

ECON 8185 - HW 2

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Incomplete Version: As instructed in class, I skip the estimation part and do the CKM exercise with simulated data.

Question 1

We'll consider the following Prototype model from Ellen's Homework 2, which is the same as CKM:

$$\max_{c_t, x_t, l_t} E \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \frac{(c_t l_t^\psi)^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} N_t$$

S.T.

$$\begin{aligned} c_t + (1 + \tau_{xt})x_t &= r_t k_t + (1 - \tau_{ht})w_t h_t + T_t \\ N_{t+1} k_{t+1} &= [(1 - \delta)k_t + x_t] N_t \\ h_t + l_t &= 1 \\ S_t &= P S_{t-1} + Q \epsilon_t, \quad S_t = [\ln z_t, \tau_{ht}, \tau_{xt}, \ln g_t] \\ c_t, x_t &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Where $N_t = (1 + \gamma_n)^t$ and firm technology is $Y_t = K_t^\theta (Z_t L_t)^{1-\theta}$. γ_z is the rate of labor-augmenting technical progress. The stochastic shocks hitting this economy affect technology, tax rates, and government spending and the stochastic processes are modeled as a VAR(1) process. The resource constraint is $Y_t = N_t(c_t + x_t + g_t)$. We must work with detrended variables, we should use "hat" variables, but typing this is time consuming so from now on all variables should be understood as detrended unless I say something about them.

The detrended FOC's of this model are:

$$\begin{aligned} c_t + (1 + \gamma_z)(1 + \gamma_n)k_{t+1} - (1 - \delta)k_t + g_t &= y_t = k_t^\theta (z_t h_t)^{1-\theta} \\ \psi \frac{c_t}{1 - h_t} &= (1 - \tau_{ht})(1 - \theta) \left(\frac{k_t}{h_t} \right)^\theta z_t^{1-\theta} \\ c_t^{-\sigma} (1 - h_t)^{\psi(1-\sigma)} (1 + \tau_{xt}) &= \beta (1 + \gamma_z)^{-\sigma} E_t c_{t+1}^{-\sigma} (1 - h_{t+1})^{\psi(1-\sigma)} (\theta k_{t+1}^\theta (z_{t+1} h_{t+1})^{1-\theta} + (1 - \delta)(1 + \gamma_n)k_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Defining some parameters:



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In [1]: using Plots, NLSolve, ForwardDiff, DataFrames, LinearAlgebra, QuantEcon, Plots
, Optim, Statistics
#Parameters:
δ = 0.0464 #depreciation rate
θ = 0.35 #capital share of output
β = 0.9722 #Discounting
σ = 1 #Elasticity of Intertemporal Substitution
ψ = 3 #Labor parameter
γn = 0.015 #Population growth rate
γz = 0.016 #Productivitu growth rate
gss = 0.01 #average g
τxss = 0.05 #average τx
τhss = 0.05 #average τh
zss = 0.0 #average z (z is in Logs)

#Parameters to be estimated
ρg = 0.85
ρx = 0.73
ρh = 0.74
ρz = 0.98
ρzg = 0.0
ρzx = 0.0
ρzh = 0.0
ρhz = 0.0
ρhx = 0.0
ρhg = 0.0
ρxz = 0.0
ρxh = 0.0
ρxg = 0.0
ρgz = 0.0
ρgx = 0.0
ρgh = 0.0

σg = 0.02
σx = 0.01
σz = 0.02
σh = 0.01
σzg = 0.02
σzx = 0.001
σzh = 0.02
σhx = 0.01
σhg = 0.02
σxg = 0.02

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Out[1]: 0.02
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Substituting for c , we get an euqation for k , and one for h . Below, I find the Steady State values:

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In [2]: #Function with the FOCs
zss = exp(zss)

function SS!(eq,vector::Vector)
    k,h, c= vector
    eq[1]=k/h-((1+τxss)*(1-β*(1+γz)^(-σ)*(1-δ))/(β*(1+γz)^(-σ)*θ*zss^(1-θ)) )^
    (1/(θ-1))
    eq[2]=c-( (k/h)^(θ-1)*zss^(1-θ) -(1+γz)*(1+γn)+1-δ)*k+gss
    eq[3]=ψ*c-( (1-τhss)*(1-θ)*(k/h)^θ *zss^(1-θ))*(1-h)
end

