

The model of Khan and Thomas (2008) with convex adjustment cost

Recursive formulation

Firm-side problem is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(k, z; S) &= \pi(k, z; S) + (1 - \delta)k + \int_0^{\bar{\xi}} \max\{R^*(k, z; S) - \xi w(S), R^c(k, z; S)\} \left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right) d\xi \\
 R^*(k, z; S) &= \max_{k'} -\gamma k' - \frac{\mu}{2} \left(\frac{k'}{k} - (1 - \delta)\right)^2 k + \mathbb{E}_{z, S} M(S, S') J(k', z'; S') \\
 R^c(k, z; S) &= \max_{k^c \in [-\nu k, \nu k]} -\gamma k^c - \frac{\mu}{2} \left(\frac{k^c}{k} - (1 - \delta)\right)^2 k + \mathbb{E}_{z, S} M(S, S') J(k^c, z'; S') \\
 \pi(k, z; S) &= \max_L A z k^\alpha L^\theta - w(S) L
 \end{aligned}$$

where γ is the aggregate growth rate adjuster as in Khan and Thomas (2008).

The household-side problem is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(a; S) &= \max_{c, N, a'} \log(c) - \eta N + \beta \mathbb{E} V(a'; S') \\
 \text{s.t. } &c + \int a'(S') d\Gamma_{S'} = a + w(S) N
 \end{aligned}$$

The stochastic discount factor $M(S, S')$ and the wage $w(S)$ are determined at the competitive market:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [M] : \quad a(S) &= \int J(k, z; S) d\Phi(k, z) \\
 [w] : \quad N(S) &= \int \left(L(k, z; S) + \frac{\xi^*(k, z)^2}{2\bar{\xi}} \right) d\Phi(k, z)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\xi^*(k, z; S)$ is the threshold rule of lumpy investment defined as follows:

$$\xi^*(k, z; S) = \frac{1}{w(S)} (R^*(k, z; S) - R^c(k, z; S))$$