# Problem Set 3

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**Note:** I use bold symbols to denote vectors and nonbolded symbols to denote scalars. I primarily use vector notation to shorthand some of the sums, since many of the sums are dot products.

## Problem 1

(1)

(a) We note that the absolute value is trivially nonnegative, and |x-y|=0 implies x=y. Further, we have that the absolute value is symmetric, so |x-y|=|y-x|. Finally, we need to show the triangle inequality. Consider x,y,z. Then (using the facts that  $|x| \ge x$  and  $|x| \ge -x$ )

$$|x - y| + |y - z| \ge (x - y) + (y - z) \ge x - z$$

and

$$|x - y| + |y - z| \ge (y - x) + (z - y) \ge z - x$$

Lastly, since  $|x| \leq \max(x, -x)$ , we have that

$$|x - y| + |y - z| \ge \max(z - x, x - z) \ge |x - z|$$

and so we have the triangle inequality. Hence  $\rho$  is a metric space.

(b) By definition,  $\rho$  is nonnegative, and  $\rho(x,y)=0$  only when x=y.  $\rho$  is also trivially symmetric:  $\rho(x,y)=1=\rho(y,x)$  for  $x\neq y$ , and  $\rho(x,x)=\rho(x,x)$ . Finally, we have: If  $x\neq y\neq z$ ,

$$\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) = 2 > \rho(x,z)$$

If  $x = y \neq z$ ,

$$\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) = 1 \ge \rho(x,z)$$

And if x = y = z:

$$\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) = 0 \ge \rho(x,z)$$

Hence in all cases we still have the triangle inequality. Thus  $\rho$  is a metric.

(c) We note that since |x(t) - y(t)| is nonnegative, the metric is nonnegative. We note that if  $\rho(x, y) = 0$ , then by definition of  $\rho$ ,  $\max |x(t) - y(t)| = 0$ , implying x(t) - y(t) = 0 everywhere, which means x(t) = y(t) everywhere.

Now we argue symmetry. This follows due to symmetry of the absolute value:

$$\rho(x, y) = \max |x(t) - y(t)| = \max |y(t) - x(t)| = \rho(y, x)$$

Lastly, we argue for the triangle inequality. Consider  $\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z)$ . We have

$$\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) = \max |x(t) - y(t)| + \max |y(t) - z(t)|$$

$$\geq \max (|x(t) - y(t)| + |y(t) - z(t)|)$$

$$\geq \max |x(t) - z(t)| = \rho(x,z)$$

And hence we have triangle inequality. So  $\rho$  is a metric.

(d) We know that since  $|x(t) - y(t)| \ge 0$ ,  $\rho(x,y) \ge 0$ . Additionally, the only way for the integral  $\int |x(t) - y(t)| = 0$  is if the integrand is 0 everywhere, since the integrand cannot be negative. Hence, if  $\rho(x,y) = 0$ , we have  $|x(t) - y(t)| = 0 \implies x(t) = y(t)$ .

For symmetry, we have another easy argument from symmetry of the absolute value difference:

$$\rho(x,y) = \int |x(t) - y(t)| = \int |y(t) - x(t)| = \rho(y,x)$$

Lastly, using linearity of integration and triangle inequality on absolute value we argued for earlier,

$$\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) = \int |x(t) - y(t)| + \int |y(t) - z(t)| = \int (|x(t) - y(t)| + |y(t) - z(t)|)$$

$$\geq \int |x(t) - z(t)| = \rho(x,z)$$

And hence  $\rho$  is a metric.

- (e) The argument that  $\rho$  is a metric proceeds exactly as in part a. We note that expanding the domain of S from integers to rational numbers does not change the behavior of the metric.
- (f) We have nonnegativity since f is increasing, f(0) = 0, and the absolute value is always nonnegative. Hence f(|x y|) will always be nonnegative. Further, since f is strictly increasing, we have that for any a > 0, f(a) > f(0) = 0. Hence, if f(|x y|) = 0, we must have |x y| = 0 and therefore x = y. Symmetry follows from symmetry of differences under absolute value:

$$\rho(x, y) = f(|x - y|) = f(|y - x|) = \rho(y, x)$$

Finally, we argue for triangle inequality. By strict concavity of f and the fact that f(0) = 0, for

$$a, b \ge 0,$$
 
$$f(a) + f(b) = f\left(\frac{a}{a+b}(a+b)\right) + f\left(\frac{b}{a+b}(a+b)\right)$$

$$\geq \frac{a}{a+b}f(a+b) + \frac{b}{a+b}f(0) + \frac{b}{a+b}f(a+b) + \frac{a}{a+b}f(0)$$
=  $f(a+b)$ 

Therefore, by the identity above and by the fact that f is increasing and the triangle inequality of absolute value we showed earlier,

$$\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z) = f(|x-y|) + f(|y-z|)$$
 
$$\geq f(|x-y| + |y-z|)$$
 
$$\geq f(|x-z|) = \rho(x,z)$$

and we are done. Hence  $\rho$  is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (2) Statement: If  $(S, \rho)$  is a complete metric space, and  $T: S \to S$  is a contraction mapping with modulus  $\beta$ , then
  - (a) T has exactly one fixed point v in S
  - (b) for any  $v_0 \in S$ ,  $\rho(T^n v_0, v) \leq \beta^n \rho(v_0, v)$ .

