

# Computational Economics: Problem Set 1

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# 1 Infinite Horizon Ramsey Model

## 1.1 Value Function Approximation

### 1.1.1 Bellman Equation

Given our Maximisation Problem,

$$\max_{\{K_t\}_{t=1}^{\infty}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t u(C_t) \quad (1)$$

Where our Utility Function is specified,

$$u(C_t) = \ln(C_t) \quad (2)$$

Where our Production Function is specified,

$$F(K_t) = AK_t^{\alpha} \quad (3)$$

Given  $K_0$  and Non-Negativity Constraints,

$$C_t, K_{t+1} \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

Given Law of Motion of Capital,

$$I_t = K_{t+1} - (1 - \delta)K_t \quad (5)$$

Given Budget Constraint limited by the Production Function,

$$F(K_t) \geq C_t + I_t \quad (6)$$

Derive our Consumption and summarise our Production,

$$C_t = F(K_t) - K_{t+1} + (1 - \delta)K_t \quad (7)$$

$$f(K_t) = F(K_t) + (1 - \delta)K_t \quad (8)$$

$$\implies C_t = f(K_t) - K_{t+1} \quad (9)$$

Substituting Consumption into our Maximisation Problem allows us to derive our Bellman Equation,

$$V(K_t) = \max_{\{K_{t+1}\}} u(f(K_t) - K_{t+1}) + \beta V(K_{t+1}) \quad (10)$$

$$V(K_t) = \max_{\{K_{t+1}\}} \ln(AK_t^{\alpha} - (1 - \delta)K_t - K_{t+1}) + \beta V(K_{t+1}) \quad (11)$$

### 1.1.2 Value Function Iteration

Value Function Iteration conducted over the discretised space for Capital assuming  $\beta = 0.6$ ,  $A = 20$ ,  $\alpha = 0.3$ , and  $\delta = 0.5$  yields the following graph visualising output,

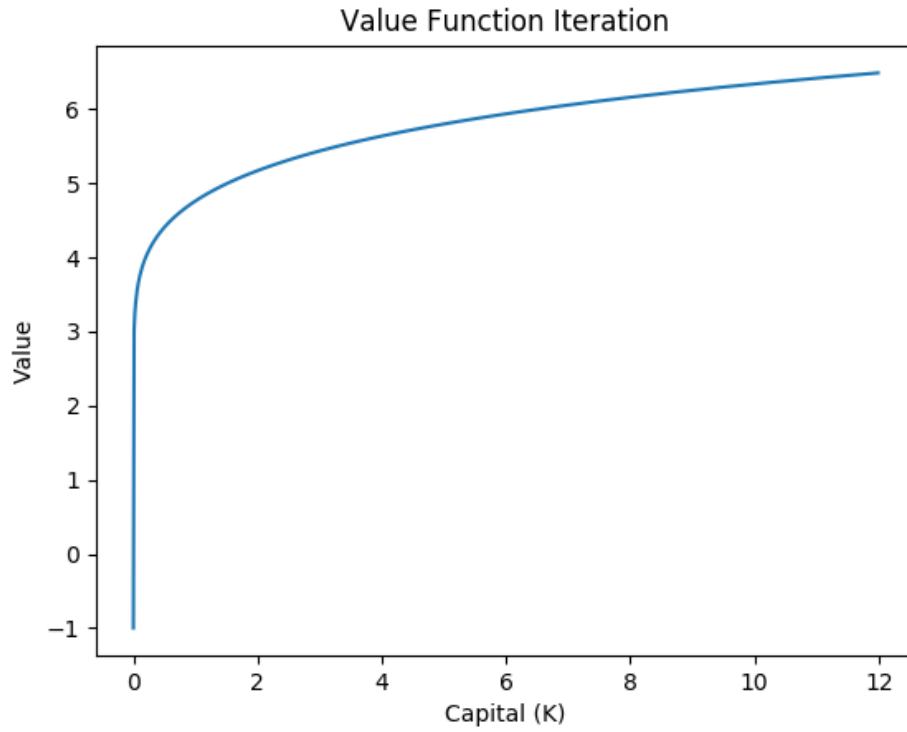


Figure 1: Value Function Iteration over Discretised Capital

## 1.2 Customised Value Function Approximation

### 1.2.1 Using Iteration

Value Function Iteration conducted over the discretised space for Capital assuming  $\beta = 0.6$ ,  $A = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 0.3$ , and  $\delta = 1$  yields the following graph visualising output,

