

# Econ 899 Problem Set 1

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## 1 Dynamic Programming Problem

Households solve:

$$V(K, Z) = \max_{K'} \sum \log(C) + E[V(K', Z')]$$

$$\text{Where } C = ZK^\alpha + (1 - \delta)K - K'$$

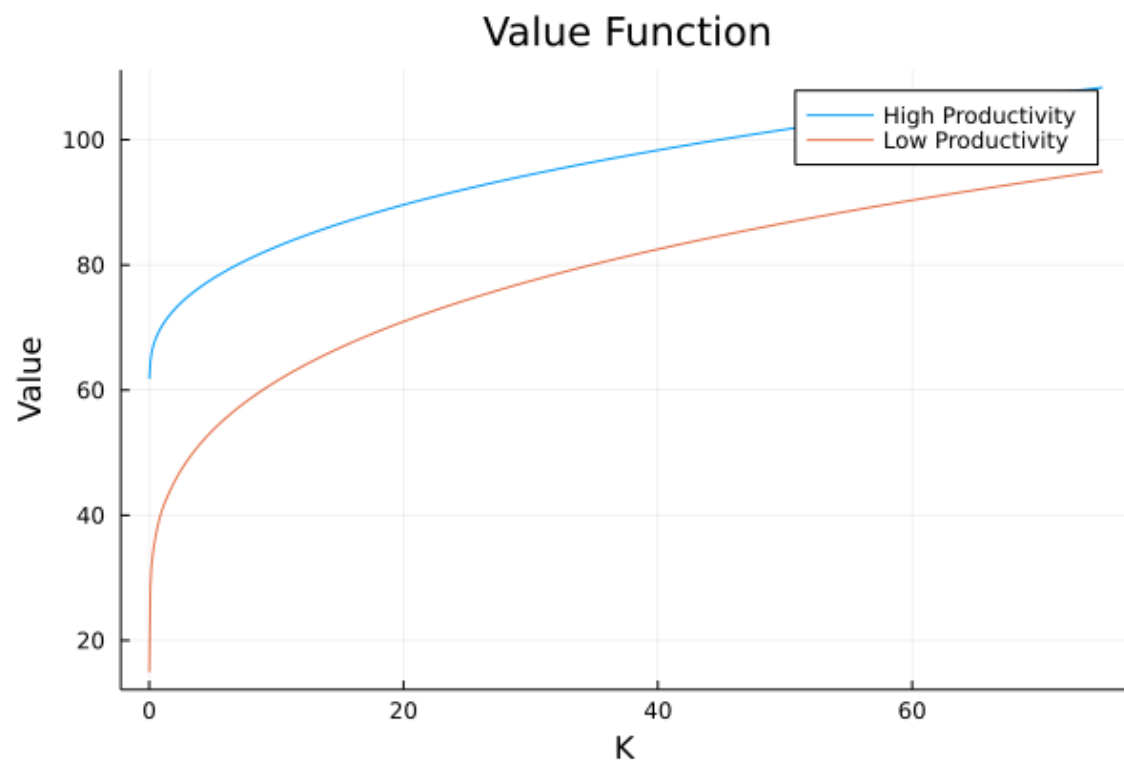
I have solved this problem using Julia, Fortran, and parallelized Fortran. In Julia, my code converged in 7.3 seconds. In Fortran, my code converged in 5.8 seconds.

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\*I have discussed this problem set with Katherine Kwok and Michael Nattinger.

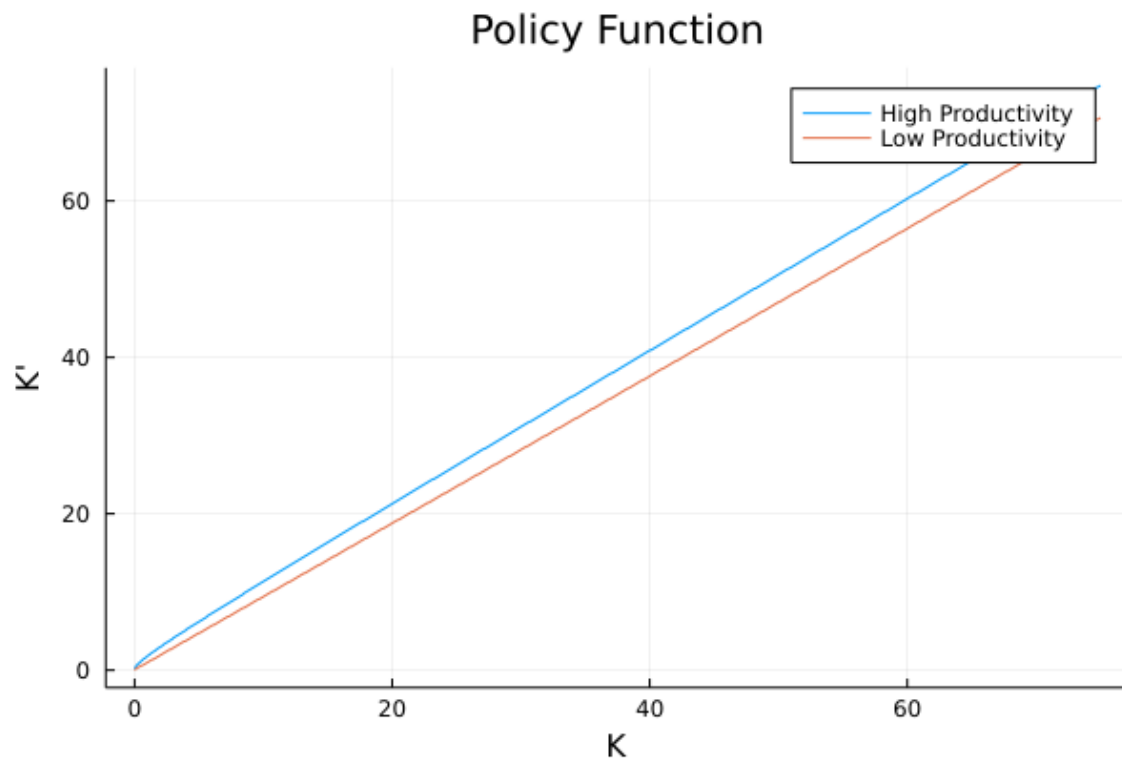
## 2 Value Function Plots

We can see that for both technology levels the value function is concave and increasing.



### 3 Policy Function Plots

We can see that for both technology levels the policy function is increasing in  $K$  and  $Z$ .



Although the policy function is increasing in  $K$  and  $Z$ , savings are not already increasing in  $K$ .

Households with higher capital levels choose not to save, so saving is not always increasing in  $K$ . However, households save less under bad technology than they do under good technology, so savings are increasing in  $Z$ .