Proof: Pick an arbitrary  $x \in S$ , and define the sequence  $v_n = T^n x$ , where  $T^0 x = x$ . We first argue that  $\{v_n\}$  is Cauchy. We first note that

$$\rho(v_1, v_0) \le \beta^0 \rho(v_1, v_0)$$

Inductively, now suppose that for n-1,  $\rho(v_n,v_{n-1}) \leq \beta^{n-1}\rho(v_1,v_0)$ . Then by contraction mapping,

$$\rho(v_{n+1}, v_n) = \rho(Tv_n, Tv_{n-1}) \le \beta \rho(v_n, v_{n-1}) \le \beta^n \rho(v_1, v_0)$$

Hence we know that by induction, for any arbitrary n,  $\rho(v_{n+1}, v_n) \leq \beta^n \rho(v_1, v_0)$ . Now, for any m > n, we have by triangle inequality,

$$\rho(v^m, v^n) \le \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \rho(v_i, v_{i+1})$$

$$\le \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \beta^i \rho(v_1, v_0)$$

$$\le \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \beta^i \rho(v_1, v_0)$$

$$= \frac{\beta^n}{1 - \beta} \rho(v_1, v_0)$$

Hence, for any  $\epsilon$ , we can pick an n such that  $\beta^n \leq (1-\beta)\epsilon/(2\rho(v_1,v_0))$ , and then for all  $m,m' \geq n$ , by the triangle inequality,

$$\rho(v^m, v^{m'}) \le \rho(v^m, v^n) + \rho(v^n, v^{m'})$$
$$\le 2\frac{\beta^n}{1 - \beta}\rho(v_1, v_0)$$
$$\le \epsilon$$

And hence  $v_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Now, because  $\{v_n\}$  is Cauchy, and S is complete, the sequence converges:  $v_n \to v$  for some  $v \in S$ . We claim v is our fixed point. By the triangle inequality,

$$\rho(Tv, v) \le \rho(Tv, T^n x) + \rho(T^n x, v)$$

By the contraction mapping property,

$$\rho(Tv, v) \le \beta \rho(v, v_{n-1}) + \rho(v_n, v)$$

Since  $v_n \to v$ , we have that as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\rho(v, v_{n+1}) \to 0$  and  $\rho(v_n, v) \to 0$ . Hence, taking  $n \to \infty$  we get

$$\rho(Tv, v) \le \beta(0) + 0 = 0$$

Then since  $\rho$  is nonnegative, we must have  $\rho(Tv, v) = 0$ , so v = Tv. Hence v is a fixed point.

To finish (a), we now argue that v is unique. Pick some fixed point v'. Then

$$\rho(Tv', Tv) = \rho(v', v)$$

But by contraction mapping property,  $\rho(Tv', Tv) \leq \beta \rho(v', v)$ , so we have

$$\rho(v',v) = \rho(Tv',Tv) < \beta \rho(v',v)$$

$$(\beta - 1)\rho(v', v) \ge 0$$

But we know  $\beta < 1$ , so in order for this to be true, we must have

$$\rho(v',v) < 0$$

But  $\rho$  is nonnegative, so we must have  $\rho(v',v)=0$  and hence v'=v. Hence the only fixed point is v.

For part (b), we proceed by induction. We can trivially confirm that for n = 0,  $\rho(v_0, v) \leq \beta^0 \rho(v_0, v)$ . Suppose the inductive hypothesis holds for n - 1. Then by the contraction mapping property, since Tv = v, we get

$$\rho(T^n v_0, v) = \rho(T^n v_0, Tv) \le \beta \rho(T^{n-1} v_0, v) \le \beta(\beta^{n-1} \rho(v_0, v))$$

where we used the inductive hypothesis in the last step. This implies

$$\rho(T^n v_0, v) \le \beta^n \rho(v_0, v)$$

and we are done.

Now, we prove Theorem 3.3:

**Statement**: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^l$ , and let B(X) be the space of bounded functions  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$  under the sup norm. Let  $T: B(X) \to B(X)$  be an operator satisfying:

- (a)  $\forall f, g \in B(X)$  such that  $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x \in X$ ,  $(Tf)(x) \leq (Tg)(x) \forall x \in X$ .
- (b)  $\exists \beta \in (0,1)$  such that  $\forall f \in B(X), a \geq 0, x \in X$ ,

$$(T(f+a))(x) \le (Tf)(x) + \beta a$$

Then T is a contraction with modulus  $\beta$ .

**Proof:** Since

$$\rho(f,g) = \sup_{x} |f(x) - g(x)|$$

$$g(x) + \rho(f,g) = g(x) + \sup_{x} |f(x) - g(x)| \ge g(x) + \sup_{x} f(x) - g(x) \ge g(x) + (f(x) - g(x)) = f(x)$$

Symmetrically,

$$f(x) + \rho(f,g) = f(x) + \sup_{x} |f(x) - g(x)| \ge f(x) + \sup_{x} g(x) - f(x) \ge f(x) + (g(x) - f(x)) = g(x)$$

Since this holds for all x, we can apply condition (a) on T to get:

$$(T(g + \rho(f,g)))(x) \ge (Tf)(x)$$

$$(T(f+\rho(f,q)))(x) > (Tq)(x)$$

Applying condition 2, we have

$$(Tg)(x) + \beta \rho(f,g) \ge (T(g + \rho(f,g)))(x) \ge (Tf)(x)$$

$$(Tf)(x) + \beta \rho(f,g) \ge (T(f + \rho(f,g)))(x) \ge (Tg)(x)$$

Rearranging, we have

$$(Tf)(x) - (Tg)(x) \le \beta \rho(f,g)$$

$$(Tg)(x) - (Tf)(x) \le \beta \rho(f, g)$$

Then

$$\sup_{x} |(Tf)(x) - (Tg)(x)| \le \beta \rho(f, g)$$

$$\rho(Tf, Tg) \le \beta \rho(f, g)$$

and hence T is a contraction mapping with modulus  $\beta$ .

(3)

(4.6) Statement: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^l$  be convex. Let the correspondence  $\Gamma: X \to X$  be nonempty, compact-valued, and continuous. Define  $A = \{(x,y) \in X \times X : y \in \Gamma(x)\}$ . Let  $F: A \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and bounded, and let  $\beta \in (0,1)$ . Let C(X) be the space of continuous, bounded functions  $X \to \mathbb{R}$  under the sup norm.