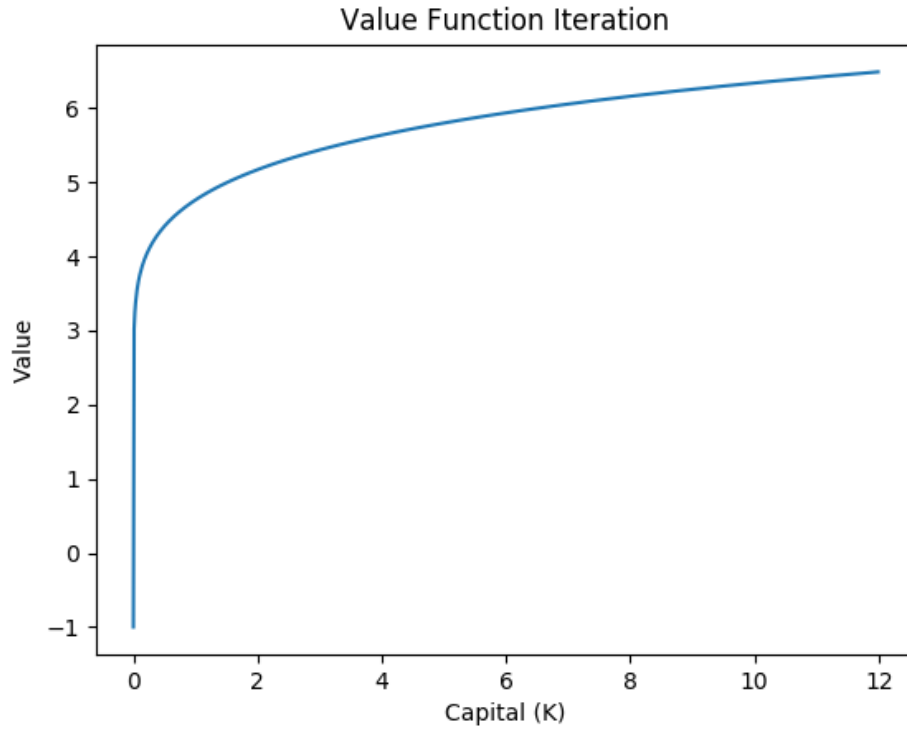


Figure 2: Value Function Iteration over Discretised Capital

### 1.2.2 Using Analytical Form

Value Function Iteration conducted over the discretised space for Capital assuming  $\beta = 0.6$ ,  $A = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 0.3$ , and  $\delta = 1$  is superimposed with the Analytical Form for comparison of output,

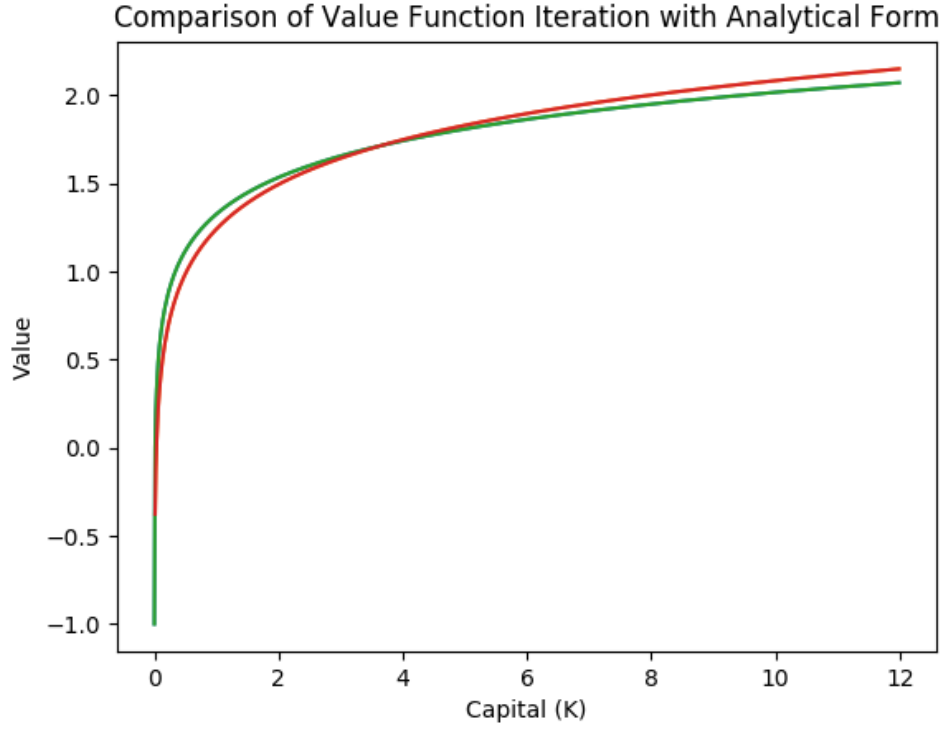


Figure 3: Comparison of Value Function Iteration with Analytical Form

With our initial guess of the functional form of the analytical form being,

$$V(K_t) = A + B \ln K_t \quad (12)$$

$$\implies A = \frac{\alpha\beta}{1 - \alpha\beta} \ln \alpha\beta \quad (13)$$

$$\implies B = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha\beta} \quad (14)$$

## 2 Rust Model

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Estimation of Parameters and respective Standard Errors:

|              |                                       |                        |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Beta[0]:     | [25.36425337]; (0.11561192456479381)  | 0.013366117101575576   |
| Beta[1]:     | [−1.48315299]; (3.004018606720816)    | 9.024127789524872      |
| Beta[2]:     | [0.18493143]; (0.04011846630681128)   | 0.001609491338810752   |
| Alpha:       | [−8.37344604]; (0.003586413934865264) | 1.2862364912195745e−05 |
| Sigma Alpha: | [1.075]; (1.265210529517815)          | 1.6007576840027502     |