SteadyState = nlsolve(SS!, [3,0.25,.4],ftol = :1.0e-20)
kss,hss,css = SteadyState.zero
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Out[2]: 3-element Array{Float64,1}:
 1.6707265229440968
 0.22844261316599446
 0.31866093597940304
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In [3]: #GDP
yss = kss^(θ)*(zss*hss)^(1-θ)
xss = (1+γz)*(1+γn)*kss-(1-δ)*kss
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Out[3]: 0.12971520724137942
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Log-linearizing the equations we get the following system of equations:

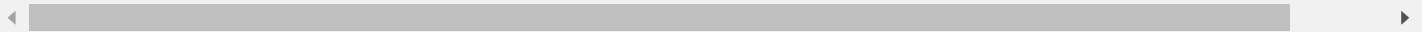
$$0 = E_t[a_1\tilde{k}_t + a_2\tilde{k}_{t+1} + a_3\tilde{h}_t + a_4\tilde{z}_t + a_5\tilde{\tau}_{ht} + a_6\tilde{g}_t]$$

$$0 = E_t[b_1\tilde{k}_t + b_2\tilde{k}_{t+1} + b_3\tilde{k}_{t+2} + b_4\tilde{h}_t + b_5\tilde{h}_{t+1}b_6\tilde{z}_t + b_7\tilde{\tau}_{xt} + b_8\tilde{g}_t + b_9\tilde{z}_{t+1} + b_{10}\tilde{\tau}_{xt+1} + b_{11}\tilde{g}_{t+1}]$$

Where tilde variables are log deviations from Steady State. Stacking up the equations we get:

$$0 = E_t \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_3 & b_5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{k}_{t+1} \\ \tilde{k}_{t+2} \\ \tilde{h}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{k}_t \\ \tilde{k}_{t+1} \\ \tilde{h}_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_4 & a_5 & 0 & a_6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_6 & 0 & b_7 & b_8 & b_9 & 0 & b_{10} & b_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

We call the first matrix A_1 , and the second A_2 . The code below log-linearizes and find these matrices:



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In [4]: function loglineq1(vector::Vector)
        k,k1,h,z,th,g= vector

        c = k * ((z *h)^(1-θ))^(1/θ) - ((1+γz)*(1+γn)*k1-(1-δ)*k+ g )^(1/θ)
        eq =(ψ *c)^(1/θ) - (k/h)*((1-h)*(1-τh)*(1-θ)*z^(1-θ))^(1/θ)

        return eq
    end
    function loglineq2(vector::Vector)
        k,k1,k2,h,h1,z,tx,g,z1,tx1,g1 = (vector)
        c = k * ((z *h)^(1-θ))^(1/θ) - ((1+γz)*(1+γn)*k1-(1-δ)*k+ g )^(1/θ)
        c1 = k * ((z1 *h1)^(1-θ))^(1/θ) - ((1+γz)*(1+γn)*k2-(1-δ)*k1+ g1 )^(1/θ)
        eq = (c^(-σ) * (1-h)^(ψ*(1-σ))*(1+τx) - (1-δ)*(1+τx1)* β*(1+γz)^(-σ) * c1
        ^(-σ) * (1-h1)^(ψ*(1-σ)))^(-1/θ) -
            (β*(1+γz)^(-σ) * c1^(-σ) * (1-h1)^(ψ*(1-σ)) * θ*(z1*h1)^(1-θ))^(-1/θ)* k1
        return eq
    end

    #Log deviations
    T=ForwardDiff.gradient(loglineq1,[kss,kss,hss,zss,thss,gss])
    a =[-kss*T[1]/(kss*T[1]),-kss*T[2]/(kss*T[1]),-hss*T[3]/(kss*T[1]),
    -zss*T[4]/(kss*T[1]),-thss*T[5]/(kss*T[1]),-gss*T[6]/(kss*T[1])]
    #if ψ==0
    #    a[1],a[2:end]=-1,zeros(5)
    #end