Then the operator T defined as  $Tf(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta f(y)$  maps C(X) into itself, has a unique fixed point  $v \in C(X)$ , and for all  $v_0 \in C(X)$ ,

$$||T^n v_0 - v|| \le \beta^n ||v_0 - v||$$

Further, the optimal policy correspondence  $G_v: X \to X$  defined by  $G(x) = \{y \in \Gamma(x): v(x) = F(x,y) + \beta v(y)\}$  is compact-valued and continuous.

**Proof:** We first show that for any  $f \in C(X)$ , Tf is bounded and continuous. Note that since F and f are both bounded and  $\Gamma$  is compact valued (and hence is bounded-valued), we have that Tf must also be bounded. Also, since F and f are both continuous, and  $\Gamma$  is compact-valued and continuous, by Berge's theorem of the maximum we know Tf is continuous. Therefore,  $Tf \in C(X)$  since it is bounded and continuous.

We now show T satisfies the conditions for Theorem 3.3 that we proved in the previous problem part. We first check monotonicity. Suppose  $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x$ :

$$(Tf)(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x,y) + \beta f(y) \leq \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x,y) + \beta g(y) = (Tg)(x)$$

Now we show discounting:

$$(T(f+a))(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x,y) + \beta(f(y)+a) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} (F(x,y)+\beta f(y)) + \beta a$$

$$\leq (Tf)(x) + \beta a$$

Therefore, we know by Theorem 3.3 that T is a contraction mapping with modulus  $\beta$ . By theorem 3.2 we proved in the previous problem, we have that T has a unique fixed point  $v \in C(X)$ , and further that

$$||T^n v_0 - v|| \le \beta^n ||v_0 - v||$$

for all  $v_0 \in C(X)$ .

Lastly, by Berge's theorem of the maximum, the maximizer correspondence G is compact-valued and continuous.

(4.7) **Statement**: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^l$  be convex. Let the correspondence  $\Gamma: X \to X$  be nonempty, compact-valued, continuous and monotone; for  $x \le x'$ ,  $\Gamma(x) \subseteq \Gamma(x')$ . Define  $A = \{(x,y) \in X \times X : y \in \Gamma(x)\}$ . Let  $F: A \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous, bounded, and strictly increasing in its first l arguments, and let  $\beta \in (0,1)$ . Then the solution to

$$v(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} (F(x, y) + \beta v(y))$$

is strictly increasing.

**Proof**: We know from theorem 4.6 we proved previously that v is the unique fixed point of T, which takes

$$(Tf)(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta f(y)$$

Suppose f is a nondecreasing function. Then if x < x', since F is strictly increasing in the first l arguments,

$$(Tf)(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta f(y) < \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x', y) + \beta f(y)$$

Since  $\Gamma$  is monotone,

$$\max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x', y) + \beta f(y) \leq \max_{y \in \Gamma(x')} F(x', y) + \beta f(y) = (Tf)(x')$$

Hence (Tf)(x) < (Tf)(x'), so (Tf) is strictly increasing. Hence, if we pick  $v_0$  to be a strictly increasing function, we have the sequence  $\{T^nv_0\}$  consists of nondecreasing functions, which is a closed set. Hence by theorem 3.2 we showed, the sequence converges to v, and by closure of the set of nondecreasing functions, we know v is a nondecreasing function. However, v = Tv, so by what we showed, Tv = v must be strictly increasing. Hence we are done.

(4.8) Statement: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^l$  be convex. Let the correspondence  $\Gamma: X \to X$  be nonempty, compact-valued, and continuous. Define  $A = \{(x,y) \in X \times X : y \in \Gamma(x)\}$ . Let  $F: A \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous, bounded, and strictly concave, and let  $\beta \in (0,1)$ . Finally, let  $\Gamma(x)$  be such that  $\forall y \in \Gamma(x), y' \in \Gamma(x'), y' \in \Gamma(x'$ 

$$v(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} (F(x, y) + \beta v(y))$$

and the corresponding maximizer

$$G(x) = \{ y \in \Gamma(x) : v(x) = F(x, y) + \beta v(y) \}$$

are such that v is strictly concave and G is continuous and single-valued.

**Proof:** We know from theorem 4.6 we proved previously that v is the unique fixed point of T, which takes

$$(Tf)(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta f(y)$$

Suppose f is a weakly concave function. Let y be such that  $Tf(x) = F(x, y) + \beta f(y)$ , y' such that  $Tf(x') = F(x', y'), \beta f(y')$  Then by concavity of F, since  $\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)y' \in \Gamma(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x')$ , we get

$$(Tf)(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x') \ge F(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x', \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)y') + \beta f(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)y')$$

$$> \lambda F(x, \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)y') + (1 - \lambda)F(x', \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)y') + \beta f(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)y')$$

By weak concavity of f,

$$> \lambda F(x,y) + \lambda \beta f(y) + (1-\lambda)F(x',y) + (1-\lambda)\beta f(y)$$

$$= \lambda(Tf)(x) + (1 - \lambda)(Tf)(x')$$

Hence Tf is strictly concave. By the same logic in theorem 4.8, if we pick a strictly concave  $v_0$ , we have the sequence  $\{T^nv_0\}$  consists of weakly concave functions, which is a closed set. Hence by theorem 3.2 we showed, the sequence converges to v, and by closure of the set of weakly concave functions, we know v is a weakly concave function. However, v = Tv, so by what we showed, Tv = v must be strictly concave.

