

Notation for a generic continuous-time deterministic optimization problem:

State variables	$s_i(t)$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n_s\}$ and $s(t) = \begin{bmatrix} s_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ s_{n_s}(t) \end{bmatrix}$
Action/Control variables	$c_i(t)$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n_c\}$ and $c(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ c_{n_c}(t) \end{bmatrix}$ choice set $c_i \in C_i(s(t))$
Transition function	$\mu_i(s(t), c(t))$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n_s\}$ and $\mu(s(t), c(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1(s(t), c(t)) \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{n_s}(s(t), c(t)) \end{bmatrix}$ $ds(t) = \mu(s(t), c(t))dt$
Return function	$r(s(t), c(t))$
Value function	$V(s(t))$
Policy function	$c_i(s(t)) = \pi_i(s(t))$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n_c\}$

“Sequential problem” (SP):

$$V(s(0)) = \max_c \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} r(s(t), c(t)) dt \right\}$$

$$ds_i(t) = \mu_i(s(t), c(t))dt \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n_s\}$$

(HJB):

$$\rho V(s) = \max_c \{ r(s(t), c(t)) + \nabla V \cdot \mu(s(t), c(t)) \}$$

$$\text{FOC: } r_{c_i} = \nabla V \cdot (-\mu_{c_i}) \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n_c\}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \rho V(s) = r(s, c) + \nabla V \cdot \mu(s, c) & \text{HJB} \\ r_{c_i} = \nabla V \cdot (-\mu_{c_i}) & \text{FOC} \\ V_{s_i} > 0, V_{s_i s_i} < 0 & \text{Conditions for max} \end{array} \right]$$

Neoclassical growth model (NGM): ([slides](#) 16+, [Moll Julia code](#))

$$r(s(t), c(t)) = \frac{(c(t))^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

$$\mu_1(s(t), c(t)) = As(t)^\alpha - \delta s(t) - c(t)$$

Consumption saving model: (Moll [notes](#), [Julia code](#))

$$r(s(t), c(t)) = \frac{(c(t))^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

$$\mu_1(s(t), c(t)) = w + r \times s(t) - c(t)$$

Can make more "generic":

-Finite horizon "T"

- $r(t, s, c)$

- $\mu(t, s, c)$

-Non time/state separable return (Epstein-Zin etc)

In examples w/ 1 state & 1 choice we can solve the transition function for the choice variable:

$$\dot{s} = \mu(s, c) = w + rs - c \Rightarrow c = \hat{\mu}(s, \dot{s}) = w + rs - \dot{s}$$

$$\hat{\mu}(s, \dot{s} = 0) = w + r\underline{s} \quad \{\text{cons @ lowest wealth if not borrowing}\}$$

$$V_s(\underline{s}) \geq u'(\hat{\mu}(\underline{s}, 0)) \quad \{\text{borrowing @ lowest wealth should make you weakly better off, MU is high}\}$$

$$\hat{\mu}(\bar{s}, \dot{s} = 0) = w + r\bar{s} \quad \{\text{cons @ highest wealth if not saving}\}$$

$$V_s(\bar{s}) \leq u'(\hat{\mu}(\bar{s}, 0)) \quad \{\text{saving @ highest wealth should make you weakly better off, MU is low}\}$$

Moll code:

$$V_s(\bar{s}) = u'(\hat{\mu}(\bar{s}, 0)) \quad \{\text{should be LEQ?}\}$$

$$V_s(\underline{s}) = u'(\hat{\mu}(\underline{s}, 0)) \quad \{\text{should be GEQ?}\}$$

More generically:

$$\dot{s} = \mu(s, c) \Rightarrow c = \hat{\mu}(s, \dot{s})$$

-Consumption @ $\dot{s} = 0$: $c = \hat{\mu}(s, 0)$

$$V_s(\underline{s}) \geq u'(\hat{\mu}(\underline{s}, 0))$$