

# Deep Learning Solutions to Master Equations for Continuous Time Heterogeneous Agent Macroeconomic Models

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# Introduction

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- ▶ We solve **continuous time**, heterogeneous agent economies:
  - ▶ Consider economies with aggregate shocks, long-term assets, portfolio choice, illiquidity.
  - ▶ Consider different finite dimensional approximations to the distribution (finite agents, projection).
  - ▶ Solve the resulting high dimensional PDE(s) using neural network approximations.
- ▶ *How do we test it?* compare to solutions for canonical economic models.  
(e.g. Aiyagari (1994), Krusell and Smith (1998), Basak and Cuoco (1998), and extensions).
- ▶ *What economic question do we answer?* the impact of housing policy on inequality.  
(e.g. in preliminary follow-up paper Gu & Payne (2023) “Housing and Inequality”).

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# Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett and Krusell-Smith Models

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- ▶ Goal:
  - ▶ Model “Precautionary Saving” into assets:  
(e.g. money, bonds,...)
  - ▶ Explore the impact on aggregate economy  
(e.g. capital overaccumulation, monetary/fiscal policy)
- ▶ Idea: “saving for a rainy day”
  - ▶ Households get idiosyncratic shocks to employment
  - ▶ Cannot fully insure against (markets are incomplete)
  - ▶ Instead, must build savings so they still have income when unemployed

# Environment: Households

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- ▶ Continuous time, infinite horizon economy.
- ▶ Agents are heterogeneous in wealth  $a$ , and labor hours  $y$ . Solve consumption-saving problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{c_t\}_{t \geq 0}} \mathbb{E} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} u(c_t) dt \quad s.t. \\ da_t = (w_t y_t + r_t a_t - c_t) dt \\ y_t \in \{y_1, y_2\} \\ a_t \geq \underline{a} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- ▶  $c_t$ : consumption
- ▶  $u$ : utility function,  $u' > 0, u'' < 0$
- ▶  $\rho$ : discount rate
- ▶  $r_t$ : capital return,  $w_t$ : wage rate
- ▶  $y_t$ : hours worked, switching rate  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$
- ▶  $a_t$ : wealth
- ▶  $\underline{a}$ : borrowing limit.

- ▶ Representative firm with production technology. Solves:

$$\max_{K_t, L_t} \{e^{Z_t} K_t^\alpha L_t^{1-\alpha} - (r_t + \delta)K_t - w_t L_t\} \quad (2)$$

- ▶  $Z_t$ : productivity, follows exogenous mean reverting aggregate process:  
(Aside: Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett:  $Z_t = \bar{Z}$  is fixed; Krusell-Smith (1998):  $Z_t$  is stochastic.)

$$dZ_t = \eta(\bar{Z} - Z_t)dt + \sigma^z dB_t^0$$

- ▶  $K_t$ : capital (rented from competitive capital market at  $r_t$ )
- ▶  $L_t$ : labor (rented from competitive labor market at  $r_t$ )
- ▶ Optimality conditions:
$$r_t = \alpha e^{Z_t} (L_t/K_t)^{1-\alpha}, \quad w_t = (1 - \alpha) e^{Z_t} (K_t/L_t)^\alpha$$

- ▶ Capital market clearing:

$$K_t = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\underline{a}}^{\infty} a g_t(a, y_i) da$$

- ▶ Labor market clearing:

$$L_t = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\underline{a}}^{\infty} y_i g_t(a, y_i) da$$

- ▶ Question: *Why does the distribution matter? Can we only consider first moments?*  
Answer: need law of motion for population distributions to understand moment dynamics.