Finally, we must show G is single valued. Suppose  $y \neq y' \in G(x)$ . Then

$$v(x) = F(x, y) + \beta v(y) = F(x, y') + \beta v(y')$$

Then by strict concavity of F and v, y'' = (y' + y)/2 must satisfy

$$F(x,y'') + \beta v(y'') \ge \frac{1}{2}(F(x,y) + \beta v(y)) + \frac{1}{2}(F(x,y') + \beta v(y')) = v(x)$$

which contradicts the maximization of v. Hence, no such pair y, y' exist, and therefore G is single-valued. By the theorem of the maximum, G is upper hemicontinuous, and since any upper hemicontinuous, single-valued correspondence is continuous, G is continuous.

(4)

(a) Let f be bounded. We need to show Tf is also bounded. Then

$$Tf(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta f(y)$$

Now, since F is bounded, f is bounded, and  $\Gamma(x)$  is compact and hence also bounded, we must have Tf(x) is also bounded for all x, so Tf is bounded. Hence  $T:B(X)\to B(X)$ . We then confirm that if  $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x$ , then

$$Tf(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta f(y) \le \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta g(y) = Tg(x)$$

so we have monotonicity. We then check discounting:

$$(T(f+a))(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x,y) + \beta(f(y)+a) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} (F(x,y) + \beta f(y)) + \beta a$$

$$< (Tf)(x) + \beta a$$

So we have both discounting and monotonicity, so we satisfy the Blackwell conditions, so by Theorem 3.3, T is a contraction mapping, and by theorem 3.2, T has a unique fixed point v, and for any  $v_0 \in B(X)$ ,

$$||T^n v_0 - v|| \le \beta^n ||v_0 - v||$$

Lastly, we see by the theorem of the maximum that the maximizer correspondence G is nonempty, since  $\Gamma$  is finite-valued and nonempty.

(b) It suffices to show  $T_h$  is a contraction mapping. We do this by using the Blackwell condition and

theorem 3.3. We first check monotonicity. Suppose  $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x$ . Then

$$(T_h f)(x) = F(x, h(x)) + \beta f(h(x)) \le F(x, h(x)) + \beta g(h(x)) = (T_h g)(x)$$

Now, we check discounting:

$$(T_h(f+a))(x) = F(x,h(x)) + \beta(f(h(x)) + a) = F(x,h(x)) + \beta f(h(x)) + \beta a \le (T_h f)(x) + \beta a$$

Hence  $T_h$  is a contraction mapping by theorem 3.3, and so it has a unique fixed point w.

(c) Consider  $w_n$ . We have,  $\forall x$ ,

$$w_n(x) = F(x, h_n(x)) + \beta w_n(h_n(x)) \le \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta w_n(y) = (Tw_n)(x)$$

Further, since  $h_{n+1}(x) \in \arg \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x,y) + \beta w_n(y)$ , we have that

$$(Tw_n)(x) = \max_{y \in \Gamma(x)} F(x, y) + \beta w_n(y) = F(x, h_{n+1}(x)) + \beta w_n(h_{n+1}(x)) = (T_{h_{n+1}}w_n)(x)$$

But  $w_{n+1}(x) = F(x, h_{n+1}(x)) + \beta w_{n+1}(h_{n+1}(x))$ , so

$$(Tw_n)(x) = (T_{h_{n+1}}w_n)(x)$$

Since  $w_n \leq Tw_n$ , we have by monotonicity,

$$T_{h_{n+1}}w_n \le T_{h_{n+1}}(Tw_n) = T_{h_{n+1}}^2 w_n$$

Repeating, we get

$$T_{h_{n+1}}w_n \le T_{h_{n+1}}^2w_n \le T_{h_{n+1}}^3w_n \dots \le T_{h_{n+1}}^Nw_n$$

Using the fact that we showed  $T_{h_{n+1}}w_n = Tw_n$ , we have

$$Tw_n \le T_{h_{n+1}}^N w_n$$

for all N. But as  $N \to \infty$ , by contraction mapping theorem, the RHS approaces  $w_{n+1}$ . Hence we have

$$Tw_n \le w_{n+1}$$

Now, we note that  $T^N w_n \geq T^{N-1} w_n \geq ... \geq w_n$ . Note that as  $N \to \infty$ , the LHS approaches v, by contraction mapping. Hence,  $v \geq w_n$  for all n. Now, by the monotonicity conditions we showed  $(Tw_n \leq w_{n+1} \text{ and } w_n \leq Tw_n)$ ,

$$||v - w_n|| \le ||v - Tw_{n-1}||$$
  
 $\le ||v - T^2w_{n-2}||$   
 $\le ||v - T^nw_0||$ 

But by the contraction mapping theorem,  $||v-T^nw_0|| \leq \beta^n ||v-w_0||$ . So

$$||v - w_n|| \le \beta^n ||v - w_0||$$

Hence, for any  $\epsilon$ , we can always pick an N such that  $\beta^N ||v - w_0|| \leq \epsilon$ , and then for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $||v - w_n|| \leq \epsilon$ . Hence  $w_n$  converges to v, the unique fixed point of T by contraction mapping.

## Problem 2

(1) Let us guess the value function has form:

$$V(k) = m \log k + n$$

Then the maximization problem is

$$\max \log(\theta k^{\alpha} - k') + \beta V(k')$$

$$\max \log(\theta k^{\alpha} - k') + \beta m \log k' + \beta n$$

This problem has the FOC:

$$\frac{\beta m}{k'} - \frac{1}{\theta k^{\alpha} - k'} = 0$$

$$\frac{\theta k^{\alpha} - k'}{k'} = \frac{1}{\beta m}$$

$$\frac{\theta k^{\alpha}}{k'} = \frac{\beta m + 1}{\beta m}$$

$$k' = \frac{\beta m \theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1}$$

