Problem set 1 - Week 3 - DSGE models

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Exercise 1

The Euler equation of the Brock-Mirman model is:

$$\frac{1}{e^{z_t}K_t^{\alpha} - K_{t+1}} = \beta E_t \left\{ \frac{\alpha e^{z_{t+1}} K_{t+1}^{\alpha - 1}}{e^{z_{t+1}} K_{t+1}^{\alpha} - K_{t+2}} \right\}$$
(0.1)

We guess the policy function to be $K_{t+1} = Ae^{z_t}K_t^{\alpha}$ and replace K_{t+2} in the Euler equation. We then have:

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}K_{t+1} - K_{t+1}} = \beta E_t \left\{ \frac{\alpha e^{z_{t+1}} K_{t+1}^{\alpha - 1}}{e^{z_{t+1}} K_{t+1}^{\alpha} - A e^{z_{t+1}} K_{t+1}^{\alpha}} \right\}$$
(0.2)

$$\Leftrightarrow A^2 - (\beta \alpha + 1)A - \beta \alpha = 0 \tag{0.3}$$

The two solutions to this equation are $\alpha\beta$, 1.

Exercise 2

The functional forms of the utility and the production functions are given by:

$$u(c_t, \ell_t) = \ln c_t + a \ln (1 - \ell_t)$$
 (0.4)

$$F(K_t, L_t, z_t) = e^{z_t} K_t^{\alpha} L_t^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\tag{0.5}$$

We can replace these in the baseline model to get the following seven equations:

$$c_t = (1 - \tau) \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] + k_t + T_t - k_{t+1}$$
(0.6)

$$\frac{1}{c_t} = \beta E_t \left\{ \frac{1}{c_{t+1}} \left[(r_{t+1} - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1 \right] \right\}$$
 (0.7)

$$-\frac{a}{1-l_t} = \frac{1}{c_t} w_t (1-\tau) \tag{0.8}$$

$$r_t = \alpha e^{z_t} K_t^{\alpha - 1} L_t^{1 - \alpha} \tag{0.9}$$

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha)e^{z_t}K_t^{\alpha}L_t^{-\alpha} \tag{0.10}$$

$$\tau \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] = T_t \tag{0.11}$$

We cannot use the same technic as in the first exercise because we know have consumption and leisure. The random term does not cancel out if we guess a functional form, making the integral impossible to solve analytically.

1 Exercise 3

The functional forms are now

$$u(c_t, \ell_t) = \frac{c_t^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma} + a \ln(1 - \ell_t)$$
(1.1)

$$F(K_t, L_t, z_t) = e^{z_t} K_t^{\alpha} L_t^{1-\alpha}$$
(1.2)

and the characterizing equations are now:

$$c_t = (1 - \tau) \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] + k_t + T_t - k_{t+1}$$
(1.3)

$$c_t^{-\gamma} = \beta E_t \left\{ c_{t+1}^{-\gamma} \left[(r_{t+1} - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1 \right] \right\}$$
 (1.4)

$$-\frac{a}{1-l_t} = c_t^{-\gamma} w_t (1-\tau) \tag{1.5}$$

$$r_t = \alpha e^{z_t} K_t^{\alpha - 1} L_t^{1 - \alpha} \tag{1.6}$$

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha)e^{z_t}K_t^{\alpha}L_t^{-\alpha} \tag{1.7}$$

$$\tau \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] = T_t \tag{1.8}$$

2 Exercise 4

The functional forms are now

$$u(c_t, \ell_t) = \frac{c_t^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma} + a \frac{(1-\ell_t)^{1-\xi} - 1}{1-\xi}$$
(2.1)

$$F(K_t, L_t, z_t) = e^{z_t} \left[\alpha K_t^{\eta} + (1 - \alpha) L_t^{\eta} \right]^{\frac{1}{\eta}}$$
(2.2)

and the characterizing equations are now:

$$c_t = (1 - \tau) \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] + k_t + T_t - k_{t+1}$$
 (2.3)

$$c_t^{-\gamma} = \beta E_t \left\{ c_{t+1}^{-\gamma} \left[(r_{t+1} - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1 \right] \right\}$$
 (2.4)

$$\frac{a}{(1-\ell_t)^{\xi}} = c_t^{-\gamma} w_t (1-\tau) \tag{2.5}$$

$$r_{t} = \alpha K_{t}^{\eta - 1} e^{z_{t}} \left[\alpha K_{t}^{\eta} + (1 - \alpha) L_{t}^{\eta} \right]^{\frac{1}{\eta} - 1}$$
 (2.6)

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha)L_t^{\eta - 1} e^{z_t} \left[\alpha K_t^{\eta} + (1 - \alpha)L_t^{\eta} \right]^{\frac{1}{\eta} - 1}$$
(2.7)

$$\tau \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] = T_t \tag{2.8}$$

3 Exercise 5

The functional forms are now

$$u(c_t, \ell_t) = \frac{c_t^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1 - \gamma}$$
(3.1)

$$F(K_t, L_t, z_t) = K_t^{\alpha} (e^{z_t} L_t)^{1-\alpha}$$
(3.2)

and the characterizing equations are now:

$$c_t = (1 - \tau) \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] + k_t + T_t - k_{t+1}$$
(3.3)

$$c_t^{-\gamma} = \beta E_t \left\{ c_{t+1}^{-\gamma} \left[(r_{t+1} - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1 \right] \right\}$$
 (3.4)

