

Reference Manual

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Chapter 1

Class Index

1.1 Class List

Here are the classes, structs, unions and interfaces with brief descriptions:

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Chapter 2

File Index

2.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:

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Chapter 3

Class Documentation

3.1 absDiff< T > Struct Template Reference

Functor to compute the absolute difference between elements of two vectors.

```
#include <functors.hpp>
```

Public Member Functions

- `__host__ __device__ T operator\(\) (const T &x, const T &y) const`

```
template<typename T> struct absDiff< T >
```

3.1.1 Member Function Documentation

3.1.1.1 `template<typename T > __host__ __device__ T absDiff< T >::operator() (const T &x, const T &y) const \[inline\]`

Kernel to compute the absolute difference between elements.

Parameters:

- `x` value of first vector element.
- `y` value of second vector element.

Returns:

- absolute difference between elements.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [functors.hpp](#)

3.2 parameters Class Reference

Object to store parameter values for VFI problem.

```
#include <global.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- void [load](#) (const char *)
Function to load VFI parameter values to [parameters](#) object.

Public Attributes

- REAL [eta](#)
Coefficient of relative risk aversion.
- REAL [beta](#)
Time discount factor.
- REAL [alpha](#)
Share of capital in the production function.
- REAL [delta](#)
Rate of capital depreciation.
- REAL [mu](#)
TFP mean.
- REAL [rho](#)
TFP persistence.
- REAL [sigma](#)
TFP volatility.
- REAL [lambda](#)
Number of standard deviations for ARI approximation.
- int [nk](#)
Number of values in capital grid.
- int [nz](#)
Number of values in TFP grid.
- REAL [tol](#)
Tolerance for convergence.
- char [maxtype](#)
Maximization method - choices are 'g' (grid) and 'b' (binary search).

- int [howard](#)

Number of howard steps to perform between maximizations - set howard = 1 if max = 'b'.

3.2.1 Member Function Documentation

3.2.1.1 void parameters::load (const char * *fileName*)

This function is a [parameters](#) class method which loads parameter values from a text file for storage in the object. The input file must have 13 lines, each line beginning with a parameter value, followed by a comma and a character string describing the parameter. The order of the [parameters](#) must correspond to the order in the [parameters](#) class description.

Parameters:

← *fileName* Name of file storing parameter values.

Returns:

Void.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- [global.h](#)
- [parameters.cpp](#)

3.3 `vfStep< T >` Struct Template Reference

Functor to update the value function.

```
#include <functors.hpp>
```

Public Member Functions

- `vfStep` ([parameters](#) _params, bool _howard, T *_K, T *_Z, T *_P, T *_V0, T *_V, T *_G)
Constructor.
- `__host__ __device__ void operator()` (const int &hx) const

Public Attributes

- const [parameters](#) params
Object containing [parameters](#).
- const bool [howard](#)
Boolean for howard step.
- const T * [K](#)
Pointer to capital grid.
- const T * [Z](#)
Pointer to ARI (TFP) grid.
- const T * [P](#)
Pointer to transition matrix.
- const T * [V0](#)
Pointer to current iteration of the value function.
- T * [V](#)
Pointer to the updated value function.
- T * [G](#)
Pointer to current iteration of the capital policy function.

3.3.1 Detailed Description

```
template<typename T> struct vfStep< T >
```

This functor performs one iteration of the value function iteration algorithm, using V0 as the current value function and either maximizing the LHS of the Bellman if [howard](#) = false or using the concurrent policy function as the argmax if [howard](#) = true. Maximization is performed by either [gridMax](#) or [binaryMax](#).

3.3.2 Member Function Documentation

3.3.2.1 `template<typename T> __host__ __device__ void vfStep< T >::operator() (const int & hx) const [inline]`

Kernel to update the value function.

Parameters:

hx index of V0 (stored as a flat array).

Returns:

Void.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [functors.hpp](#)

Chapter 4

File Documentation

4.1 ar1.cpp File Reference

File containing AR1 function for the VFI problem. `#include "global.h"`

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
```

Functions

- void `ar1` (const `parameters` ¶m, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &P)

Function to compute discrete AR1 approximation values and transition matrix.

4.1.1 Detailed Description

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http://www.boost.org/LICENSE_1_0.txt)

4.1.2 Function Documentation

4.1.2.1 `void ar1 (const parameters & param, thrust::device_vector< REAL > & Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > & P)`

This function that computes a discrete AR1 approximation and transition matrix using the method of Tauchen (1986).

Parameters:

- ← *param* Object of class [parameters](#).
- *Z* Grid of AR1 values.
- *P* AR1 transition matrix values.

Returns:

Void.