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## 3 Appendix

### 3.1 Source

#### 3.1.1 Source: Question 1

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```
#!/usr/bin/python3

# Import Python System Libraries
import sys
import time

# Import relevant Python Libraries
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Defining Helper Functions
def cout(text):
    t_cout = sys.stdout
    sys.stdout = open('pset1_output.txt', 'a')
    print(text)
    sys.stdout = t_cout
    print(text)
    return True

# Defining Estimation Loops
def RecursiveLoop(M_V0):
    # Constructing Utility Matrix
    tM_Vc1 = Production(M_Ki, v_parameter[0], v_parameter[1])
    tM_Vc2 = (1 - v_parameter[3]) * M_Ki
    tM_Vc3 = Utility( tM_Vc1 + tM_Vc2 - M_Kj )

    # Constructing Value Matrix
    tM_V = tM_Vc3 + v_parameter[2] * M_V0

    # Constructing Value Vectors (argmax)
    v_V0 = np.reshape( np.nanmax(M_V0, axis=1), (i_n, 1) )
    tv_V = np.reshape( np.nanmax(tM_V, axis=1), (i_n, 1) )

    M_Values = np.zeros( (1, i_n) )

    # Diagnose Value Matrix
    #cout( np.transpose(v_V0) )
    #cout( np.transpose(tv_V) )
    cout("")

    # Test for Convergence
    cout( "Convergence Test: " + str(np.linalg.norm(v_V0-tv_V)) + " < " + str(v_parameter[4])

    if np.linalg.norm(v_V0-tv_V) > v_parameter[4]:
        # Enter Recursion
        cout("Convergence Failed ...")
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        cout(" Entering Recursion ...")
        M_Values = RecursiveLoop(tM_V)
    else:
        cout(" Convergence Successful ...")

    cout(" Collapsing Recursion ...")

    # Append Result to Matrix of Value Iterations
    return np.append(M_Values, np.transpose(tv_V), axis=0)

# Defining Utility Function
def Utility(x):
    tM_U = np.log(x)
    tM_U[x <= 0] = -1
    return tM_U

# Defining Production Function
def Production(x, coefficient, power):
    return coefficient * np.power(x, power * np.ones(x.shape))

# Discretisation
i_n = 1000
# Capital is discretised into finite bins

# Declaring Capital Vectors
v_Ki = np.arange(0, i_n, 1)
v_Ki = np.reshape(v_Ki, (i_n, 1))
v_K = v_Ki
v_Ki[0] = 12 / i_n
v_KP = np.arange(0, 12, 12 / i_n)
v_Kj = np.transpose(v_Ki)

# Capital Matrices
M_Ki = np.repeat(v_Ki, i_n, axis=1)
M_Kj = np.repeat(v_Kj, i_n, axis=0)
cout(M_Ki)
cout(M_Kj)

# Declaring Initial Guess for Values
M_InitialValues = np.zeros((i_n, i_n))

# Declaring Container for Iterated Values
M_IteratedValues = np.zeros((1, i_n))

cout("#####")

# Set-up Output File Header [pset1_output.txt]
cout("[OUTPUT] Problem Set 1: Question 1 – S M Sajid Al Sanai")
t_time = time.asctime(time.localtime(time.time()))
cout(t_time)
cout("")

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# Question 1, Part A
cout("Question 1. (a)")
cout("i. A=20, alpha=0.3, beta=0.6, delta=0.5, epsilon=0.01")
cout("")

# Declaring Parameters
v_parameter = np.zeros( (5,) )
v_parameter[0] = 20      # A
v_parameter[1] = 0.3     # alpha
v_parameter[2] = 0.6     # beta
v_parameter[3] = 0.5     # delta
v_parameter[4] = 0.01    # epsilon

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues = RecursiveLoop(M_InitialValues)
M_IteratedValues = np.delete(M_IteratedValues, 0, axis=0)
cout("")

# Display Matrix of Iterated Values
cout(M_IteratedValues)
cout("")

# Generate Plots
cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")
plt.plot(v_KP, M_IteratedValues[M_IteratedValues.shape[0]-1, :])
plt.title("Value Function Iteration")
plt.xlabel("Capital (K)")
plt.ylabel("Value")
plt.show()

# Question 1, Part B
cout("Question 1. (b)")
cout("i. Value Function Iteration")
cout("A=1, [alpha=0.3], [beta=0.6], delta=1, epsilon=0.01")
cout("")

# Declaring Parameters
v_parameter[0] = 1      # A
v_parameter[1] = 0.3    # alpha
v_parameter[2] = 0.6    # beta
v_parameter[3] = 1      # delta
v_parameter[4] = 0.01   # epsilon

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues = RecursiveLoop(M_InitialValues)
M_IteratedValues = np.delete(M_IteratedValues, 0, axis=0)
cout("")

