

# Dynamic Programming Exercise Class 8

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# Return of the Deaton model

We focus on how we can efficiently solve consumption-savings models like the one below. We focus on finite horizon for now:

$$V_t(M_t) = \max_{C_t} \frac{C_t^{1-\rho}}{1-\rho} + \beta E_t[V_{t+1}(M_t + 1)]$$

s.t

$$M_{t+1} = R(M_t - C_t) + Y_{t+1}$$

$$Y_{t+1} = \exp(\xi_{t+1})$$

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4. Add a point at  $M_t = 0, C_t^* = 0$  to both the endogenous  $M_t$ -grid and to the policy function to handle the constraint.