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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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# File Index

### 2.1 File List

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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` &param, 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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## 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 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 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](#) &param, thrust::device\_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device\_vector< REAL > &P)  
*Function to compute discrete ARI approximation values and transition matrix.*
- 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.*
- void [vfInit](#) (const [parameters](#) &param, 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](#).

$\leftarrow \mathbf{Z}$  Grid of TFP values.

$\rightarrow \mathbf{V}$  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.*

### 4.5.1 Detailed Description

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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>
```

### 4.6.1 Detailed Description

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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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#### Date:

19 November 2010

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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` &param, const thrust::device\_vector< REAL > &Z, thrust::device\_vector< REAL > &V)

*Function to initialize value function.*

### 4.8.1 Detailed Description

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### 4.8.2 Function Documentation

#### 4.8.2.1 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`.
- ← *Z* Grid of TFP values.
- *V* Matrix of value function values.

#### Returns:

Void.