

# Problem Set 3 - 411-3 - Salas Pellet

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[1]: import numpy as np
from scipy import optimize
from scipy import stats
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numba
from scipy import interpolate
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## 1 Aiyagari Model with Aggregate Uncertainty

$$\max_{\{c_t, a_{t+1}\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \ln c_t \right]$$

subject to:

$$c_t + k_{t+1} \leq r_t k_t + w l_t + (1 - \delta) k_t, \forall t$$

where  $L = \{0,1\}$

and the natural borrowing limit

$$a_t \geq -b, \forall t$$

Note that

$$\min_{\mathbb{L}} l_t = 0, \forall t$$

so that the natural debt limit is 0 for all consumers.

The Bellman equation for this problem is:

$$V(l, a, z, K) = \max_{c, a'} \left[ \frac{c^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \beta \sum_{l' \in \mathbb{L}, z' \in \mathbb{Z}} V(l', a', z', K') \Pi(l', z' | l, z) \right]$$

subject to:

$$c + a' = (1 + r(K, z))a + w(K, z)l$$

$$a' \geq -b$$

$$\ln(K') = \alpha(z) + \beta(z) \ln(K)$$

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[2]: = 0.99
      = 0.36
      = 0.025

# Aggregate and idiosyncratic shocks
Z = np.array([1.01, 0.99])
  = np.array([[1/8, 7/8], [7/8, 1/8]])
L = np.array([1, 0])
#   = np.array([[0.8507, 0.1229, 7/12, 3/32],
#               [0.1159, 0.8361, 1/32, 7/20],
#               [0.0243, 0.0021, 7/24, 1/32],
#               [0.0091, 0.0389, 3/32, 21/40]])
  = np.array([[0.8507, 0.1159, 0.0243, 0.0091], [0.1229, 0.8361, 0.0021, 0.
→0389]],
              [[7/12, 1/32, 7/24, 3/32], [3/32, 7/20, 1/32, 21/40]]])

#Unemployment levels conditional on aggregate state
U = np.array([.04, 0.1])

lstar = 1 - U
kstar = ( (1/ - 1+) / (*(lstar)**(1-))) ** (1 / ( - 1))
# print(kstar)

@numba.njit
def labor(z):
    if z > 1:
        return 1 - 0.04
    else:
        return 1 - 0.1

@numba.njit
def f(K, z):
    Lsupply = labor(z)
    return z * K** * Lsupply**(1 - )

@numba.njit
def mpk(K, z):
    Lsupply = labor(z)
    return * z *(Lsupply/K)**(1-) -

@numba.njit
def util(c):
    return np.log(max(c, 1E-10))

# @numba.njit
# def K_D(r, z):
#     return /(r + )**(1/(1-)) * lstar

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@numba.njit
def wage(K, z):
    Lsupply = labor(z)
    return (1 - ) * z * (K/Lsupply) **

@numba.njit
def K_LOM(alpha, beta, K):
    return alpha + beta * np.log(K)

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[3]: def build_grid(Nk, NK, klbar=0, kubar=100, Klbar=10, Kubar=80):
    grid = np.linspace(Klbar, Kubar, NK)
    K = np.repeat(grid[:, np.newaxis], 2, axis=1)
    k = klbar + np.divide(np.linspace(0, 0.5, Nk), 0.5)**7 * (kubar - klbar)
    k = np.repeat(k[:, np.newaxis], 8, axis=1)
    k = np.repeat(k[:, :, np.newaxis], 2, axis=2)
    k = np.repeat(k[:, :, :, np.newaxis], 2, axis=3)
    return K, k

K, k = build_grid(101, 8)

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[5]: #Initial guess law of motion for capital
alpha_guess = np.array([0, 0])
beta_guess = np.array([1, 1])
test = alpha_guess + beta_guess * np.log(K)
# print(alpha_g)

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## 1.1 Solving step 2: Finding the policy functions

### 1.1.1 Deriving the Euler equation and household budget constraint

The euler equation is given by:

$$u'(c(k, K, s, z)) = \beta \mathbb{E}_{s,z} (f_k(K_+, L_+, z_+) u' [c(k_+(k, K, s, z), K_+, s_+, z_+)])$$

and the budget constraint is:

$$c + k_+ \leq r(K, L, z)k + w(K, L, z)l(s) + (1 - \delta)k, \forall t$$

Abstracting from L and z, our guess gives us  $k_+(k, K)$ , a function of individual and aggregate capital. Fitting a bivariate spline over k and K we know have an approximation function  $g(k, K)$  for any point on the grid. Iterating forward the approximate policy function we get  $k_{++}(k_+, K_+) = g(g(k, K), K_+(K))$ . Note that  $K_+(K) = \alpha + \beta K$  is not a free element. It is pinned down by the choice of K the period before. Only k is chosen on the grid by the agent.