Plugging this in, we get

$$\begin{split} m\log k + n &= \log\left(\theta k^{\alpha} - \frac{\beta m\theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta m\log\left(\frac{\beta m\theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta n \\ m\log k + n &= \log\left(\frac{\theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta m\log(\beta m) + \beta m\log\left(\frac{\theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta n \\ m\log k + n &= (\beta m + 1)\log\left(\frac{\theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta m\log(\beta m) + \beta n \\ m\log k + n &= \alpha(\beta m + 1)\log k + (\beta m + 1)\log\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta m\log(\beta m) + \beta n \end{split}$$

Matching the coefficient of  $\log k$ , we get

$$m = \alpha(\beta m + 1)$$
$$m - \alpha \beta m = \alpha$$
$$m = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha \beta}$$

Last, we find n by matching constant terms and using our expression for m:

$$n = (\beta m + 1) \log \left(\frac{\theta}{\beta m + 1}\right) + \beta m \log(\beta m) + \beta n$$

$$(1 - \beta)n = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \alpha \beta}\right) \log \left(\theta(1 - \alpha \beta)\right) + \frac{\alpha \beta}{1 - \alpha \beta} \log \left(\frac{\alpha \beta}{1 - \alpha \beta}\right)$$

$$(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha \beta)n = \log \theta + \log(1 - \alpha \beta) + \alpha \beta \log \alpha \beta - \alpha \beta \log(1 - \alpha \beta)$$

$$(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha \beta)n = \log \theta + (1 - \alpha \beta) \log(1 - \alpha \beta) + \alpha \beta \log \alpha \beta$$

$$n = \frac{\log \left(\theta(1 - \alpha \beta)^{1 - \alpha \beta} (\alpha \beta)^{\alpha \beta}\right)}{(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha \beta)}$$

All together, the value function is:

$$V(k) = m \log k + n = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha \beta} \log k + \frac{\log \left(\theta (1 - \alpha \beta)^{1 - \alpha \beta} (\alpha \beta)^{\alpha \beta}\right)}{(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha \beta)}$$

And the policy function is

$$g(k) = k' = \frac{\beta m \theta k^{\alpha}}{\beta m + 1} = \alpha \beta \theta k^{\alpha}$$

(2) We could go ahead and prove contraction mapping (which guarantees unique steady state and convergence) but we present a simpler argument. Let  $k_n$  be the sequence of capital choices, where  $k_n = g(k_{n-1})$ . We know from the previous part that the steady state is given by

$$g(k_{ss}) = \alpha \beta \theta k_{ss}^{\alpha} = k_{ss}$$

We then note that

$$\frac{k_n}{k_{ss}} = \frac{\alpha \beta \theta k_{n-1}^{\alpha}}{\alpha \beta \theta k_{ss}^{\alpha}} = \left(\frac{k_{n-1}}{k_{ss}}\right)^{\alpha}$$

Chaining this, we get

$$\frac{k_n}{k_{ss}} = \left(\frac{k_0}{k_{ss}}\right)^{\alpha^n}$$

Since  $\alpha < 1$ , as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\alpha^n \to 0$ , and hence  $k_n/k_{ss} \to (k_0/k_{ss})^0 = 1$ . Therefore, as  $n \to \infty$ , the sequence  $k_n$  approaches the steady state.

(3) Rewriting, we get

$$V(k) = \max_{l,k'} \log(\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} - k') + \log(1-l) + \beta V(k')$$

We once again try  $V(k) = m \log k + n$ . We get

$$\max_{l,k'} \log(\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} - k') + \log(1-l) + \beta m \log k' + \beta n$$

The FOCs are:

$$\frac{\beta m}{k'} - \frac{1}{(\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} - k')} = 0$$
$$\frac{(1-\alpha)\theta k^{\alpha} l^{-\alpha}}{(\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} - k')} - \frac{1}{1-l} = 0$$

Solving, the first one gives us

$$\begin{split} \frac{(\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} - k')}{k'} &= \frac{1}{\beta m} \\ \frac{k'}{\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha}} &= \frac{\beta m}{1+\beta m} \\ k' &= \frac{\beta m \theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m} \end{split}$$

The second gives

$$\frac{(1-\alpha)\theta k^{\alpha}}{(\theta k^{\alpha}l - k'l^{\alpha})} = \frac{1}{1-l}$$

Plugging in k', we get

$$\frac{(1-\alpha)\theta k^{\alpha}}{\theta k^{\alpha}l - \frac{\beta m\theta k^{\alpha}l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}l^{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{1-l}$$

$$\frac{(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)}{l} = \frac{1}{1-l}$$

$$\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)} = \frac{1-l}{l} = \frac{1}{l} - 1$$

$$\frac{1+(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)}{(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)} = \frac{1}{l}$$

$$l = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)}{1+(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)}$$

$$k' = \frac{\beta m\theta k^{\alpha}l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}$$

Plugging into the overall expression for V(k), we get

$$V(k) = \log\left(\theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} - \frac{\beta m \theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}\right) + \log(1-l) + \beta m \log\left(\frac{\beta m \theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}\right) + \beta n$$
$$m \log k + n = \log k^{\alpha} + \log\left(\frac{\theta l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}\right) + \log(1-l) + \beta m \log \beta m + \beta m \log k^{\alpha} + \beta m \log\left(\frac{\theta l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}\right) + \beta n$$

Matching the  $\log k$  terms, we get

$$m \log k = \log k^{\alpha} + \beta m \log k^{\alpha}$$

$$m = \alpha + \alpha \beta m$$

$$m = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha \beta}$$

$$1 + \beta m = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha \beta}$$

Then our expression for l becomes

$$l = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)}{1+(1-\alpha)(1+\beta m)}$$
$$= \frac{(1-\alpha)}{(1-\alpha\beta)+(1-\alpha)}$$

We note that optimal labor choice is independent of capital. Our policy function is then

$$g(k) = \frac{\beta m \theta k^{\alpha} l^{1-\alpha}}{1 + \beta m} = \beta \alpha \theta k^{\alpha} \left( \frac{(1-\alpha)}{(1-\alpha\beta) + (1-\alpha)} \right)^{1-\alpha}$$