# Equilibrium

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**Definition:** Given an initial density  $g_0$ , an **equilibrium** for this economy consists of a collection of stochastic process  $\{c_t^i, g_t, r_t, w_t, z_t : t \geq 0, i \in I\}$ , such that:

1. Given their beliefs about the price process  $(\hat{r}, \hat{w}) = \{\hat{r}_t, \hat{w}_t : t \geq 0\}$ :
  - ▶ each agent's control process,  $c_t^i$ , solves problem (1),
  - ▶ representative firm solves problem (2).
2. The prices  $r_t, w_t$  satisfy **market clearing condition**, and belief consistency:  $r_t = \hat{r}_t, w_t = \hat{w}_t$ .

# Master Equation: Recursive Representation

- ▶ Aggregate states:  $\{z, g\}$ , individual states:  $\{a, y\}$ , household value function:  $V(a, y, z, g)$ .
- ▶ Household choose  $c$  to solve Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman Equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \max_{c \geq 0} \bigg\{ & -\rho V(a, y, z, g) + u(c) + \partial_a V(a, y, z, g) s(a, y, c, r, w) \\ & + \lambda(y) (V(a, \tilde{y}, z, g) - V(a, y, z, g)) + \partial_z V(a, y, z, g) \mu^z(z) + 0.5 (\sigma^z)^2 \partial_{zz} V(a, y, z, g) \bigg\} \\ & + \int_{\mathcal{X}} \hat{\mu}_g(\hat{c}_t, z_t, g_t) \frac{\partial V}{\partial g}(a, y, z, g)(y) dy \quad s.t. \quad \text{BC: } \frac{\partial V}{\partial a} \big|_{a=\underline{a}} \geq u'(wy + r\underline{a}) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ For optimal policy rule,  $c^*(x, z, g; \hat{\mu})$ , for  $z_t$ , population density,  $g$ , law of motion:

$$dg_t(x) = \underbrace{\mu_g(c^*(a_t, y_t, z_t, g_t), z_t, g_t) dt}_{\text{Operator } (\mathcal{L}^k g)(x, z, g)} \quad (3)$$

# Master Equation: Define Operators

- ▶ Master Equation: one equation includes **everything**: recursive representation and imposed equilibrium (*including prices and belief consistency*).
- ▶ Replace Hard constraint  $a \geq \underline{a}$  by Penalty function:  $\mathbf{1}_{a \leq \underline{a}} \psi(a), \psi(\cdot) < 0$
- ▶ Household's Master Equation

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \max_{c \geq 0} \bigg\{ & -\rho V(a, y, z, g) + u(c) + \mathbf{1}_{a \leq \underline{a}} \psi(a) + \partial_a V(a, y, z, g) s(a, y, c, r, w) \\ & \underbrace{+ \lambda(y) (V(a, \tilde{y}, z, g) - V(a, y, z, g)) + \partial_z V(a, y, z, g) \mu^z(z) + 0.5 (\sigma^z)^2 \partial_{zz} V(a, y, z, g)}_{=: \text{Operator } (\mathcal{L}^h V)(x, z, g)} \bigg\} \\ & + \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{X}} \mu_g(\hat{c}_t, z_t, g_t) \frac{\partial V}{\partial g}(a, y, z, g)(y) dy}_{=: \text{Operator } (\mathcal{L}^g V)(x, z, g)} \end{aligned}$$

# “Master Equation” and Operators

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- ▶ To summarize notation, we want to solve  $0 = (\mathcal{L}V)(a, y, z, g)$  where:
  - ▶  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^h + \mathcal{L}^g$  is the operator for total Master equation
  - ▶  $\mathcal{L}^h$  is the “standard” HJBE operator capturing how households optimize
  - ▶  $\mathcal{L}^g$  captures how the distribution impacts household value (the “hard” part!)
  - ▶  $\mathcal{L}^k$  is the operator for how distribution evolves.

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- ▶ Goal: “solve Master equation numerically”
- ▶ Problem: Master equation contains an infinite dimensional derivative in  $\mathcal{L}^g$ .
- ▶ Solution: three main ingredients:
  1. High but finite dimensional approximation to distribution and Master equation (finite population or projection),
  2. Parameterize  $V$  by neural network, and
  3. Train the parameters to minimize the (approximate) master equation residual.