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[6]: #Fit bivariate spline over all states.
def multispline(k, K, Y):

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tck = []
for il, li in enumerate(L):
    tckiz = []
    for iz, zi in enumerate(Z):
        tckiz.append(interpolate.RectBivariateSpline(k[:,0,0,0], K[:,iz], Y[:,iz], il, iz))
    tck.append(tckiz)

return tck

#Evaluate the spline over all states
def multispline_eval(kplus, Kplus, tck):

    output = np.empty((len(k), len(K), len(L), len(Z)))
    for iK, Ki in enumerate(Kplus):
        for il, li in enumerate(L):
            for iz, zi in enumerate(Z):
                output[:,iK,il,iz] = tck[il][iz](kplus[:,iK,il,iz], Kplus[iK,iz]).flatten() # For a given K and so a given Kprime

    return output

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[50]: @numba.njit
def BC(w, r, L, kplus, kpplus):
    income = L*w + (1 + r - )*kplus
    c = max(income - kpplus, 10E-10)
    return c

@numba.njit
def BCK(w, r, L, c, k):
    income = L*w + (1 + r - )*k
    kup = max(income - c, 10E-10)
    return kup

@numba.njit
def Euler(kplus, kpplus, Kplus, transition):

    index = 0
    income = np.empty((len(L)*len(Z),1))
    cplus = np.empty_like(income)
    Uplus = np.empty_like(income)

    for indexL, L_curr in enumerate(L):

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    for indexZ, Z_curr in enumerate(Z):

        wplus = wage(Kplus, Z_curr)
        rplus = mpk(Kplus, Z_curr)
        cplus[index,0] = BC(wplus, rplus, L_curr, kplus, kpplus[indexL,0]
→indexZ]) #Budget constraint tomorrow
        Uplus[index,0] = cplus[index,0]/(1+rplus-)

        index = index + 1

# Get consumption from Euler
    expectedU = transition.T @ Uplus
    euler = expectedU /
    return euler

# @numba.njit
def backward_iterate_II(kplus, k, K, alpha_guess, beta_guess):
    # init
    kpplus = np.empty_like(kplus)
    cendog = np.empty_like(kplus)
    kendog = np.empty_like(kplus)
    cplus = np.empty_like(kplus)

    #Using aggregate law of motion
    Kplus = np.exp(alpha_guess + beta_guess * np.log(K))
    # restrict Kplus to fall into bounds
    # Kplus = np.minimum(Kplus, 80)
    # Kplus = np.maximum(Kplus, 10)
    # print(Kplus)

    # Use policy function to get K''

    tck = multispline(k, K, kplus)
    # print(kpplus)
    kpplus = multispline_eval(kplus, Kplus, tck)

    # Use BC tomorrow, Euler today and BC today to get back policy func
    for iZ, Z_cur in enumerate(Z):

        for iK, K_cur in enumerate(K[:,iZ]):

            w = wage(K_cur, Z_cur)
            r = mpk(K_cur, Z_cur)

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    #Compute possible future incomes
    for iL, L_cur in enumerate(L):

        for ik, k_cur in enumerate(k[:,0,0,0]):
            transition = [iL][iZ][:, np.newaxis]
            cendog[ik, iK, iL, iZ] = Euler(kplus[ik, iK, iL, iZ],
→kppplus[ik, iK, :, :], Kplus[iK, iZ], transition) # Euler equation today
            kendog[ik, iK, iL, iZ] = BCK(w, r, L_cur, cendog[ik, iK,
→iL, iZ], k_cur) # Budget constraint today lower bar = 0, upper bar to define

    return kendog

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[81]: def ss_policy_II(k, K, alpha_guess, beta_guess):

    kplus = 0.9*k
    knew = np.empty_like(kplus)

    for it in range(3000):
        # print("Iteration number:", it)
        knew = backward_iterate_II(kplus, k, K, alpha_guess, beta_guess)
        if knew is None:
            print("Did not converge", knew)
            break
        # print(np.linalg.norm(knew - kplus))
        # print(np.linalg.norm(knew - kplus))
        if it % 10 == 1 and np.linalg.norm(knew - kplus) < 1E-5:
            print(f'convergence in {it} iterations!')
            tck_out = multispline(k, K, knew)
            return tck_out

    kplus = 0.4*knew + 0.6*kplus

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[23]: %time tck = ss_policy_II(k, K, alpha_guess, beta_guess)