Lastly, we solve for the constant term in the value function.

$$n = \log\left(\frac{\theta l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}\right) + \log(1-l) + \beta m \log \beta m + \beta m \log\left(\frac{\theta l^{1-\alpha}}{1+\beta m}\right) + \beta n$$

$$n(1-\beta) = \log\left(\theta l^{1-\alpha}(1-\alpha\beta)\right) + \log(1-l) + \beta m \log \beta m + \beta m \log\left(\theta l^{1-\alpha}(1-\alpha\beta)\right)$$

$$n(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\beta) = \log\left(\theta l^{1-\alpha}(1-\alpha\beta)\right) + (1-\alpha\beta)\log(1-l) + \alpha\beta \log \alpha\beta - \alpha\beta \log(1-\alpha\beta)$$

$$n(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\beta) = \log\theta + (1-\alpha)\log l + (1-\alpha\beta)\log(1-l) + \alpha\beta \log \alpha\beta + (1-\alpha\beta)\log(1-\alpha\beta)$$

$$= \log \theta + (1 - \alpha) \log \left( \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{(1 - \alpha\beta) + (1 - \alpha)} \right) + (1 - \alpha\beta) \log \left( \frac{(1 - \alpha\beta)}{(1 - \alpha\beta) + (1 - \alpha)} \right) + \alpha\beta \log \alpha\beta + (1 - \alpha\beta) \log(1 - \alpha\beta)$$

$$= \log \theta + (1 - \alpha) \log(1 - \alpha) - (2 - \alpha - \alpha\beta) \log(2 - \alpha - \alpha\beta) + \alpha\beta \log \alpha\beta + 2(1 - \alpha\beta) \log(1 - \alpha\beta)$$

$$n(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha\beta) = \log \left( \frac{\theta(1 - \alpha)^{1 - \alpha}(\alpha\beta)^{\alpha\beta}(1 - \alpha\beta)^{2 - 2\alpha\beta}}{(2 - \alpha - \alpha\beta)^{2 - \alpha - \alpha\beta}} \right)$$

$$n = \frac{1}{(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\beta)} \log \left( \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)^{1-\alpha}(\alpha\beta)^{\alpha\beta}(1-\alpha\beta)^{2-2\alpha\beta}}{(2-\alpha-\alpha\beta)^{2-\alpha-\alpha\beta}} \right)$$

And so our value function is

$$V(k) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha\beta} \log k + \frac{1}{(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha\beta)} \log \left( \frac{\theta(1 - \alpha)^{1 - \alpha}(\alpha\beta)^{\alpha\beta}(1 - \alpha\beta)^{2 - 2\alpha\beta}}{(2 - \alpha - \alpha\beta)^{2 - \alpha - \alpha\beta}} \right)$$

(4) See separate file for code. The analytical result in 3 matches the numerical result from running the code, as we can see in the figures. The value function iteration is straightforward; for the policy function, we need to derive the optimization conditions for l given c(k), k and the Euler condition. From our FOCs we have:

$$\frac{(1-\alpha)\theta k^{\alpha}l^{-\alpha}}{(\theta k^{\alpha}l^{1-\alpha}-k')}-\frac{1}{1-l}=0$$

Our optimization condition for l is then:

$$(1-\alpha)\theta k^{\alpha}l^{-\alpha}(1-l) = c(k)$$

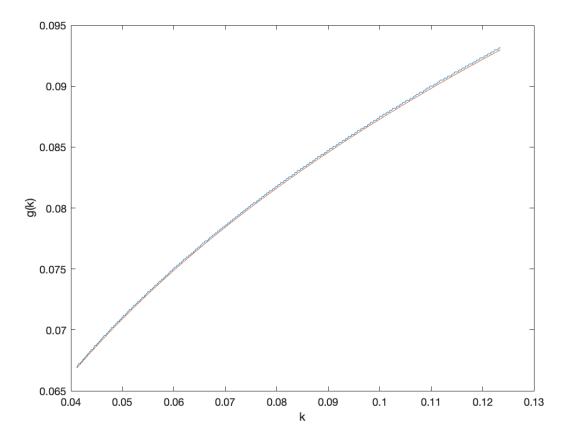


Figure 1: Value function iteration. Analytical result in red, numerical result in blue.

For the Euler condition, we derive from the envelope theorem:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial k} = \frac{\alpha \theta k^{\alpha - 1} l^{1 - \alpha}}{c(k)}$$

And hence the maximization FOC is:

$$\frac{-1}{c(k)} + \beta \frac{\alpha \theta(k')^{\alpha - 1} l^{1 - \alpha}}{\theta(k')^{\alpha} l^{1 - \alpha} - k'} = 0$$

So for our optimization,

$$\frac{1}{c^{\mathrm{new}}(k)} = \frac{\beta \alpha \theta(k')^{\alpha-1} l^{1-\alpha}}{c^{\mathrm{old}}(k')}$$

$$c^{\mathrm{new}}(k) = \frac{c^{\mathrm{old}}(k')}{\beta\alpha\theta(k')^{\alpha-1}l^{1-\alpha}}$$

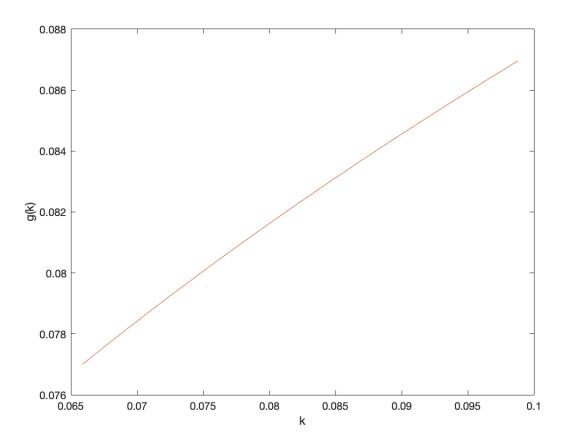


Figure 2: Policy function iteration. Analytical result in red, numerical result in blue. (These are super close, so they basically coincide)