# Display Matrix of Iterated Values
cout(M_IteratedValues)
cout("")

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# Generate Plots
cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")
plt.plot(v_KP, M_IteratedValues[M_IteratedValues.shape[0]-1, :])
plt.title("Value Function Iteration")
plt.xlabel("Capital (K)")
plt.ylabel("Value")
plt.show()

cout("ii. Analytical Form")
cout("A=1, [alpha=0.3], [beta=0.6], delta=1, epsilon=0.01")
cout("")

f_ab = v_parameter[1] * v_parameter[2]
f_B = v_parameter[1] / (1 - f_ab)
f_A = v_parameter[2] * f_B * np.log(f_ab)
v_VA = f_A * np.ones( (i_n, 1) ) + f_B * np.log(v_Ki)

#cout(v_VA)
#cout("")

# Generate Plots
cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")
plt.plot(v_KP, M_IteratedValues[M_IteratedValues.shape[0]-1, :])
plt.plot(v_KP, v_VA)
plt.plot(v_KP, M_IteratedValues[M_IteratedValues.shape[0]-1, :], v_KP, v_VA)
plt.title("Comparison of Value Function Iteration with Analytical Form")
plt.xlabel("Capital (K)")
plt.ylabel("Value")
plt.show()

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### 3.1.2 Source: Question 2

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```
#!/usr/bin/python3

# Import Python System Libraries
import sys
import time

# Import relevant Python Libraries
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import scipy as sp
from scipy.linalg import lu, lu_factor, lu_solve
from scipy import optimize

# Defining Helper Functions
def cout(text):
    t_cout = sys.stdout
    sys.stdout = open('pset1-output.txt', 'a')
    print(text)
    sys.stdout = t_cout
    print(text)
    return True

# Defining Estimation Loops
def RecursiveLoop_ChoiceSpecific(M_V0, parameter):
    # Constructing Utility Vector
    tM_V = np.append( Utility(0, v_x, parameter), Utility(1, v_x, parameter), axis=1 )

    # Constructing Temporary Value Vector
    tc1 = v_parameter[6] * np.ones( (i_n, i_d) )
    tc2 = np.log(np.exp(M_V0[:, 0]) + np.exp(M_V0[:, 1]))
    tc2 = np.repeat(np.reshape(tc2, (i_n, 1)), 2, axis=1)
    tc2[:, 0] = np.matmul(M_TransitionProbability0, tc2[:, 0])
    tc2[:, 1] = np.matmul(M_TransitionProbability1, tc2[:, 1])
    tc2 *= parameter[1]
    tM_V += tc1 + tc2

    # Constructing Iteration Value Vector
    M_Values = tM_V
    cout("")

    # Test for Convergence
    cout( "Convergence Test: " + str(np.linalg.norm(M_V0.flatten()-tM_V.flatten())) + " < " )

    if np.linalg.norm(M_V0.flatten()-tM_V.flatten()) > parameter[2]:
        # Enter Recursion
        cout("Convergence Failed ...")
        cout("Entering Recursion ...")
        M_Values = RecursiveLoop_ChoiceSpecific(tM_V, parameter)
    else:
        cout("Convergence Successful ...")
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        cout("Collapsing Recursion ...")
        return M_Values

def RecursiveLoop_Integrated(v_PR0, v_V0, parameter):
    # Declare Probability of Replacement across Realisable State Variable
    tv_ProbabilityReplacement = v_PR0

    # Define Errors by Replacement Decision
    tM_Errors = np.zeros( (i_n, i_d) )
    tM_Errors[:, 0] = np.reshape(parameter[6] * np.ones( (i_n, 1) ) - np.log(np.ones( (i_n, 1) ),
    tM_Errors[:, 1] = np.reshape(parameter[6] * np.ones( (i_n, 1) ) - np.log(tv_ProbabilityR

    # Constructing Temporary Value Vector
    tuc0 = Utility(0, v_x, parameter) + tM_Errors[:, 0]
    tuc1 = Utility(1, v_x, parameter) + tM_Errors[:, 1]
    tv_R = np.multiply(np.ones( (i_n, 1) ) - tv_ProbabilityReplacement, tuc0) + np.multiply
    tv_R = np.reshape(np.diag(tv_R), (i_n, 1))
    tM_G = np.multiply(tv_ProbabilityReplacement, M_TransitionProbability1) + np.multiply((

    # Calculate Iterated Values
    # (Do not use Inverse or you will not graduate)
    #tM_V = np.linalg.inv(np.identity(i_n) - parameter[1] * tM_G)
    #tM_V = np.matmul(tM_V, tv_R)
    tM_V = lu_solve(lu_factor(np.identity(i_n) - parameter[1] * tM_G), tv_R)

    # Update Probabilities and Errors
    tv_ProbabilityReplacement = ConditionalChoice(Utility(0, v_x, parameter) + parameter[1]