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convergence in 531 iterations!
CPU times: user 9.01 s, sys: 3.97 ms, total: 9.01 s
Wall time: 9.02 s

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[24]: savings = multispline_eval(k, K, tck)

def savings_to_c(savings, k, K, tck):
    c = np.empty_like(savings)
    for iL, L_curr in enumerate(L):
        for iZ, Z_curr in enumerate(Z):

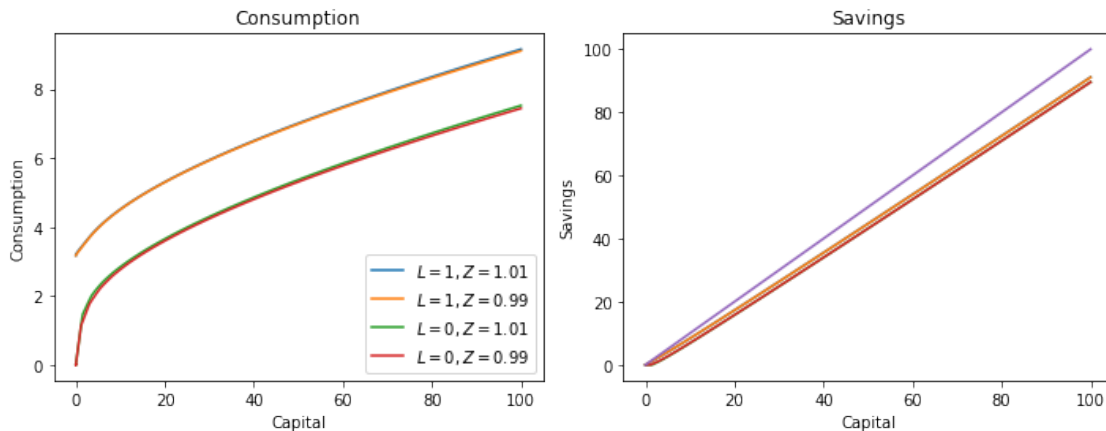
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        for iK, K_cur in enumerate(K[:,iZ]):
            for ik, k_cur in enumerate(k[:,0,0,0]):
                c[ik, iK, iL, iZ] = BC(wage(K_cur, Z_curr), mpk(K_cur, L_
→Z_curr), L_curr, k_cur, savings[ik, iK, iL, iZ])
    return c

c = savings_to_c(savings, k, K, tck)
_, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
ax1.set_title('Consumption')
ax2.set_title('Savings')
for iL, L_curr in enumerate(L):
    for iZ, Z_curr in enumerate(Z):
        ax1.plot(k[:,0,0,0], c[:,7, iL, iZ], label=r'$L = {j}, Z = {i} $'.
→format(j=L_curr, i=Z_curr))
        ax2.plot(k[:,0,0,0], savings[:,7, iL, iZ])
ax2.plot(k[:,0,0,0], k[:,0,0,0])
ax1.legend()
ax1.set(xlabel="Capital", ylabel="Consumption")
ax2.set(xlabel="Capital", ylabel="Savings")
plt.tight_layout()

