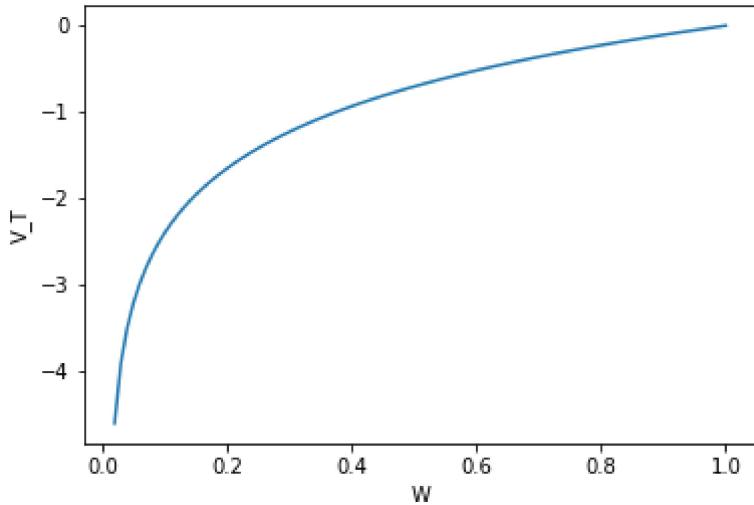
index = np.argmax(util + beta * V_Tp1, axis=1) #####
Wprime_best = np.array(W)[index].reshape(1, N)

print("W' is: " + str(Wprime_best))
print("V_T is: " + str(V_T))

```

In [8]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], V_T[1:])
plt.xlabel('W')
plt.ylabel('V_T')
plt.show()
```



## Ex.11

In [14]:

```
def dist(x1, x2):
    return ((x1 - x2)**2).sum()

delta_T = dist(V_T[1:], V_Tp1[1:])

print("The distance between V_T and V_tm1 is: " + str(delta_T))
```

The distance between  $V_T$  and  $V_{tm1}$  is: 17713.684955313078

## Ex.12

In [15]:

```
# c_mat = W_mat - Wprime_mat
util = u(c_mat)

# get V_T from Exercise 10
V_Tm1 = (util + beta * V_T).max(axis=1)

index = np.argmax(util + beta * V_T, axis=1)
Wprime_best = np.array(W)[index].reshape(1, N)

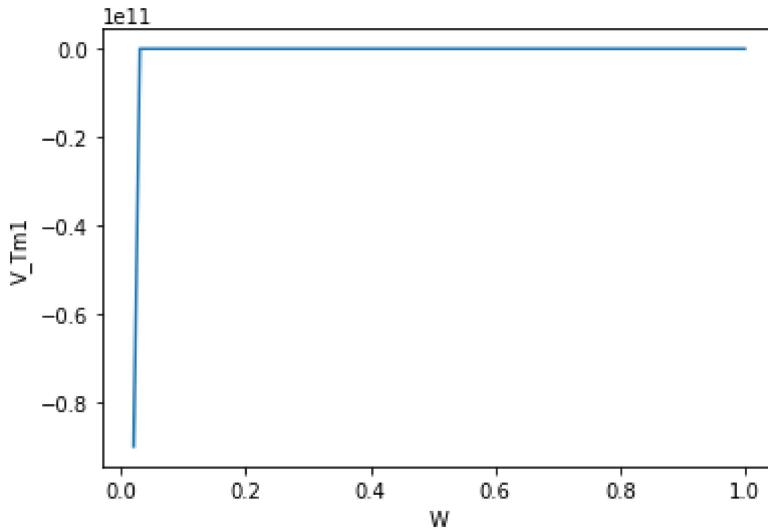
print("The policy function W_prime is " + str(Wprime_best))
print("The value function V_T-1 is " + str(V_Tm1[1:]))
```