    T=ForwardDiff.gradient(loglineq2,[kss,kss,kss,hss,hss,zss,txss,gss,zss,txss,gs
    s])
    b = [kss*T[1]/(-kss*T[1]),kss*T[2]/(-kss*T[1]),kss*T[3]/(-kss*T[1]),hss*T[4]/(
    -kss*T[1]),
    hss*T[5]/(-kss*T[1]),zss*T[6]/(-kss*T[1]),txss*T[7]/(-kss*T[1]),gss*T[8]/(-kss
    *T[1]),
    zss*T[9]/(-kss*T[1]),txss*T[10]/(-kss*T[1]),gss*T[11]/(-kss*T[1])]

    A1 = [1 0 0; 0 0 0; 0 b[3] b[5]]
    A2 = [0 -1 0; a[1] a[2] a[3]; b[1] b[2] b[4]]
    U = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0;
    a[4] a[5] 0 a[6] 0 0 0 0;
    b[6] 0 b[7] b[8] b[9] 0 b[10] b[11]]

    A1,A2

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Out[4]: ([1.0 0.0 0.0; 0.0 0.0 0.0; 0.0 -1.01871 1.56869], [0.0 -1.0 0.0; -1.0 -0.191
08 2.77059; -1.0 2.01043 -1.65162])

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We look for a solution of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{k}_{t+1} &= A\tilde{k}_t + BS_t \\ Z_t &= CX_t + DS_t \\ S_t &= PS_{t-1} + Q\epsilon_t\end{aligned}$$

Where $Z_t = [\tilde{k}_{t+1}, \tilde{h}_t]'$ and S_t are the stochastic exogenous variables. We compute the generalized eigenvalues and eigenvectors for matrices A_1 and $-A_2$ because A_1 is not invertible. Thus, $A_2V = -A_1V\Pi$ and we can get A and C by:

$$\begin{aligned}A &= V_{11}\Pi_{1,1}V_{1,1}^{-1} \\ C &= V_{2,1}V_{1,1}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

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In [5]: eig = eigen(A1,-A2)
V=eig.vectors
Π = eig.values
#Sorting
for j=1:3
for i=1:2
if eps(Float64)<abs(Π[i+1])<abs(Π[i])
Π[i],Π[i+1] = Π[i+1],Π[i]
V[:,i],V[:,i+1] = V[:,i+1],V[:,i]
elseif abs(Π[i]) < eps(Float64)
Π[i],Π[end] =Π[end],Π[i]
V[:,i],V[:,end]=V[:,end],V[:,i]
end
end
end
if abs(Π[1])>1
error("All Eigen Values outside unit circle")
end
Π= Diagonal(Π)
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Out[5]: 3×3 Diagonal{Float64,Array{Float64,1}}:
0.614295  .  .
.  0.928641  .
.  .  1.25286e-16
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In [6]: A = V[1,1]*Π[1,1]*inv(V[1,1])
C = V[2:end,1]*(V[1,1])
C = hcat(C,zeros(2,1))
```

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Out[6]: 2×2 Array{Float64,2}:
0.614295  0.0
0.178568  0.0
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In [7]: P = [pz pzh pzx pzg;
             phz ph phx phg ;
             pxz pxh px pxg ;
             pgz pgh pgx pg]
          Q = [sz szh szx szg;
             szh sh shx shg ;
             szx shx sx sxg ;
             szg shg sxg sg]
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Out[7]: 4x4 Array{Float64,2}:
 0.02  0.02  0.001  0.02
 0.02  0.01  0.01   0.02
 0.001 0.01  0.01   0.02
 0.02  0.02  0.02   0.02
```

Finally, to get the matrices B and D , we just need to solve a linear system of equations (see Ellen's notes):