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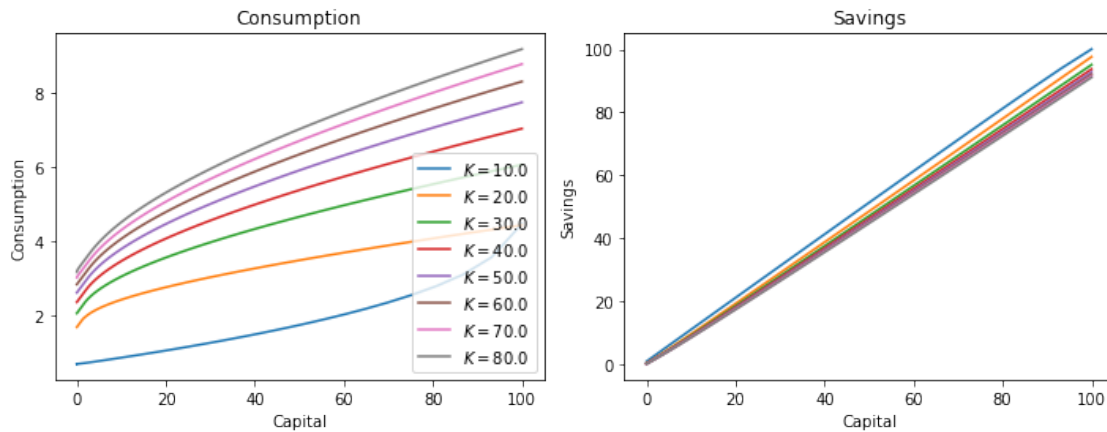
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[25]: _, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
ax1.set_title('Consumption')
ax2.set_title('Savings')
for iK, K_cur in enumerate(K[:,0]):
    ax1.plot(k[:,0,0,0], c[:,iK, 0, 0], label=r'$K = {j}$'.format(j=K_cur))
    ax2.plot(k[:,0,0,0], savings[:,iK, 0, 0])

ax1.legend()
ax1.set(xlabel="Capital", ylabel="Consumption")
ax2.set(xlabel="Capital", ylabel="Savings")

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plt.tight_layout()
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## 1.2 Solve the model

### 1.2.1 Draw random aggregate and idiosyncratic shocks to simulate aggregate economy

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[90]: @numba.njit
def update(iz):
    # then do random draw for the state
    iz_plus = 1 - np.random.binomial(1, [1,iz])
    return iz_plus

@numba.njit
def update_idio(il, iz, iz_plus):
    # then do random draw for the state
    transition = [il][iz]          #Select states today and proba of healthy
    # tomorrow
    P = transition[iz_plus]
    Pc = transition[iz_plus + 2]
    norm = np.sum(transition)
    P = P/(P+Pc)

    # print(transition)
    # print("Proba employed", transition[iz_plus])
    il_plus = 1 - np.random.binomial(1, P)

    return il_plus

# @numba.njit
def simu_agg(tck, k, K0, izstart=0, T=1100, T_drop=100, seed=0):
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np.random.seed(seed)
z_t      = np.empty(T, dtype=int)
z_t[0]   = izstart
# z_t     = np.zeros(T, dtype=int)
K_t      = np.empty(T)
K_t[0]   = K0
kplus    = np.empty_like(k)
l        = np.zeros_like(k, dtype=int)
draw = np.random.uniform(size=len(k))
l = (draw > 0.9)*1

for t in range(T-1):

    z_t[t+1] = update(z_t[t])

    for ik, k_cur in enumerate(k):

        policy = tck[l[ik]][z_t[t]]
        kplus[ik] = policy(k[ik], K_t[t])

#         print("Status today", 1 - l[ik])
        l[ik] = update_idio(l[ik], z_t[t], z_t[t+1])
#         print("Status tomorrow", 1 - l[ik])
#         print(kplus)
        K_t[t+1] = np.average(kplus)
        k = kplus
#         print(l)
print("Average employment status", np.average(1-l))
#trim data
K_t = K_t[T_drop:]
z_t = z_t[T_drop:]
# return averages
print("Average State of the economy", np.average((1-z_t)))

return K_t, z_t

distrib = np.linspace(0,100,10)
K_t, z_t = simu_agg(tck, distrib, 30)
# update(0)
print(np.average(K_t))

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Average employment status 0.9  
 Average State of the economy 0.446  
 31.286312267992944