4.2 auxFuncs.h File Reference

Simple auxiliary functions. `#include <iostream>`

`#include <iomanip>`

Functions

- `template<class T >`
`void printMatrix (const bool colMaj, const int M, const int N, const thrust::device_vector< T > &X,`
`const int printRows, const int printCols, const int digits)`
Function to print the elements of a matrix.
- `template<class T >`
`void printVector (const int N, const thrust::device_vector< T > &X, const int digits)`
Function to print the elements of a vector.

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4.2.2 Function Documentation

4.2.2.1 `template<class T > void printMatrix (const bool colMaj, const int M, const int N, const thrust::device_vector< T > & X, const int printRows, const int printCols, const int digits)`
`[inline]`

This functions prints a subset of the elements of a matrix to the screen.

Parameters:

- ← *colMaj* Boolean indicating if the matrix is stored in column-major format.
- ← *M* Number of rows in the data matrix.
- ← *N* Number of columns in the data matrix.
- ← *X* Array of matrix values.

- ← *printRows* Number of rows to print.
- ← *printCols* Number of columns to print.
- ← *precision* Number of significant digits to print.

Returns:

Void.

4.2.2.2 `template<class T > void printVector (const int N, const thrust::device_vector< T > & X, const int digits) [inline]`

This functions prints a subset of the elements of a vector to the screen.

Parameters:

- ← *N* Number of elements in the data matrix.
- ← *X* Array of vector values.
- ← *precision* Number of significant digits to print.

Returns:

Void.

4.3 functors.hpp File Reference

File of Thrust functors and functions. `#include <thrust/iterator/zip_iterator.h>`
`#include <thrust/for_each.h>`
`#include <thrust/device_vector.h>`
`#include <cmath>`
`#include "global.h"`
`#include <stdio.h>`

Classes

- struct [vfStep< T >](#)
Functor to update the value function.
- struct [absDiff< T >](#)
Functor to compute the absolute difference between elements of two vectors.

Functions

- `template<typename T >`
`__host__ __device__ int binaryVal (const T x, const int nx, const T *X)`
Device function to find the location of a value in a monotonic grid.
- `template<typename T >`
`__host__ __device__ void gridMax (const int klo, const int nksub, const int nk, const int nz, const T ydepK, const T eta, const T beta, const T *K, const T *P, const T *V0, T *V, T *G)`
Device function to compute maximum of Bellman objective via grid search.
- `template<typename T >`
`__host__ __device__ void binaryMax (const int klo, const int nksub, const int nk, const int nz, const T ydepK, const T eta, const T beta, const T *K, const T *P, const T *V0, T *V, T *G)`
Device function to compute maximum of Bellman objective via binary search.

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4.3.2 Function Documentation

4.3.2.1 `template<typename T> __host__ __device__ void binaryMax (const int klo, const int nksub, const int nz, const T ydepK, const T eta, const T beta, const T * K, const T * P, const T * V0, T * V, T * G) [inline]`

This function finds the maximum and argmax of the Bellman objective over a specified subgrid of capital by using a binary search algorithm. The algorithm requires concavity and cannot be used with the howard improvement method.

Parameters:

- ← *klo* Lower index of the capital grid to begin search.
- ← *nksub* Number of points in the capital grid to include in search.
- ← *nz* Length of TFP grid.
- ← *ydepK* value of output plus depreciated capital.
- ← *eta* Coefficient of relative risk aversion.
- ← *beta* Time discount factor.
- ← *K* Grid of capital values.
- ← *P* TFP transition matrix.
- ← *V0* Current value function.
- *V* Updated value function.
- *G* Updated policy function.

Returns:

Void.

4.3.2.2 `template<typename T> __host__ __device__ int binaryVal (const T x, const int nx, const T * X) [inline]`

This function finds the first value $X[ix]$ such that $x \leq X[ix]$, where x is a scalar value, X is a monotonic array, and ix is the index of X .

Parameters:

- ← *x* Value to search for in vector X .
- ← *nx* Length of array X .
- ← X Vector of data to search.

Returns:

imax Integer ix ($\leq nx$) such that $x \leq X[ix]$.

4.3.2.3 `template<typename T> __host__ __device__ void gridMax (const int klo, const int nksub, const int nk, const int nz, const T ydepK, const T eta, const T beta, const T * K, const T * P, const T * V0, T * V, T * G) [inline]`

This function finds the maximum and argmax of the Bellman objective function by using a naive grid search: computing the utility at each value of the grid.