$$1 = c_t^{-\gamma} w_t (1 - \tau) \tag{3.5}$$

$$r_t = \alpha K_t^{\alpha - 1} \left(e^{z_t} \right)^{1 - \alpha} \tag{3.6}$$

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha)K_t^{\alpha}e^{(1 - \alpha)z_t} \tag{3.7}$$

$$\tau \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] = T_t \tag{3.8}$$

$$z_t = (1 - \rho_z) \,\overline{z} + \rho_z z_{t-1} + \epsilon_t^z \tag{3.9}$$

Solving the model at the steady state, we have:

$$c_t = (1 - \tau) \left[w_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] + T_t \tag{3.10}$$

$$1 = \beta \left\{ \left[(r_{t+1} - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1 \right] \right\}$$
 (3.11)

$$1 = c_t^{-\gamma} w_t (1 - \tau) \tag{3.12}$$

$$r_t = \alpha K_t^{\alpha - 1} \left(e^{z_t} \right)^{1 - \alpha} \tag{3.13}$$

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha) K_t^{\alpha} e^{(1 - \alpha) z_t}$$
(3.14)

$$\tau \left[w_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] = T_t \tag{3.15}$$

$$z^* = \overline{z} \tag{3.16}$$

Simplyfying, we get:

$$c = \left((1 - \tau)(1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{\beta(1 - \tau)\alpha} + \delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha - 1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$
(3.17)

$$r = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta(1 - \tau)} + \delta \tag{3.18}$$

$$w = (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{\beta (1 - \tau)\alpha} + \delta \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha - 1}}$$
(3.19)

$$k = \left(\frac{1-\beta}{\beta(1-\tau)\alpha} + \delta\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} \tag{3.20}$$

$$T = \tau \left[w + (r - \delta) k \right] \tag{3.21}$$

$$z = \overline{z} \tag{3.22}$$

4 Exercise 6

The functional forms are now

$$u(c_t, \ell_t) = \frac{c_t^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma} + a \frac{(1-\ell_t)^{1-\xi} - 1}{1-\xi}$$
(4.1)

$$F(K_t, L_t, z_t) = K_t^{\alpha} (e^{z_t} L_t)^{1-\alpha}$$
(4.2)

and the characterizing equations are now:

$$c_t = (1 - \tau) \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] + k_t + T_t - k_{t+1}$$
(4.3)

$$c_t^{-\gamma} = \beta E_t \left\{ c_{t+1}^{-\gamma} \left[(r_{t+1} - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1 \right] \right\}$$
(4.4)

$$\frac{a}{(1-\ell_t)^{\xi}} = c_t^{-\gamma} w_t (1-\tau) \tag{4.5}$$

$$r_t = \alpha K_t^{\alpha - 1} e^{(1 - \alpha)z_t} L_t^{1 - \alpha} \tag{4.6}$$

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha) K_t^{\alpha} e^{(1 - \alpha) z_t} L_t^{1 - \alpha}$$
(4.7)

$$\tau \left[w_t \ell_t + (r_t - \delta) k_t \right] = T_t \tag{4.8}$$

Solving for the steady state, we get the following equations:

$$c = (1 - \tau) \left[w\ell + (r - \delta) k \right] + T \tag{4.9}$$

$$1 = \beta E \{ [(r - \delta) (1 - \tau) + 1] \}$$
 (4.10)

$$\frac{a}{(1-\ell)^{\xi}} = c^{-\gamma} w (1-\tau) \tag{4.11}$$

$$r = \alpha K^{\alpha - 1} e^{(1 - \alpha)z} L^{1 - \alpha} \tag{4.12}$$

$$w = (1 - \alpha)K^{\alpha}e^{(1 - \alpha)z}L^{1 - \alpha}$$
(4.13)

$$\tau \left[w\ell + (r - \delta) k \right] = T \tag{4.14}$$

and therefore:

$$c = w\ell + (r - \delta)k \tag{4.15}$$

$$r = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta (1 - \tau)} + \delta \tag{4.16}$$

$$r = \alpha K^{\alpha - 1} e^{(1 - \alpha)z} L^{1 - \alpha} \tag{4.17}$$

$$K = \frac{\alpha w}{(1 - \alpha)r} \tag{4.18}$$

$$r = \alpha K^{\alpha - 1} e^{(1 - \alpha)z} L^{1 - \alpha}$$

$$K = \frac{\alpha w}{(1 - \alpha)r}$$

$$c = \left(-\frac{w}{a}(1 - \ell)^{-\xi}(1 - \tau)\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

$$(4.17)$$

$$(4.18)$$

$$\left\lfloor \left[\left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \right] \right\rfloor \tag{4.20}$$

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Theorem 4.1 (Test Theorem). Hello.

Definition 4.1 (Test Definition). Hello.

Example 4.1 (Test Examples). My examples are pink-ish.

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{i,j}] \in \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{P}(X_{i,j}) \in \mathbb{R} \tag{4.21}$$

Better math.

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{J} d_{njt} \left\{ \log \left[p_{jt} \left(x_{nt} \right) \right] + \sum_{x=1}^{X} / \left\{ x_{n,t+1} = x \right\} \log \left[f_{jt} \left(x | x_{nt} \right) \right] \right\}$$
(4.22)

Empirical Results. test

$$\{1,\ldots,5\} \stackrel{p}{\to} 5\mathbf{x}\operatorname{col} A$$

Todo list

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