The policy function W\_prime is [[1. 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.03 0.03 0.04 0.04  
0.05 0.05 0.06 0.06 0.07 0.07  
0.08 0.08 0.09 0.1 0.1 0.11 0.11 0.12 0.12 0.13 0.13 0.14  
0.14 0.15 0.15 0.16 0.16 0.17 0.17 0.18 0.18 0.19 0.19 0.19 0.2 0.2  
0.21 0.21 0.22 0.22 0.23 0.23 0.24 0.24 0.25 0.25 0.26 0.26 0.27 0.27  
0.28 0.28 0.28 0.29 0.29 0.3 0.3 0.31 0.31 0.32 0.32 0.33 0.33 0.34  
0.34 0.35 0.35 0.36 0.36 0.37 0.37 0.37 0.38 0.38 0.39 0.39 0.4 0.4  
0.41 0.41 0.42 0.42 0.43 0.43 0.44 0.44 0.45 0.45 0.46 0.46 0.46 0.47  
0.47 0.48]]

The value function V\_T-1 is [-9.00000000e+10 -8.74982335e+00 -8.05667617e+00  
-7.43284371e+00  
-7.02737860e+00 -6.66246000e+00 -6.37477793e+00 -6.11586407e+00  
-5.89272052e+00 -5.69189132e+00 -5.50956976e+00 -5.34548036e+00  
-5.19132968e+00 -5.05259407e+00 -4.91906268e+00 -4.79888442e+00  
-4.68110139e+00 -4.57509666e+00 -4.46973614e+00 -4.37442596e+00  
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-3.94845801e+00 -3.87435004e+00 -3.80231160e+00 -3.73331873e+00  
-3.66662156e+00 -3.60208303e+00 -3.53998945e+00 -3.47936483e+00  
-3.42128016e+00 -3.36412175e+00 -3.30955959e+00 -3.25549236e+00  
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-2.01944761e+00 -1.99204864e+00 -1.96518097e+00 -1.93851272e+00  
-1.91242394e+00 -1.88644845e+00 -1.86109466e+00 -1.83577685e+00  
-1.81108424e+00 -1.78642517e+00 -1.76232761e+00 -1.73832619e+00  
-1.71479569e+00 -1.69141776e+00 -1.66842824e+00 -1.64564221e+00  
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-1.53577310e+00 -1.51459565e+00 -1.49354224e+00 -1.47285167e+00  
-1.45223238e+00 -1.43200681e+00 -1.41180411e+00 -1.39200148e+00  
-1.37222046e+00 -1.35280238e+00 -1.33344679e+00]

In [17]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], V_Tm1[1:])
plt.xlabel('W')
plt.ylabel('V_Tm1')
plt.show()
```



In [18]:

```
delta_Tm1 = dist(V_Tm1[1:], V_T[1:])

print("The distance measure for delta_T-1 is " + str(delta_Tm1))
```

The distance measure for delta\_T-1 is 8.1e+21

In [19]:

```
delta_Tm1 - delta_T
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Out[19]:

8.1e+21

delta\_T-1 is bigger than delta\_T from Exercise 11. The reason for the increase may be because we assume T be the last period and  $V(W_{T+1}) = 0$ .

## Ex.13

In [20]:

```
util = u(c_mat)

V_Tm2 = (util + beta * V_Tm1).max(axis=1)

index = np.argmax(util + beta * V_Tm1, axis=1)
Wprime_best = np.array(W)[index].reshape(1, N)

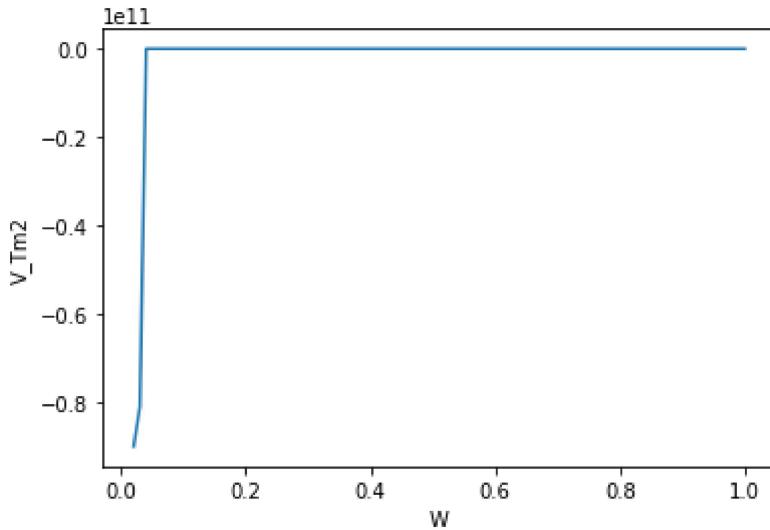
print("The policy function W_prime is " + str(Wprime_best))
print("The value function V_T-1 is " + str(V_Tm2[1:]))
```

