## Solution for Exercise: Week 1

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The problem of the household is to maximize  $U(C,L) = \ln C_t - \omega \frac{H_t^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi}$  subject to the constraints:

$$B_t = R_{t-1}B_{t-1} + r_t^K K_{t-1} + W_t H_t - C_t - I_t - T_t$$
(1)

and

$$K_{t} = (1 - \delta)K_{t-1} + (1 - \Phi(\Xi_{t}))I_{t}$$
  

$$\Xi_{t} \equiv \frac{I_{t}}{I_{t-1}}; \quad \Phi', \quad \Phi'' \geqslant 0; \quad \Phi(1) = \Phi'(1) = 0.$$

where  $\Phi(\Xi_t) = \phi_X(\Xi_t - 1)^2$ .  $I_t$  units of output converts to  $(1 - \Phi(\Xi_t))I_t$  of new capital sold at a real price  $Q_t$ .

The Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{t} \Big[ \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \beta^{s} \Big( U(C_{t+s}, L_{t+s}) + \lambda_{t+s} \Big[ R_{t+s-1} B_{t+s-1} + W_{t+s} (1 - L_{t+s}) + r_{t+s}^{K} K_{t+s-1} - C_{t+s} - I_{t+s} - T_{t+s} - B_{t+s} \Big]$$

$$+ \mu_{t+s} \Big[ (1 - \delta) K_{t+s-1} + (1 - \Phi(\Xi_{t+s})) I_{t+s} - K_{t+s} \Big] \Big]$$

Then the first-order conditions with respect to  $\{C_{t+s}\}$ ,  $\{B_{t+s-1}\}$ ,  $\{K_{t+s-1}\}$ ,  $\{I_{t+s}\}$  and  $\{L_{t+s}\}$  are respectively

$$\{C_{t+s}\} \quad : \quad \mathbb{E}_t[U_{C,t+s} - \lambda_{t+s}] = 0 \; ; \; s \geqslant 0 \tag{2}$$

$$\{B_{t+s-1}\}$$
 :  $\mathbb{E}_t[\beta^s \lambda_{t+s} R_{t+s-1} - \beta^{s-1} \lambda_{t+s-1}] = 0;$  (3)

$$\{K_{t+s-1}\}$$
 :  $\mathbb{E}_t[\beta^s \lambda_{t+s} r_{t+s}^K + \beta^s \mu_{t+s} (1-\delta) - \beta^{s-1} \mu_{t+s-1}] = 0;$ 

(4)

$$\{I_{t+s}\} : \mathbb{E}_{t} \left[ \mu_{t+s} \left( 1 - \Phi \left( I_{t+s}/I_{t+s-1} \right) - \Phi' \left( I_{t+s}/I_{t+s-1} \right) \frac{I_{t+s}}{I_{t+s-1}} \right) - \lambda_{t+s} \right] - \beta \lambda_{t,t+s+1} \Phi' \left( I_{t+s}/I_{t+s-1} \right) \times \left( -\frac{I_{t+s+1}}{I_{t+s}^{2}} I_{t+s+1} \right) = 0;$$
 (5)

$$\{L_{t+s}\} \quad : \quad \mathbb{E}_t[U_{L,t+s} - \lambda_{t+s}W_{t+s}] = 0; \tag{6}$$

Putting s=0 in (2), (5) and (6) and s=1 in (3) and (4) and defining the stochastic discount factor as  $\Lambda_{t,t+1} \equiv \beta \frac{U_{C,t+1}}{U_{c,t}}$  we now have:

$$R_t \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \Lambda_{t,t+1} \right] = 1 \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{U_{H,t}}{U_{c,t}} = -W_t \tag{8}$$

$$Q_t(1 - \Phi(\Xi_t) - \Xi_t \Phi'(\Xi_t)) + \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \Lambda_{t,t+1} Q_{t+1} \Phi'(\Xi_{t+1}) \Xi_{t+1}^2 \right] = 1$$
 (9)

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \Lambda_{t,t+1} R_{t+1}^K \right] = 1. \tag{10}$$

where  $R_t^K$  is the gross return on capital given by

$$R_t^K = \frac{\left[r_t^K + (1 - \delta)Q_t\right]}{Q_{t-1}}$$

How we go from (5) to (9)? We need to define  $Q_t = \frac{\mu_t}{\lambda_t}$ .  $\mu_t$  is the shadow value of having an extra unit of investment. Dividing this by  $\lambda_t$  (which is equal to the marginal utility of consumption) puts this in terms of consumption goods. In other words,  $Q_t$  is the marginal value of investment measured in terms of consumption goods.

Code to change in the mod file:

The new mod file is RBC1\_inv\_adj.mod.

**Final question**: Construct a 0:4 with step=1 grid for  $\phi_X$  and show the different impulse responses for every different value of  $\phi_X$  after a positive TFP shock.

A simple Matlab code Inv\_adj\_params.m that does this the following:

At the same time change the Dynare code to receive the different  $\phi_x$  at every iteration from Matlab. In the mod file add in the parameters block

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load Phix_value;
set_param_value('phiX', phiX);
%phiX = 2; % Investment adjustment costs. This was for the original model
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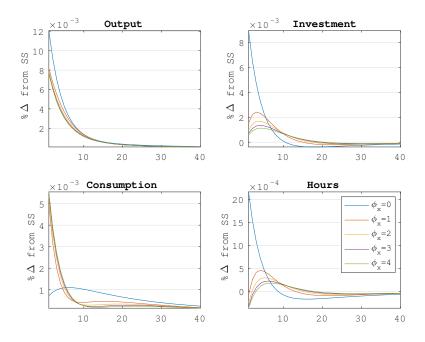


Figure 1: IRFs to different values for  $\phi_x$