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In [8]: function system!(eq,vector::Vector)
          #vector = rand(8)
          #eq= rand(8)
          B=vector[1:4]'
          D2 = vector[5:8]'

          eq[1:4] = a[2].*B .+ a[3].*D2 .+ [a[4] a[5] 0 a[6]]
          eq[5:8] = b[2].*B .+ b[3].*A.*B .+ b[3].*B.*P .+ b[4].*D2 .+ b[5].*C[2].*B
          .+ b[5].*B.*P.+
          [b[6] 0 b[7] b[8]].+[b[9] 0 b[10] b[11] ]*P
          return eq
        end

Sol = nlsolve(system!, ones(8),ftol = :1.0e-20, method = :trust_region , autos
cale = true)
D=ones(2,4)
D[1,:]= Sol.zero[1:4]
D[2,:]= Sol.zero[5:8]
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Out[8]: 4-element Array{Float64,1}:
 0.8355086897725621
 -0.07686397807227525
 -0.0004827290488331575
 0.0003860826735727373
```

Now, I will rewrite the model in the form of the exercise, namely:

$$X_{t+1} = AX_t + B\varepsilon_{t+1}$$

$$Y_t = CX_t + \omega_t$$

Where, $X_t = [k_t, s_t]$, $s_t = [z_t, \tau_{ht}, \tau_{xt}, g_t]$, $Y_t = [y_t, x_t, h_t]$ and as before:

$$s_{t+1} = Ps_t + Q\varepsilon_{t+1}$$

We need to log linearize y, x since we already done it for labor:

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In [9]: #Rewritting to match Anmol's notation
A = hcat(vcat(C[1],zeros(4,1)),vcat(D[1,:]',P))
B = hcat(zeros(5,1),vcat(zeros(1,4),Q))

#We have h as function of states. To find the Matrix B, we need to find y and
x
#as a function of states

function kt1(vector::Vector)
    k,z,th,tx,g = vector
    tilde = log.([k,z,th,tx,g]).-log.([kss,zss,thss,txss,gss])
    for i = 1:length(tilde)
        if isnan(tilde[i])
            tilde[i] = 0
        end
    end
    k1= A[1,:]' * tilde
    return k1
end

function ht(vector::Vector)
    k,z,th,tx,g = vector
    tilde = log.([k,z,th,tx,g]).-log.([kss,zss,thss,txss,gss])
    for i = 1:length(tilde)
        if isnan(tilde[i])
            tilde[i] = 0
        end
    end
    h = C[2,1]*(log(k)-log(kss)) + D[2,:]' * tilde[2:end]
    return h
end

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Out[9]: ht (generic function with 1 method)

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In [10]: #Log-linearizing y as a function of states
function yt(vector::Vector)
    k,z,th,tx,g = vector
    h = exp(ht(vector)+log(hss))
    y = k^θ * (z*h)^(1-θ)
    return y
end

#GDP
yss = kss^θ*(zss*hss)^(1-θ)

T=ForwardDiff.gradient(yt,[kss,zss,thss,txss,gss])
ycoefs = [kss*T[1]/yss,zss*T[2]/yss,thss*T[3]/yss,txss*T[4]/yss,gss*T[5]/yss]

#Log linearizing x as function of states
function xt(vector::Vector)
    k,z,th,tx,g = vector
    k1 = exp(kt1(vector)+log(kss))
    x= (1+γn)*(1+γz)k1 - (1-δ)k

    return x
end
xss = (1+γz)*(1+γn)*kss-(1-δ)*kss
T=ForwardDiff.gradient(xt,[kss,zss,thss,txss,gss])
xcoefs = [kss*T[1]/xss,zss*T[2]/xss,thss*T[3]/xss,txss*T[4]/xss,gss*T[5]/xss]

#We have the matrix C!
C = [ycoefs[1] ycoefs[2] ycoefs[3] ycoefs[4] ycoefs[5];
xcoefs[1] xcoefs[2] xcoefs[3] xcoefs[4] xcoefs[5];
C[2,1] D[2,1] D[2,2] D[2,3] D[2,4];
0 0 0 0 1]