The policy function W\_prime is [[1. 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.05  
0.06 0.07 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.09  
0.1 0.1 0.11 0.12 0.13 0.14 0.14 0.15 0.16 0.16 0.17 0.18 0.18  
0.19 0.19 0.2 0.2 0.21 0.22 0.22 0.23 0.24 0.24 0.25 0.26 0.26 0.27  
0.28 0.28 0.29 0.29 0.3 0.31 0.31 0.32 0.33 0.33 0.34 0.35 0.35 0.36  
0.36 0.37 0.37 0.38 0.39 0.39 0.4 0.41 0.41 0.42 0.43 0.43 0.44 0.45  
0.45 0.46 0.46 0.47 0.48 0.48 0.49 0.5 0.5 0.51 0.52 0.52 0.53 0.53  
0.54 0.55 0.55 0.56 0.56 0.57 0.58 0.58 0.59 0.6 0.6 0.61 0.62 0.62  
0.63 0.64]]

The value function V\_T-1 is [-9.0000000e+10 -8.1000000e+10 -1.24800112e+  
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-1.11630316e+01 -1.06015823e+01 -1.01961172e+01 -9.83119864e+00  
-9.50277190e+00 -9.21508983e+00 -8.95617596e+00 -8.72315349e+00  
-8.50000993e+00 -8.29918074e+00 -8.11685918e+00 -7.93611290e+00  
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-3.16397654e+00 -3.13498901e+00 -3.10641518e+00 -3.07799121e+00  
-3.04982033e+00 -3.02212584e+00 -2.99466558e+00]

In [21]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], V_Tm2[1:])
plt.xlabel('W')
plt.ylabel('V_Tm2')
plt.show()
```



In [22]:

```
delta_Tm2 = dist(V_Tm2, V_Tm1)

print("The distance measure for delta_T-2 is " + str(delta_Tm2))
```

The distance measure for delta\_T-2 is 6.561e+21

delta\_T-2 is smaller than delta\_T-1, but still much larger than delta\_T. The distance starts to decrease.

## Ex.14

In [23]:

```
W_max = 1
W_min = 0.01
N = 100
W = np.linspace(W_min, W_max, N).reshape(N, 1) # column vector
Wprime = W.reshape(1, N)
beta = 0.9

def u(c):
    c_leq0 = c <= 1e-10
    util = np.zeros_like(c)
    util[~c_leq0] = np.log(c[~c_leq0])
    util[c_leq0] = -1e10
    return util
```

In [24]:

```
W_mat = np.tile(W, (1, N))
Wprime_mat = np.tile(Wprime, (N, 1))

c_mat = W_mat - Wprime_mat
util = u(c_mat)
```

In [25]:

```
distance = 100 # random initial value of distance
s = 0
V_prime = u(Wprime).reshape(N,))

while distance >= 10e-9:
    s += 1
    V_Tms = (util + beta * V_prime).max(axis=1)
    index = np.argmax(util + beta * V_Tms, axis=1)
    Wprime = np.array(W)[index]
    distance = dist(V_Tms[1:], V_prime[1:])
    print("s = " + str(s) + ", distance = " + str(distance))
    V_prime = V_Tms

print("The convergence takes " + str(s) + " iterations.")
print("V_Tms = V_init? " + str(np.array_equal(V_prime, V_Tms)))
```

