

# finding euler equation

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- Optimization problem: ( $F(x_{t+i}, x_{t+1+i})$  is the objective function)

$$\max_{\{x_s\}_{s=t}^{\infty}} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i F(x_{t+i}, x_{t+1+i}).$$

- This is really the sequence

$$\beta^0 F(x_t, x_{t+1}) + \beta^1 F(x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}) + \beta^2 F(x_{t+2}, x_{t+3}) + \dots$$

- Suppose we want to optimize in some period  $s+1$ , then the part of the infinite sequence that is of interest are those with time  $s+1$  variables in them
- For some random  $s+1$ , those components with  $x_{s+1}$  are simply

$$\beta^{s-t} F(x_s, x_{s+1}) + \beta^{s-t+1} F_1(x_{s+1}, x_{s+2})$$

and no others

So when I take the derivative with respect to  $x_{s+1}$  it is just

$$\beta^{s-t} F_2(x_s, x_{s+1}) + \beta^{s-t+1} F(x_{s+1}, x_{s+2})$$

- We set the derivative equal to zero and get

$$0 = \beta^{s-t} F_2(x_s, x_{s+1}) + \beta^{s-t+1} F(x_{s+1}, x_{s+2})$$

or, more simply,

$$0 = F_2(x_s, x_{s+1}) + \beta F(x_{s+1}, x_{s+2})$$

and if the conditions for the implicit function theorem hold, we can find a function  $H$  such that the optimal  $x_{s+1}$  is

$$x_{s+1} = H(x_s, x_{s+2})$$