```

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Out[10]: 4x5 Array{Float64,2}:
  0.466069  1.19308  -0.0499616  -0.000313774  0.000250954
 -4.12306   9.0061   -0.8139    -0.0929683  -0.0027367
  0.178568  0.835509  -0.076864  -0.000482729  0.000386083
  0.0       0.0      0.0       0.0       1.0

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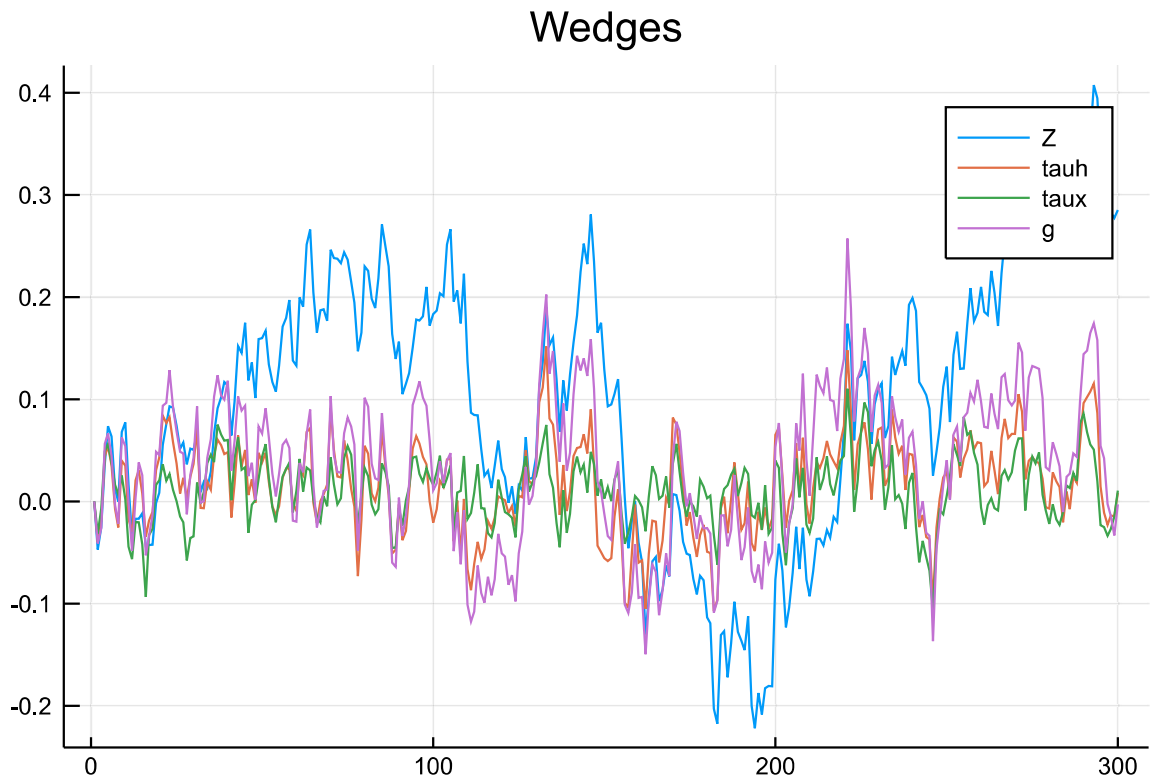
In [11]: #defining the vectors
T=300
X= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
Y = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
S = randn(5,T)
for t=1:T

    if t>1
        X[:,t] = A*X[:,t-1]+ B*S[:,t]
    end
    Y[:,t] = C*X[:,t]
end

plot([X[2,:],X[3,:],X[4,:],X[5,:]],title ="Wedges", labels = ["Z","tauh","tau
x","g"])