### 1.2.2 update aggregate law of motion

```
[28]: @numba.njit
def regression(x,y):
    X = np.empty((len(x),2))
    c = np.ones_like(x)
    X[:,0] = c
    X[:,1] = np.log(x)
    Y = np.log(y)
    beta = np.dot(np.linalg.inv(np.dot(X.T,X)),np.dot(X.T,Y.T))
    slope = beta[1]
    # print(slope)
    intercept = beta[0]
    return slope, intercept

# @numba.njit
def param_update(K_t, z_t):
    Ksub = K_t[:len(K_t)-1]
    zsub = z_t[:len(K_t)-1]
    Kb = Ksub[zsub == 1]
    Kg = Ksub[zsub == 0]

    Kbplus = K_t[np.array(np.where(zsub == 1)) + 1]
    Kgplus = K_t[np.array(np.where(zsub == 0)) + 1]

    betab, alphab = regression(Kb, Kbplus)
    betag, alphag = regression(Kg, Kgplus)

    alpha = np.array([alphag, alphab])
    beta = np.array([betag, betab])

    return alpha.T, beta.T
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### 1.3 Iterate over aggregate law of motion

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[82]: def solve_ks(k, K):

    alpha_guess = np.array([0, 0])
    beta_guess = np.array([0.9, 0.97])
    distrib = np.ones(10000)*40 # initial distribution of individual

    for it in range(1000):
        # print("Iteration number:", it)
        print("Alpha",alpha_guess)
        print("Beta",beta_guess)
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tck = ss_policy_II(k, K, alpha_guess, beta_guess)
if tck is None:
    print("Did not converge!")
    break
K_t, z_t = simu_agg(tck, distrib, 40)
print("Kss", np.average(K_t))
alpha, beta = param_update(K_t, z_t)

err = np.linalg.norm(np.array([alpha, beta]) - np.array([alpha_guess,
→beta_guess]))
print("Parameter updating error", err)
if it % 10 == 1 and err < 0.04:
    print(f'convergence in {it} iterations!')

    return alpha, beta, tck, K_t, z_t

alpha_guess = 0.5*alpha + 0.5*alpha_guess
beta_guess = 0.5*beta + 0.5*beta_guess

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[83]: alpha, beta, tck, K_t, z_t = solve_ks(k, K)
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Alpha [0 0]
Beta [0.9 0.97]
convergence in 291 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9611
Average State of the economy 0.515
Kss 15.015062158073837
Parameter updating error 1.7295564213910153
Alpha [[0.08928912 0.08065413]]
Beta [[0.91735183 0.95490325]]
convergence in 421 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9606
Average State of the economy 0.533
Kss 19.637746467918404
Parameter updating error 0.09670248125624968
Alpha [[0.12175338 0.11273718]]
Beta [[0.93315409 0.95269412]]
convergence in 711 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9564
Average State of the economy 0.466
Kss 26.23467455998264
Parameter updating error 0.050429862905832366
Alpha [[0.13866631 0.12848134]]
Beta [[0.94317131 0.95392788]]
convergence in 981 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9017

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Average State of the economy 0.564  
 Kss 28.1502698609781  
 Parameter updating error 0.048671801049311667  
 Alpha [[0.15715228 0.14407105]]  
 Beta [[0.94558097 0.95263965]]  
 convergence in 441 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9574  
 Average State of the economy 0.551  
 Kss 11.159449853540435  
 Parameter updating error 0.16944320265109666  
 Alpha [[0.11056635 0.07794822]]  
 Beta [[0.96009007 0.97324931]]  
 convergence in 771 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9602  
 Average State of the economy 0.526  
 Kss 13.529130577850694  
 Parameter updating error 0.2349126811100047  
 Alpha [[0.18085191 0.16115225]]  
 Beta [[0.93242869 0.93907519]]  
 convergence in 1091 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9568  
 Average State of the economy 0.508  
 Kss 29.584956838843205  
 Parameter updating error 0.0352228672362334  
 Alpha [[0.17056188 0.15556159]]  
 Beta [[0.94281616 0.94714507]]  
 convergence in 431 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9086  
 Average State of the economy 0.549  
 Kss 10.927762118220068  
 Parameter updating error 0.21472886736188665  
 Alpha [[0.10627338 0.07632327]]  
 Beta [[0.96312115 0.97366121]]  
 convergence in 621 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.894  
 Average State of the economy 0.449  
 Kss 12.795407818142872  
 Parameter updating error 0.23241284860551042  
 Alpha [[0.17757582 0.15631656]]  
 Beta [[0.93337688 0.93995295]]  
 convergence in 991 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9612  
 Average State of the economy 0.537  
 Kss 30.72547205849078  