    # Constructing Iteration Value Vector
    M_Values = tM_V
    cout("")

    cout( "Convergence Test: " + str(np.linalg.norm(v_V0.flatten()-tM_V.flatten())) + " < "

    if np.linalg.norm(v_V0.flatten()-tM_V.flatten()) > parameter[2]:
        # Enter Recursion
        cout("Convergence Failed ...")
        cout("Entering Recursion ...")
        M_Values, tv_ProbabilityReplacement = RecursiveLoop_Integrated(tv_ProbabilityReplac
    else:
        cout("Convergence Successful ...")

    cout("Collapsing Recursion ...")
    return M_Values, tv_ProbabilityReplacement

def ForwardSimulation_ChoiceSpecific(M_PR0, M_Errors, binomial_seed):
    np.random.seed(binomial_seed)
    tv_PathDecision = np.zeros( (i_t, 1) )
    tv_PathPolicy = np.zeros( (i_t, 1) )
    for t in range(i_t):
        tx = tv_PathPolicy[t].astype(int)

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        t_EstimatedDifference = np.log(M_PR0[tx, 1]) - np.log(M_PR0[tx, 0])
        if t_EstimatedDifference > M_Errors[t, 1] - M_Errors[t, 0]:
            tv_PathDecision[t] = 1
            if t < i_t - 1:
                tv_PathPolicy[t+1] = 0
        else:
            tv_PathDecision[t] = 0
            if t < i_t - 1:
                tv_PathPolicy[t+1] = min(tv_PathPolicy[t] + np.random.binomial(1, v_parameter), 1)
    return tv_PathDecision, tv_PathPolicy

# Defining Conditional Choice Probability Function
def ConditionalChoice(Value0, Value1, i):
    t_denominator = np.exp(Value0) + np.exp(Value1)
    t_numerator = (1 - i) * np.exp(Value0) + i * np.exp(Value1)
    return t_numerator / t_denominator

# Defining Utility Function
def Utility(i, x, parameter):
    uc1 = -Cost(x, parameter)
    uc2 = -parameter[5] * np.ones( (x.shape[0], 1) )
    uc1 = np.reshape( uc1, (x.shape[0], 1) )
    uc2 = np.reshape( uc2, (x.shape[0], 1) )
    return (1 - i) * uc1 + i * uc2

# Defining Cost Function
def Cost(x, parameter):
    return parameter[3] * x + parameter[4] * np.power(x, 2)

# Defining Transition Probability Matrix Generation Function
def TransitionProbability(parameter, replacement):
    p = np.array( (1 - v_parameter[0], v_parameter[0], 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) )
    P = np.reshape(np.tile( p, (1, i_n) ), (i_n, i_n))
    if replacement != 1:
        for i in range(i_n):
            P[i, :] = np.roll(P[i, :], i)
            P[i_n-1, i_n-1] = 1
            P[i_n-1, 0] = 0
    return P

# Discretisation
i_n = 11
i_d = 2
i_t = 5000

# Declaring State Vector
v_x = np.reshape(np.arange(0, i_n, 1), (i_n, 1))

# Declaring Time Vector
v_t = np.reshape(np.arange(0, i_t, 1), (i_t, 1))

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cout("#####")

# Set-up Output File Header [pset1_output.txt]
cout("[OUTPUT] Problem Set 1: Question 2 – S M Sajid Al Sanai")
t_time = time.asctime( time.localtime(time.time()) )
cout(t_time)
cout("")

# Question 2, Part B
cout("Question 2. (b) i. Choice Specific Value Function")
cout("")

# Declaring Parameters
v_parameter = np.zeros( (7,) )
v_parameter[0] = 0.8      # lambda
v_parameter[1] = 0.95     # beta
v_parameter[2] = 0.001    # epsilon
v_parameter[3] = 0.3      # theta1
v_parameter[4] = 0.0      # theta2
v_parameter[5] = 4.0      # theta3 R replacement cost
v_parameter[6] = 0.5772   # euler constant

# Declaring Initial Guess for Values
M_InitialValues = np.zeros( (i_n, i_d) )

# Declaring Container for Iterated Values
M_IteratedValues = np.zeros( (i_n, i_d) )

# Declaring Transition Probabilities
M_TransitionProbability0 = TransitionProbability(v_parameter, 0)
M_TransitionProbability1 = TransitionProbability(v_parameter, 1)

# Declaring Conditional Choice Probabilities
M_CCProbability = np.zeros( (i_n, i_d) )

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues = RecursiveLoop_ChoiceSpecific(M_InitialValues, v_parameter)
cout("")

# Display Vector of Iterated Values
cout(M_IteratedValues)
cout("")

# Generate Plots
cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")
plt.plot(v_x, M_IteratedValues[:, 0], v_x, M_IteratedValues[:, 1])
plt.title("Choice Specific Value Function Iteration")
plt.xlabel("Mileage Realisations")
plt.ylabel("Value")

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plt.show()

# Generate Conditional Choice Probabilities
cout("Conditional Choice Probabilities:")
M_CCProbability[:, 0] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1], 0)
M_CCProbability[:, 1] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1], 1)
cout(" [[ x; Pr(i=0|x,theta); Pr(i=1|x,theta); ] ]")
cout(np.append(v_x, M_CCProbability, axis=1))
cout("")