```
s = 1, distance = 518.0557837063243
s = 2, distance = 8.099999992539624e+19
s = 3, distance = 6.560999993957095e+19
s = 4, distance = 5.314409995105247e+19
s = 5, distance = 4.304672096035251e+19
s = 6, distance = 3.486784397788553e+19
s = 7, distance = 2.824295362208728e+19
s = 8, distance = 2.2876792433890697e+19
s = 9, distance = 1.853020187145146e+19
s = 10, distance = 1.5009463515875686e+19
s = 11, distance = 1.2157665447859306e+19
s = 12, distance = 9.847709012766036e+18
s = 13, distance = 7.976644300340488e+18
s = 14, distance = 6.461081883275798e+18
s = 15, distance = 5.233476325453397e+18
s = 16, distance = 4.2391158236172524e+18
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s = 19, distance = 2.252839952418977e+18
s = 20, distance = 1.8248003614593718e+18
s = 21, distance = 1.478088292782091e+18
s = 22, distance = 1.197251517153494e+18
s = 23, distance = 9.697737288943301e+17
s = 24, distance = 7.855167204044073e+17
s = 25, distance = 6.362685435275699e+17
s = 26, distance = 5.1537752025733165e+17
s = 27, distance = 4.1745579140843846e+17
s = 28, distance = 3.381391910408352e+17
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s = 30, distance = 2.2185312324189197e+17
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s = 35, distance = 7.735540094329598e+16
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s = 61, distance = 322924601502435.75
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s = 62, distance = 261568927216973.78  
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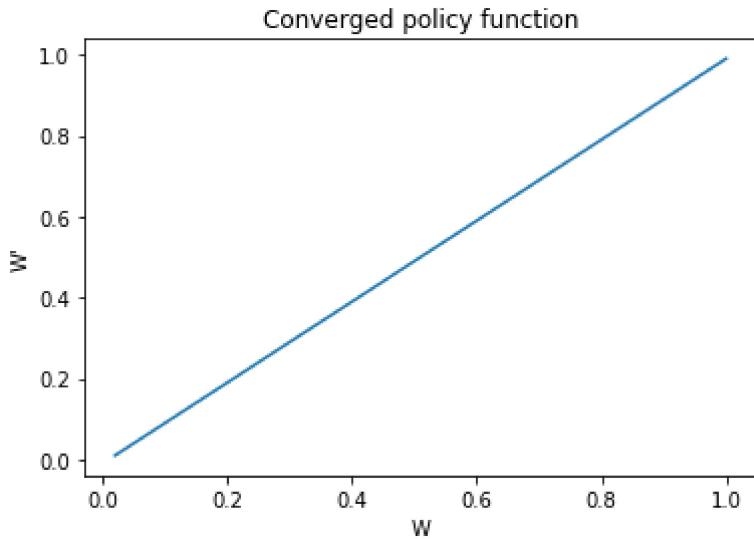
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s = 123, distance = 684183037.4787184
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s = 181, distance = 3367.467382063491
s = 182, distance = 2727.6485794811365
s = 183, distance = 2209.3953493819017
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s = 184, distance = 1789.610232993419
s = 185, distance = 1449.584288724703
s = 186, distance = 1174.1632738574035
s = 187, distance = 951.0722518273398
s = 188, distance = 770.3685239827472
s = 189, distance = 623.9985044225217
s = 190, distance = 505.4387885864289
s = 191, distance = 409.4054187550196
s = 192, distance = 331.61838919278193
s = 193, distance = 268.61089524538505
s = 194, distance = 217.57482514801438
s = 195, distance = 176.2356083696033
s = 196, distance = 142.75084277987912
s = 197, distance = 115.62818265068273
s = 198, distance = 93.65882794721058
s = 199, distance = 75.86365063743605
s = 200, distance = 61.44955701563342
s = 201, distance = 7.235294831797398e-10
The convergence takes 201 iterations.
V_Tms = V_init? True
```

## Ex.15

In [26]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], Wprime[1:])
plt.title("Converged policy function")
plt.xlabel("W")
plt.ylabel("W'")
plt.show()
```



## Ex.16

In [27]:

```
sigma = 0.5
mu = 4 * sigma

epsilon_max = mu + 3 * sigma
epsilon_min = mu - 3 * sigma

M = 7
epsilon = np.linspace(epsilon_min, epsilon_max, M)
epsilon
```

Out[27]:

```
array([0.5, 1. , 1.5, 2. , 2.5, 3. , 3.5])
```

In [28]:

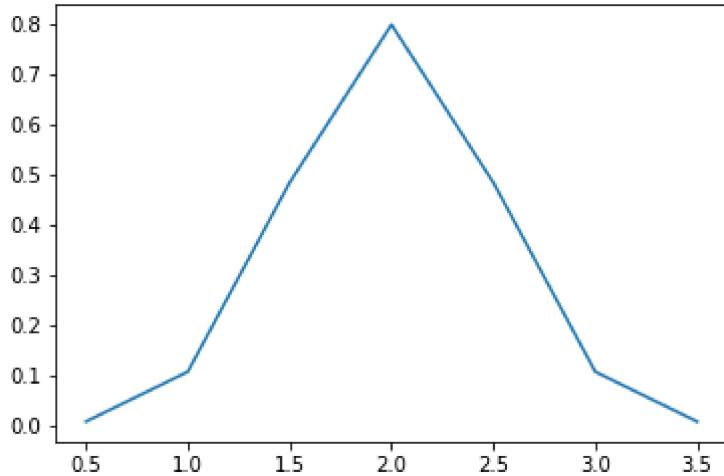
```
pdf = sta.norm.pdf(epsilon, mu, sigma)
pdf
```

Out[28]:

```
array([0.0088637 , 0.10798193, 0.48394145, 0.79788456, 0.48394145,
       0.10798193, 0.0088637 ])
```

In [29]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(epsilon, pdf)
plt.show()
```



**Ex.17**

In [56]:

```
# from Exercise 9
W_max = 1
W_min = 0.01
N = 100
W = np.linspace(W_min, W_max, N).reshape((N, 1))
V_Tp1 = np.zeros((N, M))
beta = 0.9
Wprime = W.reshape((1, N))
W_mat = np.tile(W, (1, N))
Wprime_mat = np.tile(Wprime, (N, 1))

c_mat = W_mat - Wprime_mat
util = u(c_mat)
u_cube = np.array([util * e for e in epsilon])
```

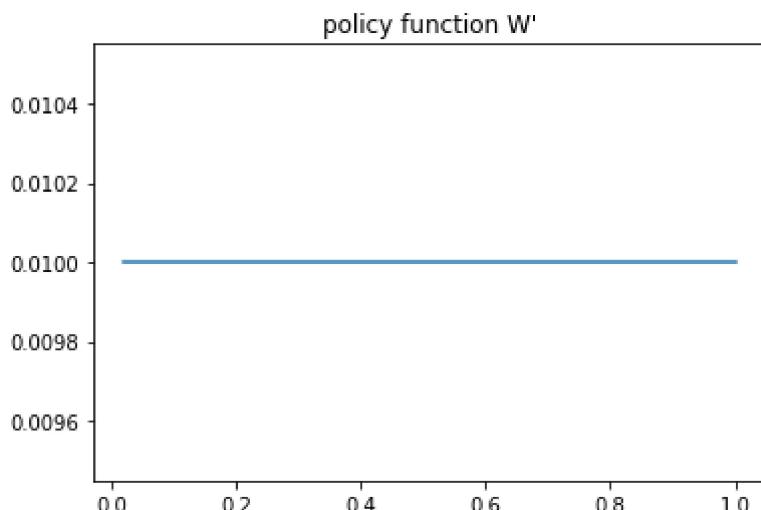
In [59]:

```
EV = V_Tp1 @ pdf.reshape((M, 1))
EV_mat = np.tile(EV.reshape((1, N)), (N, 1))
EV_mat[c_leq0] = -10e10
EV_cube = np.array([EV_mat for m in range(M)])

V = u_cube + beta * EV_cube
V_T = np.zeros((N, M))
W_new = np.zeros((N, M))
for i in range(N):
    V_tmp = V[:, i, :]
    V_T[i] = V_tmp.max(axis=1)
    index = np.argmax(V_tmp, axis=1)
    W_new[i] = W[index].reshape(M)
```

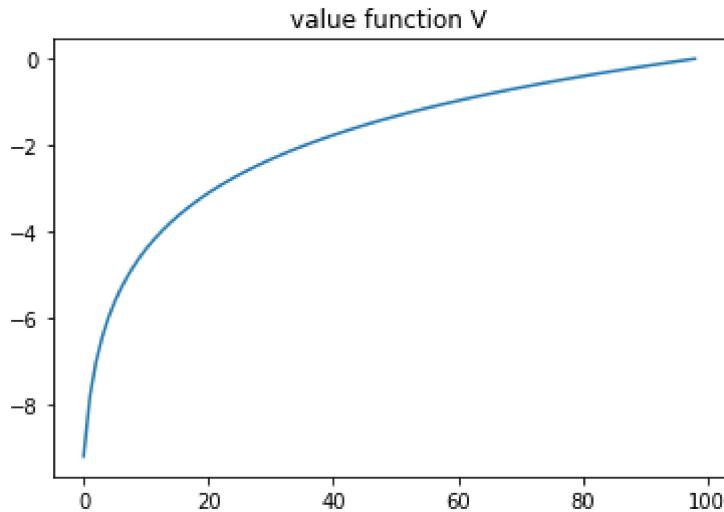
In [60]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], np.average(W_new[1:], axis=1))
plt.title("policy function W'")
plt.show()
```