## Problem 3

(1) By the Envelope theorem,

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial k_1} = \frac{\theta \alpha k_1^{\alpha - 1} l_1^{1 - \alpha} + (1 - \delta_1)}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1 - \alpha} + (1 - \delta_1) k_1 - k_1')^{\sigma}}$$
$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial k_2} = \frac{\theta \mu k_2^{\mu - 1} l_2^{1 - \mu} + (1 - \delta_2)}{(\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1 - \mu} + (1 - \delta_2) k_2 - k_2')^{\sigma}}$$

Note we can substitute out  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in terms of the respective  $k_i, l_i, k'_i$ , so we only have to worry about the constraint  $l_1 + l_2 = 1$ . Let  $\lambda$  be the Lagrange multiplier on that constraint. Now, we have the maximization FOCs are, by taking partial derivatives with respect to  $k'_1, k'_2, l_1, l_2$ :

$$-\frac{1}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta_1)k_1 - k_1')^{\sigma}} + \beta \frac{\partial V}{\partial k_1} = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{(\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1-\mu} + (1-\delta_2)k_2 - k_2')^{\sigma}} + \beta \frac{\partial V}{\partial k_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{(1-\alpha)\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha}}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta_1)k_1 - k_1')^{\sigma}} - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{(1-\mu)\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1-\mu}}{(\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1-\mu} + (1-\delta_2)k_2 - k_2')^{\sigma}} - \lambda = 0$$

We can use the envelope theorem to plug in for the first two, and unify the last two to eliminate  $\lambda$ . Hence we get

$$\begin{split} &-\frac{1}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta_1)k_1 - k_1')^{\sigma}} + \beta \frac{\theta \alpha k_1^{\alpha-1} l_1^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta_1)}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta_1)k_1 - k_1')^{\sigma}} = 0 \\ &-\frac{1}{(\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1-\mu} + (1-\delta_2)k_2 - k_2')^{\sigma}} + \beta \frac{\theta \mu k_2^{\mu-1} l_2^{1-\mu} + (1-\delta_2)}{(\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1-\mu} + (1-\delta_2)k_2 - k_2')^{\sigma}} = 0 \\ &\frac{(1-\alpha)\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{-\alpha}}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} + (1-\delta_1)k_1 - k_1')^{\sigma}} = \frac{(1-\mu)\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{-\mu}}{(\theta k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1-\mu} + (1-\delta_2)k_2 - k_2')^{\sigma}} \end{split}$$

Making some simplifications, we get

$$\begin{split} \frac{\beta\theta\alpha k_1^{\alpha-1}l_1^{1-\alpha}+\beta(1-\delta_1)-1}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha}l_1^{1-\alpha}+(1-\delta_1)k_1-k_1')^{\sigma}} &= 0 \\ \\ \frac{\beta\theta\mu k_2^{\mu-1}l_2^{1-\mu}+\beta(1-\delta_2)-1}{(\theta k_2^{\mu}l_2^{1-\mu}+(1-\delta_2)k_2-k_2')^{\sigma}} &= 0 \\ \\ \frac{(1-\alpha)k_1^{\alpha}l_1^{1-\alpha}}{(\theta k_1^{\alpha}l_1^{1-\alpha}+(1-\delta_1)k_1-k_1')^{\sigma}} &= \frac{(1-\mu)k_2^{\mu}l_2^{-\mu}}{(\theta k_2^{\mu}l_2^{1-\mu}+(1-\delta_2)k_2-k_2')^{\sigma}} \end{split}$$

(2) See separate file.

(3) To compute the steady-states, we know  $(k_1^*)' = k_1^*$ ,  $(k_2^*)' = k_2^*$ . Then using the given parameter values, our FOCs can be written as

$$\frac{\beta \alpha k_1^{\alpha - 1} l_1^{1 - \alpha} + \beta (1 - \delta_1) - 1}{(k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1 - \alpha} - \delta_1 k_1)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\beta \mu k_2^{\mu - 1} l_2^{1 - \mu} + \beta (1 - \delta_2) - 1}{(k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1 - \mu} - \delta_2 k_2)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{(1 - \alpha) k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{-\alpha}}{(k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1 - \alpha} - \delta_1 k_1)^2} = \frac{(1 - \mu) k_2^{\mu} l_2^{-\mu}}{(k_2^{\mu} l_2^{1 - \mu} - \delta_2 k_2)^2}$$

From the first two, we get

$$\beta \alpha k_1^{\alpha - 1} l_1^{1 - \alpha} + \beta (1 - \delta_1) = 1$$

$$k_1^{\alpha - 1} l_1^{1 - \alpha} = \frac{1 - \beta (1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha}$$

$$\frac{l_1}{k_1} = \left(\frac{1 - \beta (1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}}$$

$$l_1 = k_1 \left(\frac{1 - \beta (1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}}$$

$$\beta \mu k_2^{\mu - 1} l_2^{1 - \mu} + \beta (1 - \delta_2) = 1$$

$$k_2^{\mu - 1} l_2^{1 - \mu} = \frac{1 - \beta (1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu}$$

$$l_2 = k_2 \left(\frac{1 - \beta (1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu}\right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \mu}}$$

Before we finish, we make two notes that will simplify our calculations:

$$k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} = k_1 \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} \right)$$
  