'''
'''

cout("Question 2. (b) ii. Integrated Value Function")
cout("")

# Declaring Initial Guess for Probabilities
v_InitialProbabilities = 0.1 * np.ones( (i_n, 1) )

# Declaring Initial Guess for Values
M_InitialValues = np.zeros( (i_n, 1) )

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues, M_CCProbability = RecursiveLoop_Integrated(v_InitialProbabilities, M_InitialValues)
cout("")

# Display Vector of Iterated Values
cout(M_IteratedValues)
cout("")

# Generate Plots
cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")
plt.plot(v_x, M_IteratedValues, v_x, Utility(1, v_x, v_parameter) + v_parameter[1] * np.mat(v_x))
plt.title("Integrated Value Function Iteration")
plt.xlabel("Mileage Realisations")
plt.ylabel("Value")
plt.show()

# Generate Conditional Choice Probabilities
cout("Conditional Choice Probabilities:")
M_CCProbability = np.append(np.ones( (i_n, 1) ) - M_CCProbability, M_CCProbability, axis=1)
cout(" [[ x; Pr(i=0|x,theta); Pr(i=1|x,theta); ] ]")
cout(np.append(v_x, M_CCProbability, axis=1))
cout("")

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'''

# Question 2, Part C
cout("Question 2. (c) Forward Simulation")
cout("")

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# Load Uniformly Distributed Errors as Type I Extreme Value
M_TypeIErrors = np.loadtxt('./draw.out')
M_TypeIErrors = np.log( -np.log( M_TypeIErrors ) )

# Declaring Initial Guess for Values
M_InitialValues = np.zeros( (i_n , i_d) )

# Declaring Container for Iterated Values
M_IteratedValues = np.zeros( (i_n , i_d) )

# Declaring Transition Probabilities
M_TransitionProbability0 = TransitionProbability(v_parameter , 0)
M_TransitionProbability1 = TransitionProbability(v_parameter , 1)

# Declaring Conditional Choice Probabilities
M_CCProbability = np.zeros( (i_n , i_d) )

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues = RecursiveLoop_ChoiceSpecific(M_InitialValues , v_parameter)
cout("")

# Generate Conditional Choice Probabilities
M_CCProbability[:, 0] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1], 0)
M_CCProbability[:, 1] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1], 1)

# Generate Policy and Decision Paths
v_PathDecision , v_PathPolicy = ForwardSimulation_ChoiceSpecific(M_CCProbability , M_TypeIErrors)

v_Decision = np.zeros( (i_n , 1) )
for t in range(i_t):
    if v_PathDecision[t] == 1:
        v_Decision[int(v_PathPolicy[t])] += 1

# Generate Plots
cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")

plt.bar(["Do not replace","Replace"], [i_t - np.sum(v_PathDecision), np.sum(v_PathDecision)])
plt.title("Simulated Frequencies of Replacement Decisions")
plt.xlabel("Replacement Decision")
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.show()

plt.plot(v_Decision)
plt.title("Simulated Mileage Before Replacement")
plt.xlabel("Mileage")
plt.ylabel("Frequency of Replacements")
plt.show()

# Diagnose Simulated Path
#cout(np.append(v_PathPolicy , v_PathDecision , axis=1))

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#cout("")

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'''

# Question 2, Part D
cout("Question 2. (d) Maximum Likelihood Estimation")
cout("")

def RecursiveLoop_Inner(M_V0, parameter):
    # Constructing Utility Vector
    tM_V = np.append( Utility(0, v_x, parameter), Utility(1, v_x, parameter), axis=1 )

    # Constructing Temporary Value Vector
    tc1 = v_parameter[6] * np.ones( (i_n, i_d) )
    tc2 = np.log(np.exp(M_V0[:, 0]) + np.exp(M_V0[:, 1]))
    tc2 = np.repeat(np.reshape(tc2, (i_n, 1)), 2, axis=1)
    tc2[:, 0] = np.matmul(M_TransitionProbability0, tc2[:, 0])
    tc2[:, 1] = np.matmul(M_TransitionProbability1, tc2[:, 1])
    tc2 *= parameter[1]
    tM_V += tc1 + tc2

    # Constructing Iteration Value Vector
    M_Values = tM_V
    #cout("")

    # Test for Convergence
    #cout( "Convergence Test: " + str(np.linalg.norm(M_V0.flatten()-tM_V.flatten())) + " < " + str(parameter[2]) )

    if np.linalg.norm(M_V0.flatten()-tM_V.flatten()) > parameter[2]:
        # Enter Recursion
        #cout("Convergence Failed ...")
        #cout("Entering Recursion ...")
        M_Values = RecursiveLoop_Inner(tM_V, parameter)
    else:
        cout("Convergence Successful ...")