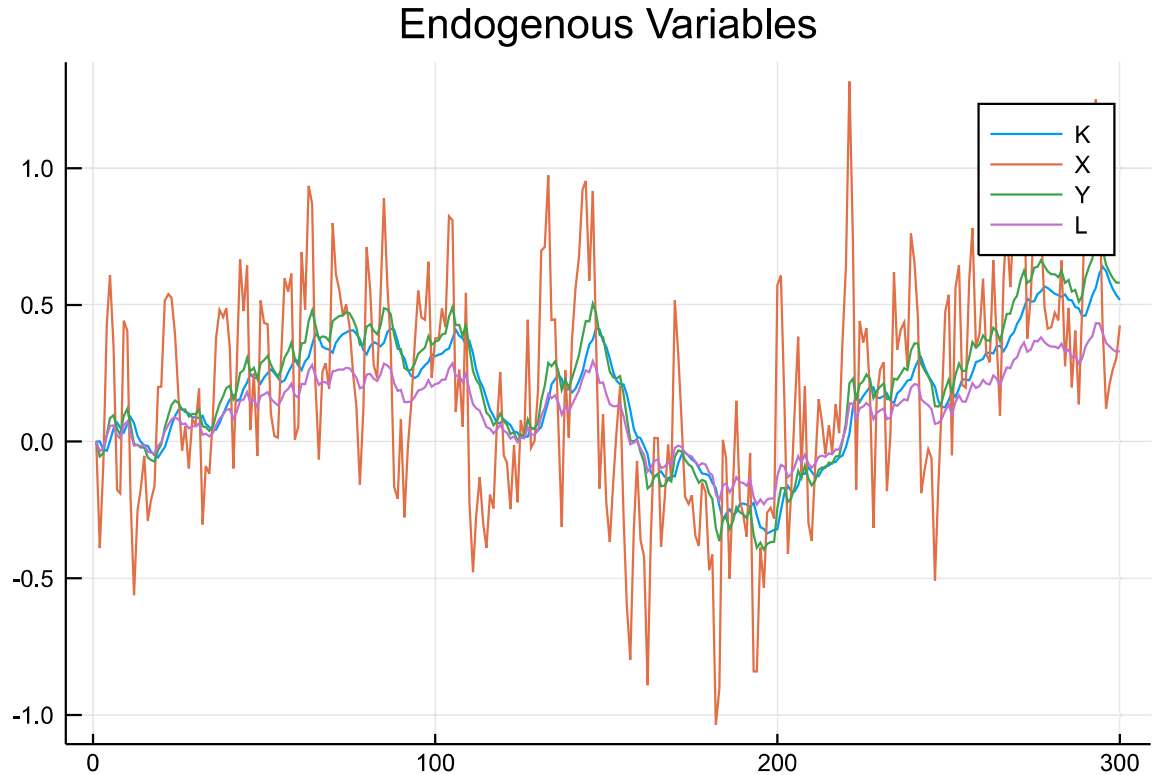
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Out[11]:



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In [12]: plot([X[1,:],Y[2,:],Y[1,:],Y[3,:]],title = "Endogenous Variables",labels = [
"K","X","Y","L"])
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Out[12]:



The code above is summarized in a function `State_Space` which returns the matrices A,B,C

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In [13]: include("State_Space.jl")
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Out[13]: `State_Space` (generic function with 1 method)

Question 5

As instructed in class, we will postpone the estimation. We assume that the model above is indeed true data. Now, we need to shut all shocks. First, we turn on one shock and shut off the others:

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In [14]: #Only efficiency shocks
Xz= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
Yz = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
Sz = vcat(S[1:2,:], zeros(3,T))

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        Xz[:,t] = A*Xz[:,t-1]+ B*Sz[:,t]
    end
    Yz[:,t] = C*Xz[:,t]
end

#Only Labor shocks
Xh= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
Yh = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
Sh = [zeros(2,T); S[3,:]' ; zeros(2,T)]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        Xh[:,t] = A*Xh[:,t-1]+ B*Sh[:,t]
    end
    Yh[:,t] = C*Xh[:,t]
end

#Only investment shocks
Xx= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
Yx = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
Sx = [zeros(3,T); S[4,:]' ; zeros(1,T)]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        Xx[:,t] = A*Xx[:,t-1]+ B*Sx[:,t]
    end
    Yx[:,t] = C*Xx[:,t]
end