 $k_2^{\mu} l_1^{1-\mu} = k_2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} \right)$ 

so

$$k_1^{\alpha} l_1^{1-\alpha} - \delta_1 k_1 = k_1 \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} - \delta_1 \right)$$
$$k_2^{\mu} l_1^{1-\mu} - \delta_2 k_2 = k_2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} - \delta_2 \right)$$

Now, we use the third FOC:

$$\begin{split} \frac{(1-\alpha)k_1^{\alpha}l_1^{1-\alpha}}{(k_1^{\alpha}l_1^{1-\alpha}-\delta_1k_1)^2} &= \frac{(1-\mu)k_2^{\mu}l_2^{-\mu}}{(k_2^{\mu}l_2^{1-\mu}-\delta_2k_2)^2} \\ \frac{(1-\alpha)\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_1)}{\beta\alpha}\right)^{\frac{-\alpha}{1-\alpha}}}{k_1^2\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_1)}{\beta\alpha}-\delta_1\right)^2} &= \frac{(1-\mu)\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_2)}{\beta\mu}\right)^{\frac{-\mu}{1-\mu}}}{k_2^2\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_2)}{\beta\mu}-\delta_2\right)^2} \end{split}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\left(1-\alpha\right)\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_2)}{\beta\mu}\right)^{\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}}}{\left(1-\mu\right)\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_1)}{\beta\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}}} = \frac{k_1\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_1)}{\beta\alpha}-\delta_1\right)}{k_2\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_2)}{\beta\mu}-\delta_2\right)}$$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_2)}{\beta\mu}-\delta_2\right)}{\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_1)}{\beta\alpha}-\delta_1\right)}\sqrt{\frac{\left(1-\alpha\right)\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_2)}{\beta\mu}\right)^{\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}}}{\left(1-\mu\right)\left(\frac{1-\beta(1-\delta_1)}{\beta\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}}}$$

$$\approx 0.653567$$

Noting the labor constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 + l_2 &= 1 \\ k_1 \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}} + k_2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \mu}} &= 1 \\ k_2 \left( (k_1/k_2) \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}} + \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \mu}} \right) &= 1 \\ k_2 &= \frac{1}{(k_1/k_2) \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}}} + \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \mu}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} - \delta_2 \right) \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \mu} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}}} \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}}} \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_1)}{\beta \alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}}} + \left( \frac{1 - \beta(1 - \delta_2)}{\beta \mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - \mu}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left( \frac{1 - 0.95(1 - 0.08)}{0.95 \cdot 0.5} - 0.08 \right) \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 0.36) \left( \frac{1 - 0.95(1 - 0.08)}{0.95 \cdot 0.36} \right) \frac{0.38}{1 - 0.36}}}{\frac{(1 - 0.95(1 - 0.05)}{0.95 \cdot 0.36} - 0.05)}{\left( \frac{1 - 0.5(1 - 0.05)}{0.95 \cdot 0.36} \right)^{\frac{1 - 0.5}{1 - 0.36}}}} \left( \frac{1 - 0.95(1 - 0.05)}{0.95 \cdot 0.36} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - 0.36}}} + \left( \frac{1 - 0.95(1 - 0.08)}{0.95 \cdot 0.5} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - 0.5}}} \\ k_2 \approx 6.1597 \\ k_1 &= (k_1/k_2)k_2 \approx 4.0258 \end{aligned}$$

See figures for the sequences of capital, labor, and consumption.

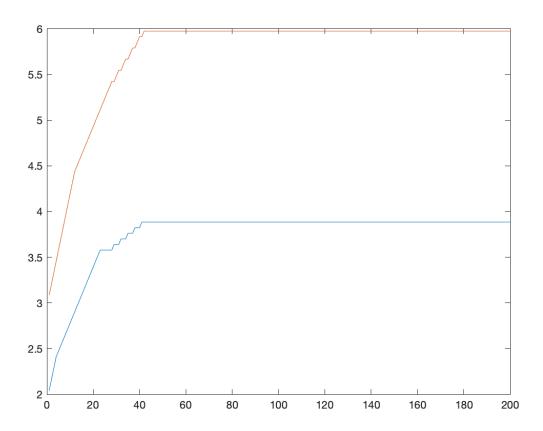


Figure 3: Two-sector economy, sequences of capital

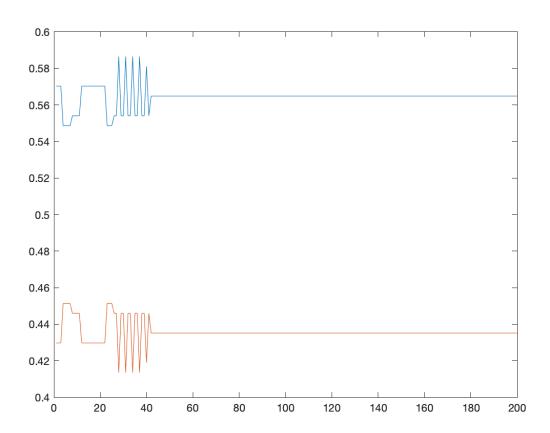


Figure 4: Two-sector economy, sequences of labor

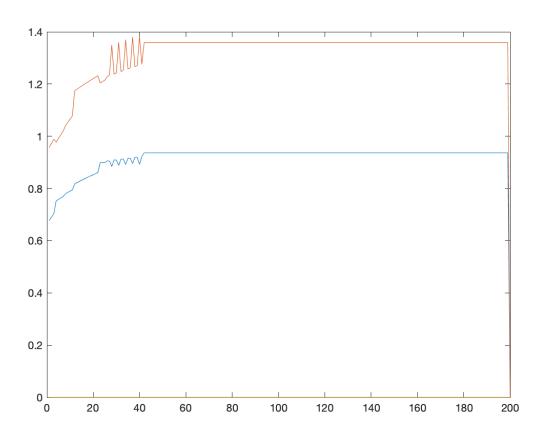


Figure 5: Two-sector economy, sequences of consumption