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## Approach A: Finite Population

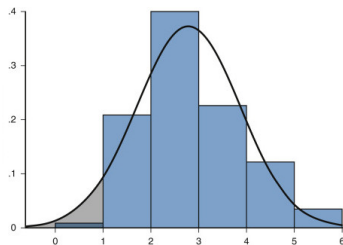
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- ▶ Replace distribution  $g_t$  by finite number of price taking agents  $\hat{g}_t := \{x_t^i : i \leq I\}$ .
- ▶ Agent  $i \leq I$  behaves as if their individual actions do not influence prices.
- ▶ Law of motion for distribution becomes evolution of other agent  $j$ 's states.



## Approach B: Projection Onto Basis

- ▶ Approximate the distribution  $g_t(x)$  by  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_t^i h^i(x)$ , where:
  - ▶  $\alpha_t^i$  is a time varying coefficient,  $h^i(x)$  is **basis function**, and
  - ▶ Example bases: Indicator Functions, Chebyshev polynomial, Eigenfunctions, ...
  - ▶ Distribution characterized by coefficients:  $\hat{g}_t := \{\alpha_t^1, \dots, \alpha_t^N\}$ .
- ▶ We approximate the distribution by a **histogram**:
  - ▶ Basis is a collection of  $N^x$  points:  $x_1, \dots, x_{N^x}$ , in  $\mathcal{X}$ .
  - ▶ We approximate  $g_t$  by a **vector**  $\alpha_t \in \mathbb{R}^{N^x}$  of mass points at  $x_1, \dots, x_{N^x}$ .
- ▶ Law of motion of the mass points is the finite difference approximation of (3).



# Related Literature

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## Traditional methods for heterogeneous agent models with aggregate shocks:

- ▶ Fit a statistical approximation to the law of motion for the key aggregate state variables (e.g. [Krusell and Smith, 1998], [Den Haan, 1997], [Fernández-Villaverde et al., 2023])
- ▶ Linear perturbation in the aggregate state and then solve the resulting linear problem with matrix algebra (e.g. [Reiter, 2002], [Reiter, 2008], [Reiter, 2010], [Winberry, 2018], [Ahn et al., 2018], [Bhandari et al., 2023])
- ▶ Low dimensional projection of the distribution (e.g. [Reiter, 2009], [Prohl, 2017], [Schaab, 2020])
- ▶ *This paper*: high dimensional, global solution.

## Machine learning for macro-economic models and MFGs:

- ▶ Discrete time (e.g. [Azinovic et al., 2022], [Han et al., 2021], [Maliar et al., 2021], [Kahou et al., 2021], [Bretscher et al., 2022], [Fernandez-Villaverde et al., 2020], [Wagner, 2023])
- ▶ Continuous time (e.g. [Duarte, 2018], [Gopalakrishna, 2021])
- ▶ Controls or value functions in MFGs (e.g. [Perrin et al., 2022, Germain et al., 2022, Laurière, 2021])
- ▶ *This paper*: continuous time model with distributions.

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# Neural Network

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- ▶ A **neural network** is a type of parametric functional approximation that is built by composing affine and non-linear functions in a chain or “network” (see [Goodfellow et al., 2016])
- ▶ Let  $\hat{X} := \{x, z, \hat{g}\}$ ,  $x \equiv \{a, y\}$  denote the collection of inputs into the approximate value function.
- ▶ Denote neural network approximation to the value function by  $V(\hat{X}) \approx \hat{V}(\hat{X}; \theta)$ ,
  - ▶ Where  $\theta$  are the parameters in the neural network approximation,
  - ▶ Ultimately, we will “learn” the parameters,  $\theta$ , that give “best” approximation
- ▶ Many types of neural networks:
  - ▶ Our “default” is a “fully connected” “feedforward” network,