 Parameter updating error 0.029429089737238293  
 Alpha [[0.16967217 0.15497681]]  
 Beta [[0.94329898 0.94728828]]  
 convergence in 431 iterations!

Average employment status 0.8938  
 Average State of the economy 0.507  
 Kss 10.859979125558748  
 Parameter updating error 0.21670827673301626  
 Alpha [[0.10518923 0.07474666]]  
 Beta [[0.96364337 0.97434008]]  
 convergence in 601 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9598  
 Average State of the economy 0.505  
 Kss 12.709928679390234  
 Parameter updating error 0.251310916694673  
 Alpha [[0.18035557 0.16289099]]  
 Beta [[0.93215 0.93721782]]  
 convergence in 921 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9616  
 Average State of the economy 0.445  
 Kss 31.564502910654447  
 Parameter updating error 0.035593022091475454  
 Alpha [[0.17053777 0.15824374]]  
 Beta [[0.94305363 0.94615318]]  
 convergence in 421 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.961  
 Average State of the economy 0.473  
 Kss 10.706037297451648  
 Parameter updating error 0.24263487883222762  
 Alpha [[0.09723699 0.06968907]]  
 Beta [[0.96705215 0.97660081]]  
 convergence in 521 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9014  
 Average State of the economy 0.429  
 Kss 12.284901000424183  
 Parameter updating error 0.26581472156127606  
 Alpha [[0.17473478 0.16418385]]  
 Beta [[0.93391975 0.93620973]]  
 convergence in 871 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.8983  
 Average State of the economy 0.489  
 Kss 32.303345645971625  
 Parameter updating error 0.03614196639043748  
 Alpha [[0.16726804 0.15645595]]  
 Beta [[0.94419198 0.94648441]]  
 convergence in 431 iterations!  
 Average employment status 0.9626  
 Average State of the economy 0.436  
 Kss 10.88177403396956  
 Parameter updating error 0.21572358168721797  
 Alpha [[0.10344995 0.07635154]]  
 Beta [[0.96441337 0.97360997]]

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convergence in 601 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9567
Average State of the economy 0.454
Kss 12.689252795532685
Parameter updating error 0.2494955578554966
Alpha [[0.18031371 0.16190827]]
Beta [[0.93222321 0.93758482]]
convergence in 931 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9021
Average State of the economy 0.46
Kss 31.450784039941922
Parameter updating error 0.03725661691791479
Alpha [[0.16992572 0.15614198]]
Beta [[0.94323792 0.94677882]]
convergence in 431 iterations!
Average employment status 0.8946
Average State of the economy 0.502
Kss 10.822680031818306
Parameter updating error 0.225764371850806
Alpha [[0.10129856 0.07388356]]
Beta [[0.96528773 0.97470835]]
convergence in 571 iterations!
Average employment status 0.9032
Average State of the economy 0.416
Kss 12.545819999006447
Parameter updating error 0.2475239622215274
Alpha [[0.17552778 0.16038329]]
Beta [[0.93394541 0.93806811]]
convergence in 931 iterations!
Average employment status 0.8992
Average State of the economy 0.424
Kss 31.21632498389061
Parameter updating error 0.03242989531533683
convergence in 21 iterations!

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### 1.3.1 Plot capital accumulation paths conditional on $\alpha$ and $\beta$

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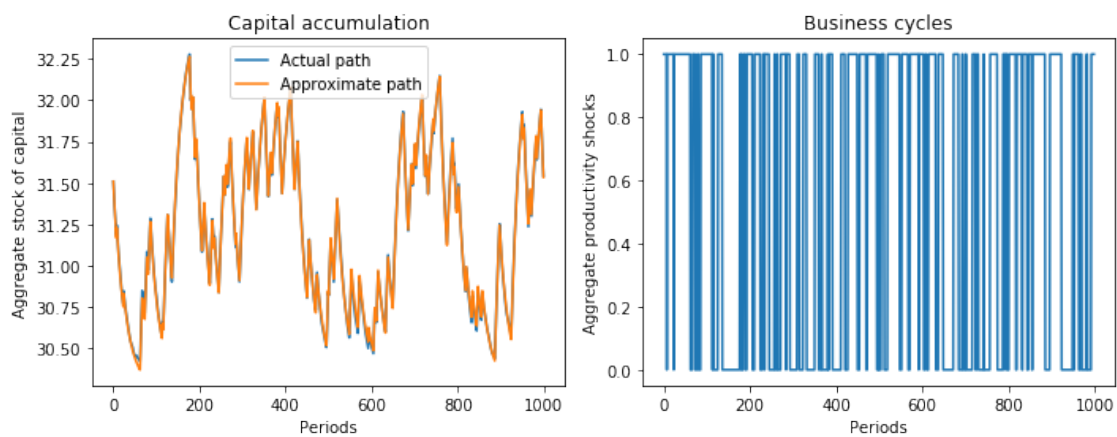
[84]: def simu_approx(K0, alpha, beta, z_t):
    simuK = np.zeros(len(z_t))
    simuK[0] = K0
    for t in range(len(z_t) - 1):

        simuK[t+1] = np.exp(alpha[0,z_t[t]] + beta[0, z_t[t]]*np.log(simuK[t]))
    return simuK

simuK = simu_approx(K_t[0], alpha, beta, z_t)

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[85]: _, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
ax1.set_title('Capital accumulation')
ax2.set_title('Business cycles')
ax1.plot(K_t, label="Actual path")
ax1.plot(simuK, label= "Approximate path")
ax2.plot(z_t)
ax1.legend()
ax1.set(xlabel="Periods", ylabel="Aggregate stock of capital")
ax2.set(xlabel="Periods", ylabel="Aggregate productivity shocks")
plt.tight_layout()
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[86]: alpha
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[86]: array([[0.15979124, 0.15106021]])
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[87]: beta
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[87]: array([[0.95409771, 0.95570399]])
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[88]: slope, intercept, r_value, p_value, std_err = stats.linregress(simuK, K_t)
```