In [61]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(np.average(V_T[1:], axis=1))
plt.title("value function V")
plt.show()
```

**Ex.18**

In [62]:

```
dist_T = ((V_T[1:] - V_Tp1[1:])**2).sum()
dist_T
```

Out[62]:

6262.4138730904815

**Ex.19**

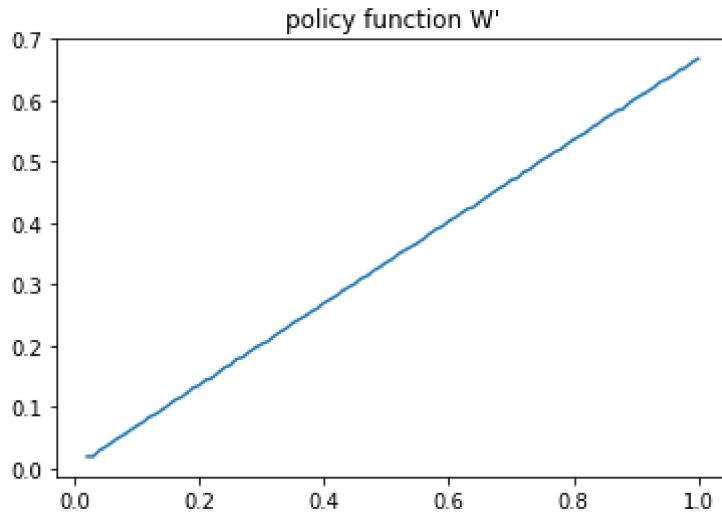
In [63]:

```
EV = V_T @ pdf.reshape((M, 1))
EV_mat = np.tile(EV.reshape(1, N), (N, 1))
EV_mat[c_leq0] = -10e10
EV_cube = np.array([EV_mat for m in range(M)])

V = u_cube + beta * EV_cube
V_Tm1 = np.zeros((N, M))
W_new = np.zeros((N, M))
for i in range(N):
    V_tmp = V[:, i, :]
    V_Tm1[i] = V_tmp.max(axis=1)
    index = np.argmax(V_tmp, axis=1)
    W_new[i, :] = W[index].reshape(M)
```

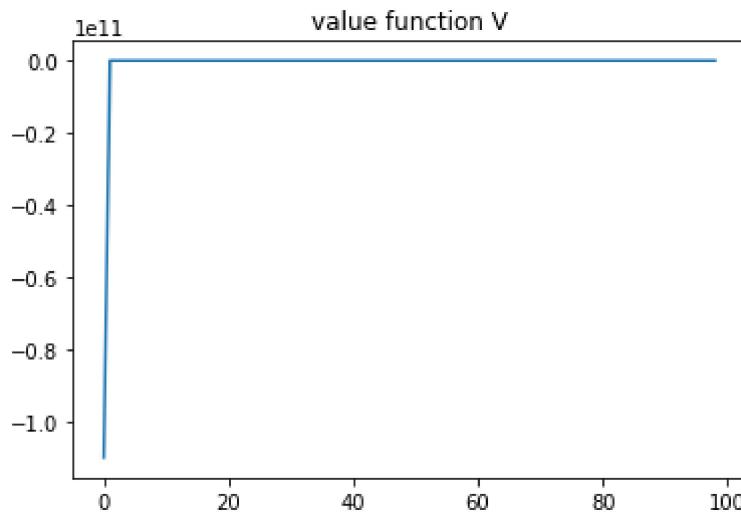
In [64]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], np.average(W_new[1:], axis=1))
plt.title("policy function W")
plt.show()
```