# Feedforward Neural Network

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$$\mathbf{h}^{(1)} = \phi^{(1)}(W^{(1)}\hat{\mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)})$$

... Hidden layer 1

$$\mathbf{h}^{(2)} = \phi^{(2)}(W^{(2)}\mathbf{h}^{(1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(2)})$$

... Hidden layer 2

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{h}^{(H)} = \phi^{(H)}(W^{(H)}\mathbf{h}^{(H-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(H)})$$

... Hidden layer H

$$\mathbf{o} = W^{(H+1)}\mathbf{h}^{(H)} + \mathbf{b}^{(H+1)}$$

... Output layer

$$\hat{V} = \phi^{H+1}(\mathbf{o})$$

... Output

- ▶  $H$ : is the number of *hidden layers*
- ▶ Length of vector  $\mathbf{h}^{(i)}$ : number of *neurons* in hidden layer  $i$
- ▶  $\phi^{(i)}$ : is the *activation function* for hidden layer  $i$
- ▶  $\sigma$ : is the *activation function* for the output layer
- ▶  $\theta = (W^1, \dots, W^{(H+1)}, b^{(1)}, \dots, b^{(H+1)})$  are the *parameters*

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# Generic Algorithm

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Starting with an initial  $\theta^0$ . At iteration  $n$  with guess  $\theta^n$ :

1. Sample  $S^n := \{S^{ne}, S^{nb}\}$  from the state space, where:

- ▶  $S^{ne} = \{(x_m, z_m, \hat{g}_m)\}_{m \leq M^e}$  are sample points on **interior**  $x_m \in \mathcal{X}$ ,
- ▶  $S^{nb}$  are sample points on **boundary**  $x_m \in \partial\mathcal{X}$ .

2. Calculate the weighted average error:

$$\mathcal{E}(\theta^n, S^n) = \kappa^e \mathcal{E}^e(\theta^n, S^{ne}) + \kappa^b \mathcal{E}^b(\theta^n, S^{nb}) + \kappa^f \mathcal{E}^f(\theta^n, S^{ne}), \quad \text{where}$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{E}^e(\theta^n, S^{ne}) := \frac{1}{M^e} \sum_{m \leq M^e} |\hat{\mathcal{L}}(x_m, z_m, \hat{g}_m)|^2$  is **error in Master equation**
- ▶  $\mathcal{E}^b(\theta^n, S^{nb})$  is **error on boundary** (if applicable)
- ▶  $\mathcal{E}^f(\theta^n, S^{ne})$  is **penalty for “wrong” shape** (e.g. penalty for non-concavity of  $V$ )

3. Update the NN parameters using “stochastic” gradient descent (built-in packages in Python):

$$\theta^{n+1} = \theta^n - \alpha_n D_{\theta} \mathcal{E}(\theta^n, S^n)$$

- ▶ *Q. Why do we draw new samples each epoch?*
  - ▶ Avoid **overfitting** on random samples.
- ▶ *Q. Could we use an alternative parametric approximation like Chebyshev polynomials?*
  - ▶ **Automatic derivatives** can easily be calculated for neural networks.
  - ▶ Effective **non-linear optimizers** have been developed for neural nets.
  - ▶ We also find that Chebyshev projections struggle to capture high curvature
- ▶ *Q. Does the algorithm solve for global minimum?*
  - ▶ Loss calculated by **randomly collected points** so we move around the parameter space.
  - ▶ Helps to escape from local minimum trap by SGD (but does not seem to prevent it).



► *Q. Why do we need shape constraints?*

- Neural network can find “bad” approximate solutions,
- Especially **likely to find solutions with zero derivative when limited curvature in the problem**,
- Forcing a shape constraint can prevent this.