Parameters:

- ← *klo* Lower index of the capital grid to begin search.
- ← *nksub* Number of points in the capital grid to include in search.
- ← *nz* Length of TFP grid.
- ← *ydepK* value of output plus depreciated capital.
- ← *eta* Coefficient of relative risk aversion.
- ← *beta* Time discount factor.
- ← *K* Grid of capital values.
- ← *P* TFP transition matrix.
- ← *V0* Current value function.
- *V* Updated value function.
- *G* Updated policy function.

Returns:

Void.

4.4 global.h File Reference

Global header file. `#include <thrust/device_vector.h>`

Classes

- class [parameters](#)
Object to store parameter values for VFI problem.

Typedefs

- typedef double **REAL**

Functions

- double [curr_second](#) (void)
Basic timer function.
- void [ar1](#) (const [parameters](#) ¶m, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &P)
Function to compute discrete ARI approximation values and transition matrix.
- void [kGrid](#) (const [parameters](#) ¶m, const thrust::device_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &K)
Function to compute the values of an equally spaced capital grid.
- void [vfInit](#) (const [parameters](#) ¶m, const thrust::device_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &V)
Function to initialize value function.

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4.4.2 Function Documentation

4.4.2.1 void ar1 (const parameters & *param*, thrust::device_vector< REAL > & *Z*, thrust::device_vector< REAL > & *P*)

This function that computes a discrete AR1 approximation and transition matrix using the method of Tauchen (1986).

Parameters:

- ← *param* Object of class [parameters](#).
- *Z* Grid of AR1 values.
- *P* AR1 transition matrix values.

Returns:

Void.

4.4.2.2 curr_second (void)

Returns:

Double precision value representing time.

4.4.2.3 void kGrid (const parameters & *param*, const thrust::device_vector< REAL > & *Z*, thrust::device_vector< REAL > & *K*)

This function computes an equally spaced capital grid. The upper and lower bounds are the deterministic steady-state values of capital at the highest and lowest values of the TFP process (respectively), scaled by 0.95 and 1.05 (respectively).

Parameters:

- ← *param* Object of class [parameters](#).
- ← *Z* Grid of TFP values.
- *K* Grid of capital values.

Returns:

Void.

4.4.2.4 void vfInit (const parameters & *param*, const thrust::device_vector< REAL > & *Z*, thrust::device_vector< REAL > & *V*)

This function initializes the value function at the deterministic steady state values for each level of TFP: conditional on a TFP level, the deterministic steady-state value of capital is computed, as well as the associated value function value.

Parameters:

- ← *param* Object of class [parameters](#).

← \mathbf{Z} Grid of TFP values.

→ \mathbf{V} Matrix of value function values.

Returns:

Void.

4.5 kGrid.cpp File Reference

File containing function to create capital grid. `#include "global.h"`

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
```

Functions

- void `kGrid` (const `parameters` &`param`, const `thrust::device_vector< REAL >` &`Z`, `thrust::device_vector< REAL >` &`K`)

Function to compute the values of an equally spaced capital grid.

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4.5.2 Function Documentation

4.5.2.1 void `kGrid` (const `parameters` &`param`, const `thrust::device_vector< REAL >` &`Z`, `thrust::device_vector< REAL >` &`K`)

This function computes an equally spaced capital grid. The upper and lower bounds are the deterministic steady-state values of capital at the highest and lowest values of the TFP process (respectively), scaled by 0.95 and 1.05 (respectively).

Parameters:

- ← `param` Object of class `parameters`.
- ← `Z` Grid of TFP values.
- `K` Grid of capital values.

Returns:

Void.

4.6 parameters.cpp File Reference

File containing [parameters](#) class method for loading VFI parameter values. `#include "global.h"`

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
#include <vector>
```

```
#include <fstream>
```

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4.7 timer.cpp File Reference

File containing basic timer function. `#include <stddef.h>`
`#include <sys/time.h>`

Functions

- double [curr_second](#) (void)
Basic timer function.

4.7.1 Detailed Description

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4.7.2 Function Documentation

4.7.2.1 double curr_second (void)

Returns:

Double precision value representing time.

4.8 vfInit.cpp File Reference

File containing function to initialize the value function. `#include "global.h"`

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
```

Functions

- void `vfInit` (const `parameters` ¶m, const thrust::device_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &V)

Function to initialize value function.

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4.8.2 Function Documentation

4.8.2.1 void vfInit (const parameters ¶m, const thrust::device_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device_vector< REAL > &V)

This function initializes the value function at the deterministic steady state values for each level of TFP: conditional on a TFP level, the deterministic steady-state value of capital is computed, as well as the associated value function value.

Parameters:

- ← *param* Object of class `parameters`.
- ← *Z* Grid of TFP values.
- *V* Matrix of value function values.

Returns:

Void.