    #cout("Collapsing Recursion ...")
    return M_Values

def RecursiveLoop_OuterNFPA(theta, p_lambda, p_beta, p_epsilon, p_euler_constant, decision,
# Obtain Expected Values
parameter = np.zeros((7, 1))
parameter[0] = p_lambda
parameter[1] = p_beta
parameter[2] = p_epsilon
parameter[3] = theta[0]
parameter[4] = theta[1]
parameter[5] = theta[2]
parameter[6] = p_euler_constant
M_EV = RecursiveLoop_Inner(np.zeros((i_n, i_d)), parameter)

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# Declare Log Likelihood Loop
f_LogLikelihood = 0

# Call Log Likelihood Loop
for t in range(1, i_t):
    # Determine Mileage Transition Probability
    i_delta_mileage = policy[t] - policy[t-1]
    if i_delta_mileage == 1:
        f_probability_mileage = p_lambda
    elif i_delta_mileage == 0 and decision[t-1] == 0:
        f_probability_mileage = 1 - p_lambda
    elif policy[t] == 0:
        f_probability_mileage = 1 - p_lambda
    elif policy[t] == 1 and decision[t-1] == 1:
        f_probability_mileage = p_lambda

    # Determine Replacement Probability
    f_probability_replacement = ProbabilityReplacement(M_EV, parameter)
    t_probability_replacement = f_probability_replacement[0, int(policy[t])]
    if decision[t] == 1:
        f_probability_replacement = t_probability_replacement
    else:
        f_probability_replacement = 1 - t_probability_replacement

    if f_probability_replacement <= 0:
        f_probability_mileage = 0.0001

    # Sum over Log Likelihoods
    f_LogLikelihood += np.log(f_probability_replacement) + np.log(f_probability_mileage)

# Return Sum of Log Likelihood
cout("Generated Log Likelihood ... " + str(-f_LogLikelihood))
return -f_LogLikelihood

def ProbabilityReplacement(M_EV, parameter):
    V0 = np.exp(Utility(0, v_x, parameter) + parameter[1] * M_EV[:, 0])
    V1 = np.exp(Utility(1, v_x, parameter) + parameter[1] * M_EV[:, 1])
    return V1 / (V0 + V1)

# Declaring Initial Guess for Parameters before MLE
v_InitialTheta = np.zeros( (3,) )
v_InitialTheta[0] = 0.3
v_InitialTheta[1] = 0.0
v_InitialTheta[2] = 4.0

cout("Initial Guess for Theta: " + str(v_InitialTheta))
cout("")

cout("Running Minimisation Routine:")
v_OutputTheta = sp.optimize.minimize(RecursiveLoop_OuterNFPA, x0=v_InitialTheta, args=(v_pa
#v_OutputTheta = np.append(0.3, np.append(0, 4.0))
cout("")

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cout(" Minimised Theta: " + str(v_OutputTheta))
cout("")

# Simplex Nealder-Mead is preferable to BFGS which goes to negative values

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# Question 2, Part E
cout(" Question 2. (e) i. Forward Simulation with Minimised Parameters")
cout("")

# Declaring Container for Iterated Values
M_IteratedValues = np.zeros( (i_n , i_d) )

# Declaring Conditional Choice Probabilities
M_CCProbability0 = np.zeros( (i_n , i_d) )

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues = RecursiveLoop_ChoiceSpecific(M_InitialValues , np.append(v_parameter[0:2]
cout(""))

# Generate Conditional Choice Probabilities
cout(" Conditional Choice Probabilities:")
M_CCProbability0[:, 0] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1],
M_CCProbability0[:, 1] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1],
cout(" [[ x; Pr(i=0|x,theta); Pr(i=1|x,theta); ]])")
cout(np.append(v_x, M_CCProbability0, axis=1))
cout("")

# Generate Policy and Decision Paths
v_PathDecision , v_PathPolicy = ForwardSimulation_ChoiceSpecific(M_CCProbability0 , M_TypeIEn

v_Decision = np.zeros( (i_n , 1) )
v_States = np.zeros( (i_n , 1) )
for t in range(i_t):
    if v_PathDecision[t] == 1:
        v_Decision[int(v_PathPolicy[t])] += 1
        v_States[int(v_PathPolicy[t])] += 1

# Long Run Replacement Probabilities
cout(" Long Run Replacement Probabilities:")
cout(v_Decision)
cout(v_States)
v_LRReplacementProbability0 = np.divide(v_Decision , v_States)
cout(v_LRReplacementProbability0)
cout(" [[ x; Pr(i=0|x,theta); Pr(i=1|x,theta); ]])")
cout(np.append(v_x, np.append(np.ones((i_n , 1)) - v_LRReplacementProbability0 , v_LRReplacem
cout(""))

# Generate Plots

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cout("Generating Plots ...")
cout("")

plt.bar(["Do not replace", "Replace"], [i_t - np.sum(v_PathDecision), np.sum(v_PathDecision)])
plt.title("Simulated Frequencies of Replacement Decisions")
plt.xlabel("Replacement Decision")
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.show()

plt.plot(v_Decision)
plt.title("Simulated Mileage Before Replacement")
plt.xlabel("Mileage")
plt.ylabel("Frequency of Replacements")
plt.show()

cout("Question 2. (e) ii. Long Run Replacement Probabilities (SS)")

cout("Question 2. (e) iii. Counterfactual with Subsidy on Minimised Parameters")