► *Q. What about slowing down the updating?*

- For projection methods, we use “Howard improvement algorithm” to slow down the rate of updating (fix policy rule for some iterations and just update  $V$ ).
- [Duarte, 2018] and [Gopalakrishna, 2021] suggest introducing a “false” time step but so far we have not found this necessary (or found a way to implement at high scale).
  - We **use shape constraints as a replacement**.

- ▶ *Q. What about imposing symmetry and/or dimension reduction?*
  - ▶ [Han et al., 2021] and [Kahou et al., 2021] suggest feeding the distribution through a preliminary neural network that reduces the dimension and imposes symmetry.
  - ▶ We find we **can solve the problem with and without this approach**

# Great in Principle But Implementation is Tricky

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- ▶ Algorithm has some large advantages for continuous time:
  1. Can deal with high dimensional differential equations,
  2. Calculates derivatives using automatic differentiation (rather than finite difference),
  3. Can sample on random points rather instead of grid.
- ▶ However, the algorithm is tricky to implement (despite being easy describe)!  
Implementation details in paper.

# Implementation Details

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**Algorithm 1** Pseudo code

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```
1: Initialize  $V$ , and Optimizer.
2: while Loss > tolerance do
3:   Sample input:  $(X = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, z)$ 
4:   Construct:  $c_i(X)$ , equilibrium from  $i$ 's perspective and then  $\mathcal{L}_i^h$ 
5:    $\text{Diffeq} = \mathcal{L}^h V(X)$ 
6:   for  $j = 2$  to  $N$  do
7:      $X_j = (x_j, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_1, x_{n+1}, \dots, z)$ 
8:     Construct:  $c_j(X_j)$ , equilibrium from  $j$ 's perspective and then  $\mathcal{L}_j^g$ 
9:      $\text{Diffeq} += \mathcal{L}_j^g V(X)$ 
10:  end for
11:  Loss =  $|\text{Diffeq}|$ 
12:  Optimizer.step()
13: end while
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## Implementation Details (Pytorch): Automatic Differentiation

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```
def get_derivs_lorder(self, y_pred, x):  
    """ Uses automatic differentiation to take full derivatives.  
    """  
    dy_dx = torch.autograd.grad(y_pred, x, create_graph=True,  
                                grad_outputs=torch.ones_like(y_pred))[0]  
    return dy_dx # Return 'automatic' gradient.  
  
# Example  
a.requires_grad_(True) # Start tracking  
Va_pred = model_a(a)  
dV_da = self.get_derivs_lorder(Va_pred, a)  
a.requires_grad_(False) # Stop tracking
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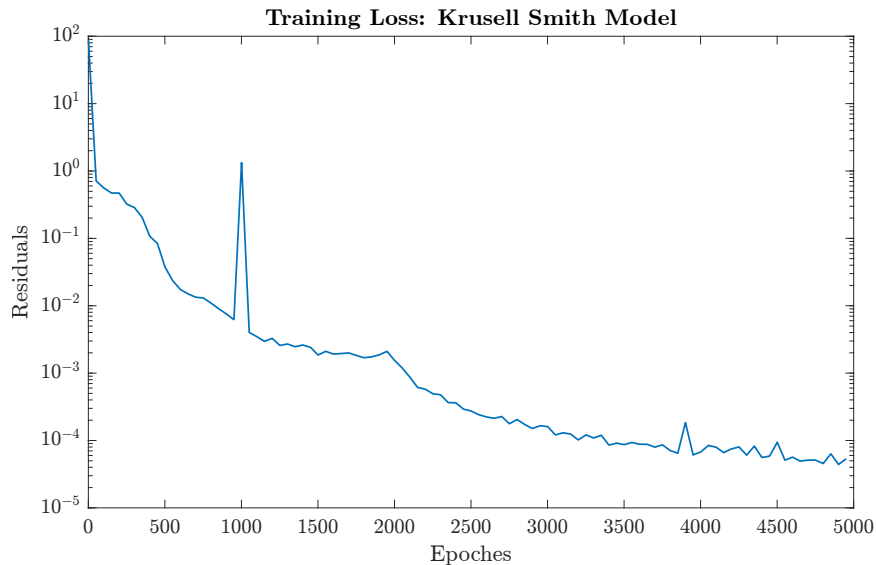
# Numerical Results: Policy Plots

