

Replication Package for Figures 4 and 5 in  
"Equilibrium Analysis in Behavioral One-Sector Growth Models"  
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Changelog: This is an updated version of  
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Changes since previous version: Individual readme files  
collated into a single readme file; Data Availability Statement (DAS) and  
configuration information added to readme file; typos corrected in readme.

Data Availability Statement: The paper does not use original data.

RECOMMENDED (MINIMUM) HARDWARE CONFIGURATION:

PROCESSOR: Mobile Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-7200U CPU @ 2.50GHz, 2712 Mhz, 2  
Cores (integrated graphics)

MEMORY: 8 GB

O/S: No specific requirements except ability to run Matlab (see software  
requirements)

Notes: (i) All data can be replicated also on slower processors. On  
slower processors, consider skipping Figure 4, Step A (which may be  
very time consuming).

(ii) All runtimes below refer to the recommended (minimum) system  
specification.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

MATLAB (R) 2020a Update 8 or later with the following add-ons:

Symbolic Math Toolbox (Version 8.5 or later)

Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox (Version 11.7 or later)

Simulink (Version 10.1 or later)

Optimization Toolbox (Version 8.5 or later)

Global Optimization Toolbox (Version 4.3 or later)

Econometrics Toolbox (Version 5.4 or later)

Figure 4, Panel A

To replicate the data displayed in Panel A, Figure 4:

A: Execute "HL\_exact\_eq\_final\_higherk\_ub.m" in the folder "\Figure  
4\Quasihyp".

This will compute the savings functions in the quasi-hyperbolic  
model described in

the notes to Figure 4, and save the output as "quasihyp.mat".

RUNTIME (MINIMUM CONFIGURATION): Approx. 28 minutes.

NOTES: (a) "HL\_exact\_eq\_final\_higherk\_ub.m" performs a high-precision  
computation that may be skipped (the file quasihyp.m has been pre-generated as  
described next).

(b) For documentation of the numerical algorithm used, see  
Jensen, "The Ego Loss Approach to Dynamic Inconsistency" (available at  
<https://sites.google.com/site/mkaaejensen/research>)

B: Move the file "quasihyp.m" saved in A to the folder "\Figure 4" and  
execute "runme.m" in the folder "\Figure 4". This will:

i. simulate the Aiyagari model using the

Endogenous Grid Points with IID Income Algorithm of Greg Kaplan 2017 (available at [http://benjaminmoll.com/ha\\_codes/](http://benjaminmoll.com/ha_codes/)).

ii. import the file "quasihyp.m" from Step A  
iii. Plot Figure 4 (i.e., the outputs generated in Steps A and B).

RUNTIME (MINIMUM CONFIGURATION): Approx. 47 seconds.

NOTES: (a) Step B can be executed without performing Step A (using the already saved output in "quasihyp.mat").

(b) Kaplan's algorithm has been modified to allow for a discrete endowment shock and an explicit productivity parameter.

FIGURE 5, Panels A and C

To replicate the data displayed in Panel A, Figure 5:

A: Open "runme.m" in the folder "\Figure 5\Figure 5 - Panel A" and set "tax=0.00" in line 19 of the code, and execute/run.

This will compute the savings functions with no tax in the quasi-hyperbolic model described in the notes to Figure 5, and save the output as "no\_tax.mat".

RUNTIME (MINIMUM CONFIGURATION): Approx. 28 seconds.

NOTES: For documentation of the numerical algorithm used, see Jensen, "The Ego Loss Approach to Dynamic Inconsistency" (available at <https://sites.google.com/site/mkaaejensen/research>)

B: Repeat Step A setting "tax=0.02" in line 19 of the code.

This will compute that case with a capital income tax, load "no\_tax.mat" from Step A, and plot Panel A, Figure 5.

RUNTIME (MINIMUM CONFIGURATION): Approx. 30 seconds.

To replicate the data displayed in Panel C, Figure 5:

A: Open "runme.m" in the folder "\Figure 5\Figure 5 - Panel C", set "tax=0.00" in line 19 of the code, and execute/run.

This will compute the savings functions with no tax in the quasi-hyperbolic model described in the notes to Figure 5, and save the output as "no\_tax.mat".

RUNTIME (MINIMUM CONFIGURATION): Approx. 43 seconds.

NOTES: For documentation of the numerical algorithm used, see Jensen, "The Ego Loss Approach to Dynamic Inconsistency" (available at <https://sites.google.com/site/mkaaejensen/research>)

B: Repeat Step A setting "tax=0.02" in line 19 of the code.

This will compute that case with a capital income tax, load "no\_tax.mat" from Step A, and plot Panel C, Figure 5.

RUNTIME (MINIMUM CONFIGURATION): Approx. 44 seconds.