In [65]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(np.average(V_Tm1[1:], axis=1))
plt.title("value function V")
plt.show()
```



In [66]:

```
dist_Tm1 = ((V_Tm1[1:] - V_T[1:])**2).sum()
dist_Tm1
```

Out[66]:

8.539999998517135e+22

delta\_T is 6262.4138730904815. The distance measure for delta\_T-1 is larger than delta\_T.

## Ex.20

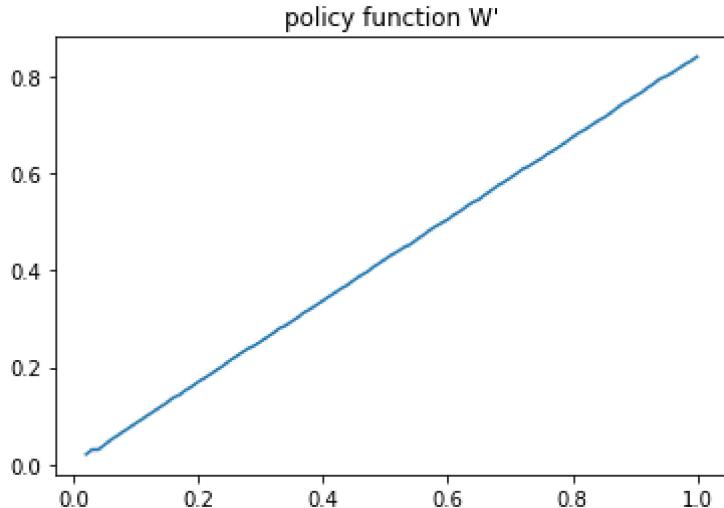
In [67]:

```
EV = V_Tm1 @ pdf.reshape((M, 1))
EV_mat = np.tile(EV.reshape((1, N)), (N, 1))
EV_mat[c_leq0] = -10e10
EV_cube = np.array([EV_mat for m in range(M)])

V = u_cube + beta * EV_cube
V_Tm2 = np.zeros((N, M))
W_new = np.zeros((N, M))
for i in range(N):
    V_tmp = V[:, i, :]
    V_Tm2[i] = V_tmp.max(axis=1)
    index = np.argmax(V_tmp, axis=1)
    W_new[i, :] = W[index].reshape(M)
```

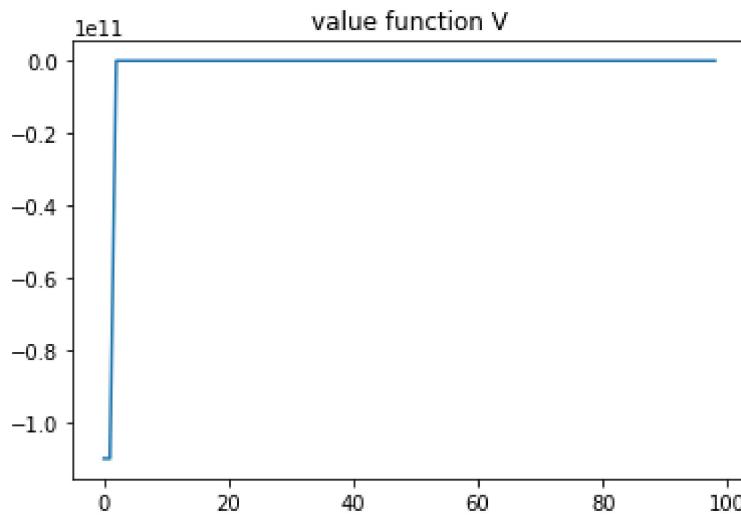
In [68]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(W[1:], np.average(W_new[1:], axis=1))
plt.title("policy function W")
plt.show()
```



In [69]:

```
plt.clf()
plt.plot(np.average(V_Tm2[1:], axis=1))
plt.title("value function V")
plt.show()
```



In [70]:

```
dist_Tm2 = ((V_Tm2[1:] - V_Tm1[1:])**2).sum()
dist_Tm2
```

Out[70]:

8.53999999596472e+22

delta\_T is 6262.4138730904815, and delta\_T-1 is 8.539999998517135e+22. delta\_T-2 is larger than delta\_T, but smaller than delta\_T-1.