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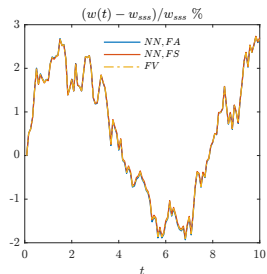
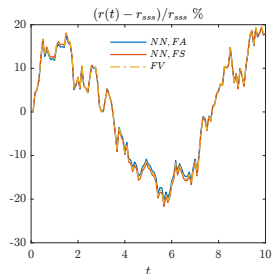
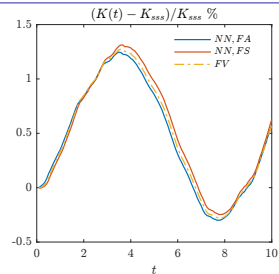
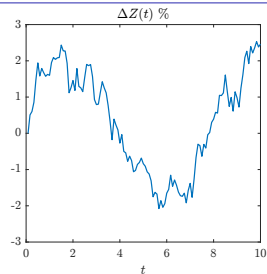
# Numerical Results: Losses

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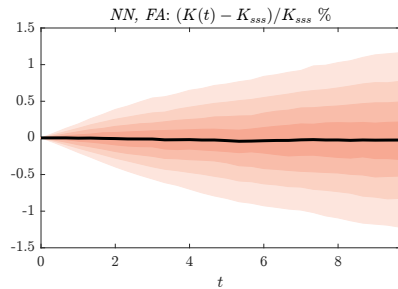
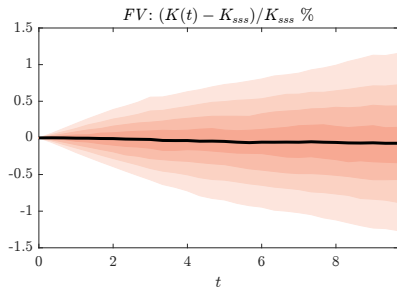
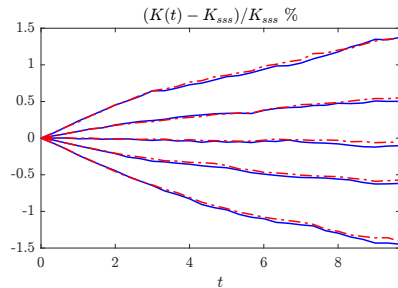
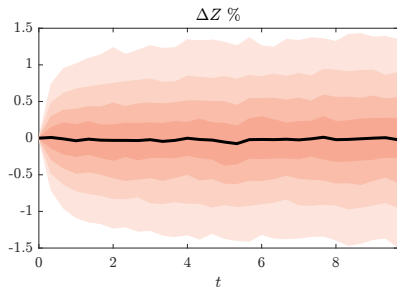




# Numerical Results: Time-series Plots



# Numerical Results: Fancharts



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# Practical Lessons

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1. Working out the correct sampling approach is very important.
2. Neural networks have difficulty dealing with inequality constraints.
3. Enforcing shape constraints is very important.
4. Mean squared errors can be misleading.
5. Start with a simple model to tune hyperparameters.