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[89]: r_value
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[89]: 0.9993449202849176
```

The aggregate capital accumulation path conditional on individual policy functions is consistent with the approximate aggregate law of motion for capital. The approximate law of motion is therefore a good approximation to the aggregate capital accumulation path in this economy.

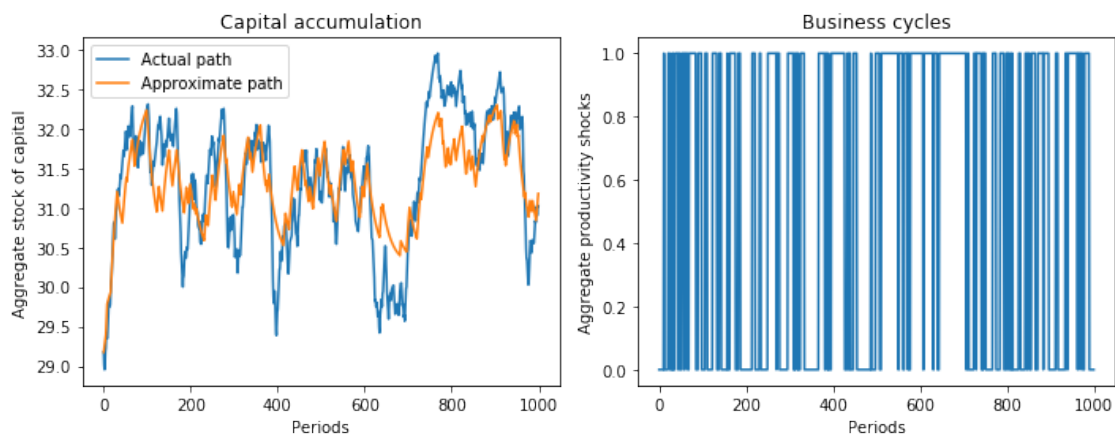
### 1.3.2 Robustness checks

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[97]: K0 = 31
      K_rob, z_rob = simu_agg(tck, distrib, K0, seed = 0)
```

Average employment status 1.0  
Average State of the economy 0.493

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[98]: simuK_rob = simu_approx(K_rob[0], alpha, beta, z_rob)
```

```
[99]: _, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
      ax1.set_title('Capital accumulation')
      ax2.set_title('Business cycles')
      ax1.plot(K_rob, label="Actual path")
      ax1.plot(simuK_rob, label= "Approximate path")
      ax2.plot(z_t)
      ax1.legend()
      ax1.set(xlabel="Periods", ylabel="Aggregate stock of capital")
      ax2.set(xlabel="Periods", ylabel="Aggregate productivity shocks")
      plt.tight_layout()
```



```
[100]: slope, intercept, r_value, p_value, std_err = stats.linregress(simuK_rob, K_rob)
```

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[101]: r_value
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[101]: 0.8429272044168576
```

Even with a different series of idiosyncratic and aggregate shocks, the approximate law of motion performs relatively well. This suggests that the approximate law of motion is a good approximation.

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