#Only Government shocks
Xg= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
Yg = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
Sg = [zeros(4,T); S[5,:]]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        Xg[:,t] = A*Xg[:,t-1]+ B*Sg[:,t]
    end
    Yg[:,t] = C*Xg[:,t]
end
plot(plot([Yz[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "Only efficiency wedge",labels = ["Yz","Y"
]),

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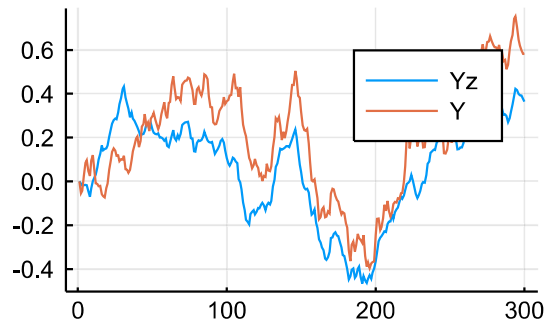
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plot([Yh[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "Only labor wedge",labels = ["Yh","Y"]),
plot([Yx[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "Only investment wedge",labels = ["Yx","Y"
]),
plot([Yg[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "Only government wedge",labels = ["Yg","Y"]))

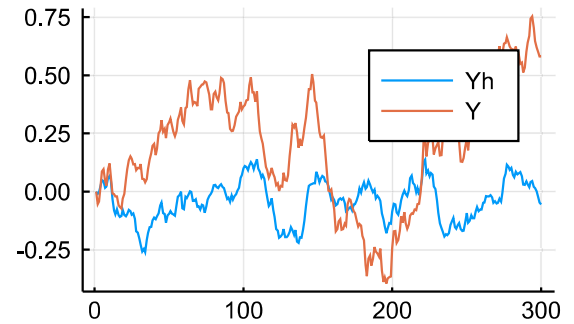
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Out[14]:

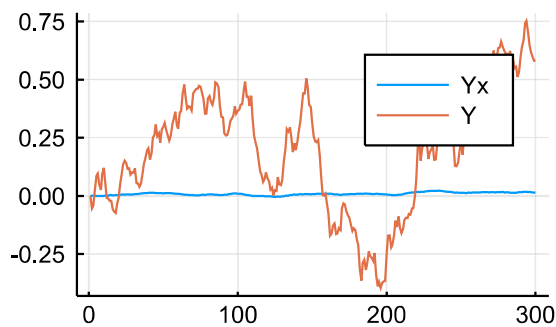
Only efficiency wedge



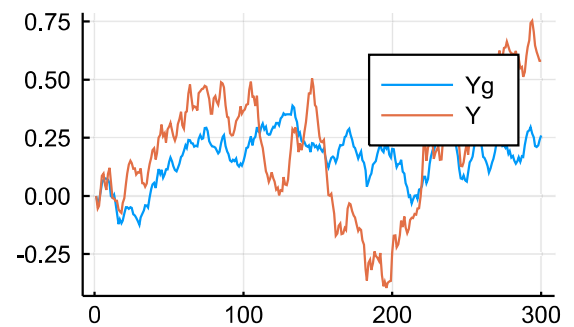
Only labor wedge



Only investment wedge



Only government wedge



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In [15]: #No efficiency shocks
XZ= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
YZ = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
SZ = [zeros(2,T); S[3:5,:]]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        XZ[:,t] = A*XZ[:,t-1]+ B*SZ[:,t]
    end
    YZ[:,t] = C*XZ[:,t]
end
plot([YZ[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No efficiency wedge",labels = ["YZ","Y"])

#No Labor shocks
XH= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
YH = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
SH = [ S[1:2,:]; zeros(1,T); S[4:5,:]]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        XH[:,t] = A*XH[:,t-1]+ B*SH[:,t]
    end
    YH[:,t] = C*XH[:,t]
end
plot([YH[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No labor wedge",labels = ["YH","Y"])

