

## 1 PART I

Consider the Neo-Classical growth model with endogenous labor supply. The representative consumer has the period utility:

The utility function is:

$$u(c, l) = \frac{c^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \chi \frac{l^{1+\eta}}{1+\eta}$$

Labor hours are constrained to be  $l \in [0, 1]$ . Capital depreciates at rate  $\delta$  every period. The parameters of the model are as follows:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $z = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 2$ ,  $\eta = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$  and set  $\chi$  such that  $l_{ss} = 0.4$ .

1. Solve the planner's problem numerically using VFI. You must treat all choice variables and states as continuous. You must do it using: a) Direct maximization over a pair of variables  $(c, l)$  or  $(k', l)$ , b) Direct maximization over a single variable  $(k')$  with other variables solved for analytically; and c) Solving the first order conditions.

The plan for a) so far would be something like:

The bellman operator as follows:

- (a) First create a grid for  $l$
- (b) Interpolate the value function
- (c) Employ the continuous choice bellman operator for solving for  $k' = g(k)$ ,  $V$ , and employing the resource constraint for  $c = g_c(k, k', l)$  for every value on the grid of  $l$ .
- (d) Now, again interpolate the Value function of all the points I dont observe of the  $l$  grid.
- (e) Define a new objective function that after optimizing returns the optimal value of  $l$  even if it is not in the grid.
- (f) Repeat until convergence.

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