

$$\frac{\dot{c}}{c} = \frac{r(t) - f}{\theta}$$

$$\dot{c}(t) = \frac{r(t) - f}{\theta} c(t)$$

$$\dot{c}(t) - \underbrace{\frac{r(t) - f}{\theta}}_{\frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^t (r(s) - f) ds} c(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c(t) = c_0 e^{\frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^t (r(s) - f) ds}$$

Using terminal condition,

$$2 = c(10) = c_0 e^{\frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^{10} (r(s) - f) ds}$$

$$r(s) = 0.05 + 0.01s$$

$$\int_0^{10} (r(s) - f) ds = \int_0^{10} (0.02 + 0.01s) ds$$

$$= 0.02(10) + 0.01 \left(\frac{100}{2} \right)$$

$$= 0.7$$

$$\Rightarrow R = C_0 \times e^{0.7/2}$$

$$C_0 = R \times e^{-\frac{0.7}{2}} = 1.4094$$

$$C(t) = 1.4094 e^{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (0.02 + 0.01s) ds}$$

$$= 1.4094 e^{\frac{1}{2} \left[0.02t + \frac{0.01}{2} t^2 \right]}$$

ProblemSetSolutions/PS1.m

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1 % This is code for PS1 coding part
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6 % Parameters
7 pars.C_T = 2;
8 pars.r0 = 0.05;
9 pars.alpha = 0.01;
10 pars.theta = 2
11 pars.rho = 0.03;
12 pars.T = 10;
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14 % iterate to find vector r = r0+alpha*t
15 r = zeros(pars.T,1);
16 r(1) = pars.r0;
17 for t = 2:pars.T
18     r(t) = pars.r0 + pars.alpha*t;
19 end
20
21 % Q.1 Solve Consumption equation analytically using integrating factor method
22 % C(t) = 1.4094*exp(0.5*(0.02*t+0.01*t^2))
23
24 % Plot this solution function
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26 t = 1:pars.T;
27 C = 1.4094*exp(0.5*(0.02*t+.5*0.01*t.^2));
28 figure
29 plot(t,C)
30 hold on
31 yline(2, '--r', 'LineWidth', 1.5, 'Label', 'Target Consumption at Time 10'); % Add
horizontal line at y=2 with label
32 xlabel('Time (t)'); % Add x label
33 ylabel('Consumption (C)'); % Add y label
34 hold off
35
36 % Save picture
37 saveas(gcf, '/Users/muhammadbashir/GitHub/DynamicProgramming2024/ProblemSetSolutions/ConsumptionEvolutionAnalytical.png')
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39 % Q.2 Solving numerically using Finite Difference Method
40 % create 1000 grid points between 0 and 10
41 pars.n = 100;
42 t = linspace(0, pars.T, pars.n);
43 pars.step_size = pars.T/pars.n;
44 % initialize consumption vector
45 C = zeros(pars.n,1);
46 % find (r(t)-rho)/theta for all t
47 discounter = (pars.r0 + pars.alpha*t - pars.rho)/pars.theta;
48 % initialize consumption at time T
49 C(pars.n) = 2;
50 % iterate backward to find consumption at all time periods

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51 for i = pars.n-1:-1:1
52     C(i) = C(i+1) - pars.step_size*(discounter(i)*C(i+1));
53 end
54
55 % Plot the solution along with the analytical solution
56 figure
57 scatter(t, C, 'o', 'LineWidth', .01) % Numerical solution as scatter plot with
    circles
58 hold on
59 plot(t, 1.4094*exp(0.5*(0.02*t+.5*0.01*t.^2)), '-r', 'LineWidth', 1) % Analytical
    solution as thick red line
60 xlabel('Time (t)'); % Add x label
61 ylabel('Consumption (C)'); % Add y label
62 yline(2, '--r', 'LineWidth', 1.5, 'Label', 'Target Consumption at Time 10'); % Add
    horizontal line at y=2 with label
63 legend('Numerical Solution', 'Analytical Solution', 'Location', 'northwest')
64 hold off
65 % save
66 saveas(gcf, '/Users/muhammadbashir/GitHub/DynamicProgramming2024/ProblemSetSolutions/ConsumptionEvolutionNumerical_100Steps.png')
67 % Store this C as C100
68 C100 = C;
69 t100 = t;
70 % Q.3 Repeat with 10 grid points
71 pars.n = 10;
72 t = linspace(0, pars.T, pars.n);
73 pars.step_size = pars.T/pars.n;
74 % initialize consumption vector
75 C = zeros(pars.n,1);
76 % find (r(t)-rho)/theta for all t
77 discounter = (pars.r0 + pars.alpha*t - pars.rho)/pars.theta;
78 % initialize consumption at time T
79 C(pars.n) = 2;
80 % iterate backward to find consumption at all time periods
81 for i = pars.n-1:-1:1
82     C(i) = C(i+1) - pars.step_size*(discounter(i)*C(i+1));
83 end
84
85 % Plot the solution along with the analytical solution
86 figure
87 scatter(t, C, 'o', 'LineWidth', .01) % Numerical solution as scatter plot with
    circles
88 hold on
89 scatter(t100, C100, 'x', 'LineWidth', .01) % Numerical solution as scatter plot with
    circles
90 plot(t, 1.4094*exp(0.5*(0.02*t+.5*0.01*t.^2)), '-r', 'LineWidth', 1) % Analytical
    solution as thick red line
91 xlabel('Time (t)'); % Add x label
92 ylabel('Consumption (C)'); % Add y label
93 yline(2, '--r', 'LineWidth', 1.5, 'Label', 'Target Consumption at Time 10'); % Add
    horizontal line at y=2 with label
94 legend('Numerical Solution (10 points)', 'Numerical Solution (100 points)',
    'Analytical Solution', 'Location', 'northwest')
95 hold off
96 % save

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97 saveas(gcf, '/Users/muhammadbashir/GitHub/DynamicProgramming2024/ProblemSetSolutions/ConsumptionEvolutionNumerical_10And100_Steps.png')
98 % Q.4 Discussion
99 % The numerical solution with 10 grid points is not as accurate as the one with 100
    grid points. As we see once we increase no of grid points, we reach closer to the
    analytical solution. This is because the finite difference method is an approximation
    method and the accuracy of the solution depends on the number of grid points used.
    The more the grid points, the more accurate the solution will be.
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