#No investment shocks
XX= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
YX = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
SX = [ S[1:3,:]; zeros(1,T); S[5,:]]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        XX[:,t] = A*XX[:,t-1]+ B*SX[:,t]
    end
    YX[:,t] = C*XX[:,t]
end
plot([YX[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No investment wedge",labels = ["YX","Y"])

#No Government shocks
XG= ones(5,T).* [0,0,0,0,0]
YG = ones(4,T).*[0,0,0,0]
SG = [S[1:4,:];zeros(1,T)]

for t=1:T
    if t>1
        XG[:,t] = A*XG[:,t-1]+ B*SG[:,t]
    end
    YG[:,t] = C*XG[:,t]
end
plot([YG[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No government wedge",labels = ["YG","Y"])

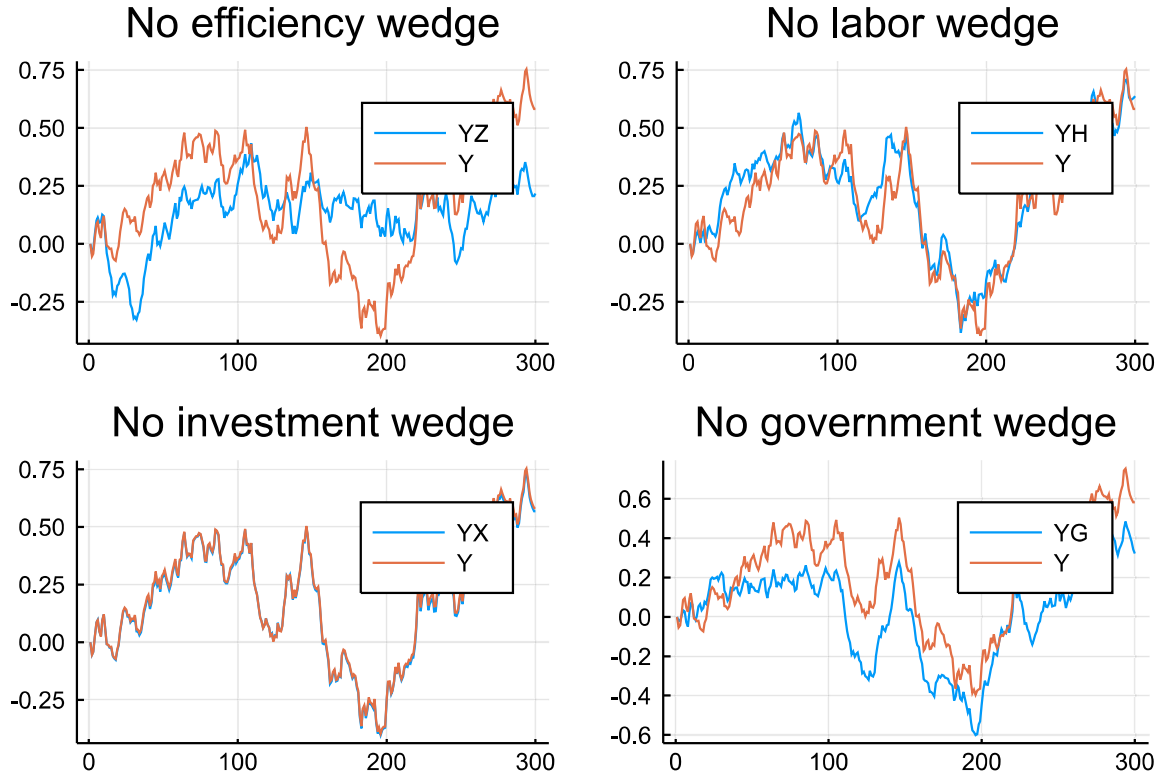
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plot(plot([YZ[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No efficiency wedge",labels = ["YZ","Y"]),
      plot([YH[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No labor wedge",labels = ["YH","Y"]),
      plot([YX[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No investment wedge",labels = ["YX","Y"]),
      plot([YG[1,:],Y[1,:]],title = "No government wedge",labels = ["YG","Y"]))

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Out[15]:



For our parametrization, Efficiency and labor wedges are the most important to explain the simulated path. This is in line with our parameters.