# Summary and Perspectives

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- ▶ Master equation approach to tackle aggregate shocks
- ▶ Generic algorithm
- ▶ Different approaches (Market Clearing condition: simple vs complex)
- ▶ Flexibility of the method (Extension to Long-term Assets in [Gu and Payne \(2023\)](#))

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## 4. Long-Term Illiquid Assets and Portfolio Choice (Gu-Payne (2023))

- ▶ Continuous time, infinite horizon economy.
- ▶ Consumption good produced by a “Lucas tree” according to stochastic process:

$$dy_t = \eta(\bar{y} - y_t)dt + \sigma dB_t^0, \quad (4)$$

- ▶ Assets: bonds in zero net supply, equity in Lucas tree, housing:
  - ▶ “Liquid” competitive markets for goods, bonds (at **price**  $w_t$ ), and equity (at **price**  $q_t$ ).
  - ▶ “Illiquid” housing; trading housing at rate  $\iota_{i,t}$  incurs transaction cost:  $\Psi(\iota_{i,t}, h_{i,t}) = \frac{1}{2}\psi\iota_{i,t}^2/h_{i,t}$
- ▶ Population approximated by  $I$  of agents (start with finite agent approximation):
  - ▶ Get flow utility  $u(c_t^i)$  from consuming  $c_t^i$  goods and  $\zeta_{i,t}\nu(h_{i,t}, a_{i,t})$  from housing  $h_{i,t}$ , where
  - ▶  $\zeta_{i,t} \in \{n_1, n_2\}$  is **idiosyncratic housing need (“life-stage”)**, which switches at rate  $\lambda(\zeta_t^i)$ .
  - ▶ Face collateral borrowing constraint:  $a_t \geq -\kappa p_t h_{i,t}$

# Agent Problem

► Idiosyncratic states:  $x_t^i = [a_t^i, h_t^i, \zeta_t^i]$ ,  $a_t^i$  is liquid wealth,  $h_t^i$  is housing,  $\zeta_t^i$  is housing need.

► Given their beliefs, agent  $i$  chooses  $(c_i, b_i, \iota_i)$  to maximise utility s.t. state evolution:

$$V(x_0^i, z_0) = \max_{c^i, b^i, \iota^i} \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (u(c_t^i) + \zeta_{i,t} \nu(h_{i,t}, a_{i,t}) + \mathbf{1}_{a_t \leq -\kappa p_t h} \phi(a_t, h_t)) dt \right], \quad (5)$$

$$s.t. \quad dz_t = \dots, \quad dx_t^i = \dots, \quad \Psi(a, h) := -0.5\psi(a + \kappa p h)^2 \quad \text{Recursive Rep by Finite Agent Approach}$$

► Now, the FOCs are given by the following respectively:

$$[c_i] : \quad c_i = (u')^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial a_i} \right)$$

$$[b_i] : \quad 0 = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial a_i} \left( r(\cdot) - \mu_q(\cdot) - \frac{y}{q(\cdot)} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial a_i^2} (a_i - b) \sigma_q^2(\cdot) \quad \text{[Myopic Demand]}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial a_i \partial y} \sigma_q(\cdot) \sigma_y(\cdot) + \sum_j \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial a_i \partial a_j} \sigma_q(\cdot) \hat{\sigma}_{a_j}(\cdot) \quad \text{[Hedging Demand]} \quad (6)$$

$$[\iota_i] : \quad \iota_i = \frac{h_i}{\psi} \left( \frac{\partial V_i / \partial h}{\partial V_i / \partial a} - p \right)$$

# Master Equation Formulation

- Define  $\xi_a := \partial_a V_i(x, z, g)$  and  $\xi_h := \partial_h V_i(x, z, g)$ . After we substitute the equilibrium KFE into the agent optimization, we are left with the following master equations:

$$\rho = \frac{y}{q} + \mu_q + \mu_{\xi_a} + \mathbb{E}[j_{\xi_a}] + \sigma_{\xi_a} \sigma_q + \frac{1}{\xi_a} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial a} \quad (7)$$

$$\rho = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial h} + \mu_{\xi_h} + \mathbb{E}[j_{\xi_h}] + \frac{1}{\xi_h} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial h} \quad (8)$$