**Ex.21**

In [71]:

```
distance = 100 # random initial value of distance
s = 0
V_prime = np.zeros((N, M))

while distance >= 10e-9:
    s += 1
    EV = V_prime @ pdf.reshape((M, 1))
    EV_mat = np.tile(EV.reshape((1, N)), (N, 1))
    EV_mat[c_leq0] = -10e10
    EV_cube = np.array([EV_mat for m in range(M)])
    V = u_cube + beta * EV_cube
    V_Tms = np.zeros((N, M))
    W_new = np.zeros((N, M))
    for i in range(N):
        V_tmp = V[:, i, :]
        V_Tms[i] = V_tmp.max(axis=1)
        index = np.argmax(V_tmp, axis=1)
        W_new[i, :] = W[index].reshape(M)
    distance = ((V_Tms[1:] - V_prime[1:])**2).sum()
    print("s = " + str(s) + ", distance = " + str(distance))
    V_prime = V_Tms

print("The convergence takes " + str(s) + " iterations.")
print("V_Tms = V_init? " + str(np.array_equal(V_prime, V_Tms)))
```

```

s = 1, distance = 6262.4138730904815
s = 2, distance = 8.539999998517135e+22
s = 3, distance = 8.53999999596472e+22
s = 4, distance = 8.539999991371615e+22
s = 5, distance = 8.539999983106266e+22
s = 6, distance = 8.539999968232661e+22
s = 7, distance = 8.539999941467422e+22
s = 8, distance = 8.539999893303033e+22
s = 9, distance = 8.539999806630596e+22
s = 10, distance = 8.539999650662464e+22
s = 11, distance = 8.539999369995857e+22
s = 12, distance = 8.539998864932911e+22
s = 13, distance = 8.539997956066318e+22
s = 14, distance = 8.539996320551384e+22
s = 15, distance = 8.539993377428237e+22
s = 16, distance = 8.539988081262861e+22
s = 17, distance = 8.53997855081789e+22
s = 18, distance = 8.539961400893885e+22
s = 19, distance = 8.539930540139983e+22
s = 20, distance = 8.539875008248734e+22
s = 21, distance = 8.539775085732864e+22
s = 22, distance = 8.539595299127749e+22
s = 23, distance = 8.53927185215248e+22
s = 24, distance = 8.53869006714661e+22
s = 25, distance = 8.537643981361449e+22
s = 26, distance = 8.535764254044734e+22
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s = 29, distance = 8.515563391205091e+22
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s = 32, distance = 8.405814355111598e+22
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s = 37, distance = 9.252013221451266e+22
s = 38, distance = 1.468328437062851e+23
s = 39, distance = 3.5117252322364475e+23
s = 40, distance = 6.606987705868875e+23
s = 41, distance = 1.4639562968581868e+23
s = 42, distance = 0.0

```

The convergence takes 42 iterations.

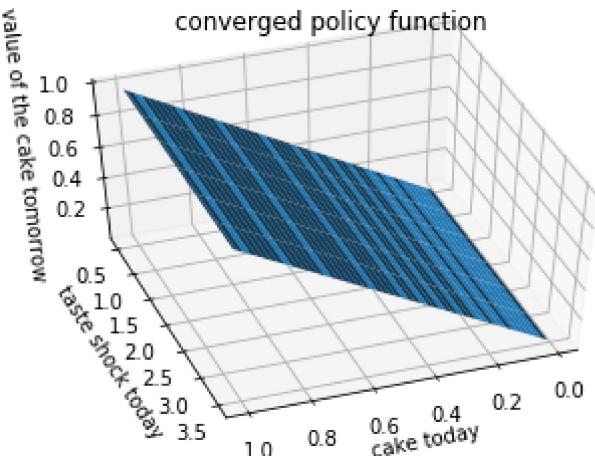
V\_Tms = V\_init? True

## Ex.22

In [81]:

```
plt.clf()
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
X, Y = np.meshgrid(W, epsilon)
ax.plot_surface(X.T, Y.T, W_new)
ax.set_xlabel("cake today")
ax.set_ylabel("taste shock today")
ax.set_zlabel("value of the cake tomorrow")
ax.set_title("converged policy function")
ax.view_init(elev=50, azim=70)
plt.show()
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