# Declaring Container for Iterated Values
M_IteratedValues = np.zeros( (i_n, i_d) )

# Declaring Conditional Choice Probabilities
M_CCProbability1 = np.zeros( (i_n, i_d) )

# Call Recursive Loop
M_IteratedValues = RecursiveLoop_ChoiceSpecific(M_InitialValues, np.append(v_parameter[0:2]
cout(""))

# Generate Conditional Choice Probabilities
M_CCProbability1[:, 0] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1],
M_CCProbability1[:, 1] = ConditionalChoice(M_IteratedValues[:, 0], M_IteratedValues[:, 1],

# Generate Policy and Decision Paths
v_PathDecision, v_PathPolicy = ForwardSimulation_ChoiceSpecific(M_CCProbability1, M_TypeIEr

v_Decision = np.zeros( (i_n, 1) )
v_States = np.zeros( (i_n, 1) )
for t in range(i_t):
    if v_PathDecision[t] == 1:
        v_Decision[int(v_PathPolicy[t])] += 1
        v_States[int(v_PathPolicy[t])] += 1

# Long Run Replacement Probabilities
cout("(10% Subsidy) Long Run Replacement Probabilities:")
v_LRReplacementProbability1 = np.divide(v_Decision, v_States)
cout("[[ x; Pr(i=0|x,theta); Pr(i=1|x,theta); ]]")
cout(np.append(v_x, np.append(np.ones((i_n, 1)) - v_LRReplacementProbability1, v_LRReplacem
cout(""))

cout("(Differential) Long Run Replacement Probabilities:")
cout("[[ x; Pr(i=0|x,theta); Pr(i=1|x,theta); ]]")

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cout(np.append(v_x, v_LRReplacementProbability1 - v_LRReplacementProbability0, axis=1))  
cout("")
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### 3.2 Output

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Minimised Theta:      fun: 5319.407700566876
hess_inv: array([[ 4.16487948e-08, -9.90443077e-10, -1.04954367e-07],
                 [-9.90443077e-10,  2.32738993e-10,  3.50993346e-09],
                 [-1.04954367e-07,  3.50993346e-09,  2.71644050e-07]])
jac: array([ 0.00787354, -0.00042725,  0.00372314])
message: 'Desired error not necessarily achieved due to precision loss.'
nfev: 595
nit: 19
njev: 115
status: 2
success: False
x: array([ 0.82498424, -0.03871543,  2.14309007])
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[[ 0  0  0 ...  0  0  0]
 [ 1  1  1 ...  1  1  1]
 [ 2  2  2 ...  2  2  2]
 ...
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Question 1. (a)

i. A=20, alpha=0.3, beta=0.6, delta=0.5, epsilon=0.01

Convergence Test: 183.32179637054315 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 109.9930778223259 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 65.99584669339553 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 39.59750801603732 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 23.75850480962239 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 14.255102885773432 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 8.553061731464059 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 5.131837038878435 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 3.079102223327062 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 1.8474613339962376 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 1.1084768003977425 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.6650860802386442 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.3990516481431881 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.23943098888591174 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.14365859333154649 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.08619515599892967 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...  
Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.051717093599356105 < 0.01  
Convergence Failed ...





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Question 1. (b)

i. Value Function Iteration

A=1, [alpha=0.3], [beta=0.6], delta=1, epsilon=0.01

Convergence Test: 56.831450641975245 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 34.098870385185144 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 20.459322231111088 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 12.275593338666653 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 7.365356003199991 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 4.419213601919994 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 2.651528161151997 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 1.5909168966911977 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.9545501380147192 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.5727300828088309 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.34363804968529915 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...

Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.206182829811179 < 0.01

Convergence Failed ...  
 Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.1237096978867079 < 0.01  
 Convergence Failed ...  
 Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.07422581873202484 < 0.01  
 Convergence Failed ...  
 Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.044535491239214665 < 0.01  
 Convergence Failed ...  
 Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.026721294743528783 < 0.01  
 Convergence Failed ...  
 Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.016032776846116908 < 0.01  
 Convergence Failed ...  
 Entering Recursion ...

Convergence Test: 0.009619666107670408 < 0.01  
 Convergence Successful ...

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| 5.17954      | ]  |                |            |            |
| [−2.49957683 | 0. | 0.51977239 ... | 5.17768652 | 5.17843827 |
| 5.17918927]  |    |                |            |            |
| [−2.49929472 | 0. | 0.51971373 ... | 5.17710215 | 5.17785382 |
| 5.17860473]  |    |                |            |            |
| ...          |    |                |            |            |
| [−1.96       | 0. | 0.40757054 ... | 4.05999345 | 4.06058293 |

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    4.06117181]
[-1.6      0.      0.33271065 ... 3.31428037 3.31476157
 3.31524229]
[-1.      0.      0.20794415 ... 2.07142523 2.07172598
 2.07202643]]

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ii. Analytical Form

A=1, [alpha=0.3], [beta=0.6], delta=1, epsilon=0.01

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