Quantitative Macro – Problem Set 7

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Question c: Brute Force Method

I approximate the value function for the model using the brute force method and transition probabilities as produced in the MATLAB code project2.m. The resulting value function appears fairly well behaved, however the consumption policy is quite irregular. I suppose this may be due to problems with the grid (which for some reason I cannot increase without ruining the code) or other issues in the computation. At least it is increasing... The grid I use is generated using the same function as in the MATLAB file and I treat cash on hand as the state variable.

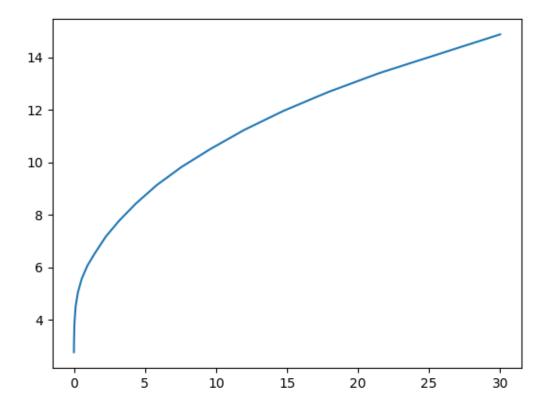


Figure 1: Approximated value function over a grid of cash-on-hand

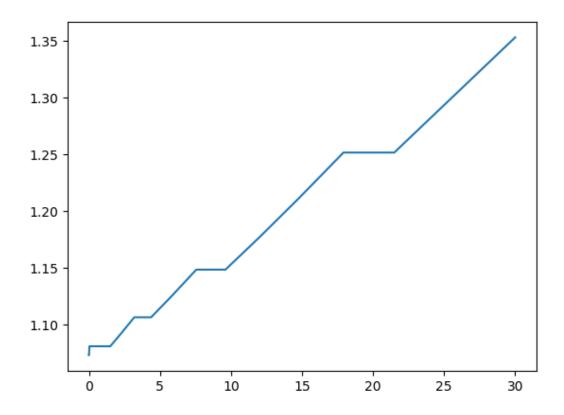


Figure 2: Policy function for consumption

The Howard method for policy function is missing.

Question e: Some tricks

FOr this part I only upload the function that basically just transforms the function V_x into Λ_x .