- Where impose asset market clearing to can get  $r_t$  and  $p_t$  in closed form in terms of  $\xi_a$  and  $\xi_h$  and  $z, g$  (Derivation) Let  $\mathbf{1} := (\frac{1}{N}, \dots, \frac{1}{N})$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{ij} := \sigma_q^2 \xi_{i,a_j}$ :

$$r - r^q = \frac{q + \mathbf{1} \cdot (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi}_y) \sigma_q \sigma_y}{\mathbf{1} \cdot (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi})}, \quad p = \frac{1}{H} \left( \sum_i \frac{\xi_{h,i}}{\xi_{a,i}} h_i \right), \quad (9)$$

- But we only have  $q_t = q(z, g)$  implicitly; so only know it must satisfy Ito's lemma.  
(non-trivial market clearing condition implies a PDE for q)

## Algorithm: Losses' Construction

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1. **Block 1: Distribution evolution:** Calculate law of motion for the wealth and housing shares  $\{\mu_{\eta_i}, \sigma_{\eta_i}, \mu_{\varphi_i}\}_i$ .

2. **Block 2: Agent optimization:** Evaluate the weighted  $L^1$  average error:

$$\mathcal{E}^\xi(\theta_\xi^n, S^{ne}) = \frac{w^a}{M} \sum_{m \leq M} |\mathcal{L}^{hm} / \xi_h^m| + \frac{w^h}{M} \sum_{m \leq M} |\mathcal{L}^{am} / \xi_a^m|. \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}^{am}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{hm}$  are the error in sample  $m$  for the pdes (7) and (8) respectively (the pdes for  $\xi_a$  and  $\xi_h$ ). Update parameters  $\theta_\xi^n$  using stochastic gradient descent.

3. **Block 3: Equilibrium consistency:** Evaluate the weighted average error by goods market clearing condition and consistency:

$$\mathcal{E}^q(\theta_\xi^n, S^{ne}) = \frac{1}{M} \left( \sum_{m \leq M} \epsilon_c \left| \sum_i c_i - y \right| + \epsilon_\mu |\mathcal{L}^{\mu m}| + \epsilon_\sigma |\mathcal{L}^{\sigma m}| \right). \quad (11)$$

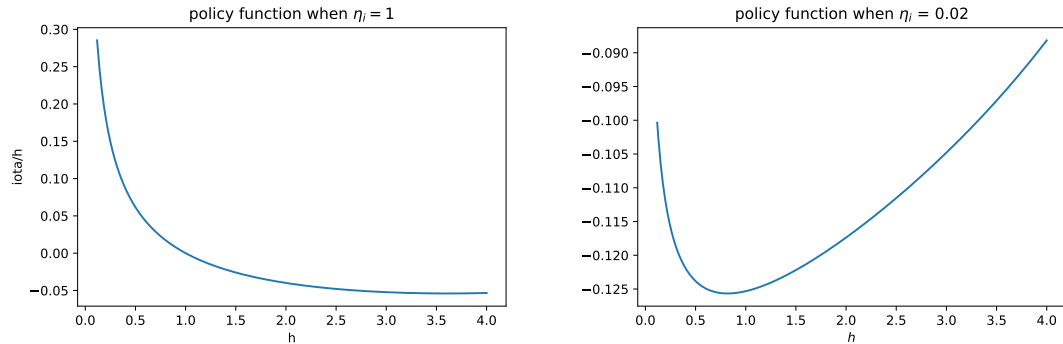
where  $\mathcal{L}^{\mu m}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{\sigma m}$  are the errors in sample  $m$  in the consistency equation by Itô's Lemma. Update  $\theta_q^n$  using stochastic gradient decent.

## Results: Losses

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Master Equation $\xi_a$	Master Equation $\xi_h$	Goods Market	q-Drift	q-Volatility
$1.02 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.31 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.12 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.57 \times 10^{-3}$

# Results



**Figure:** Housing Transaction Rate (when  $\zeta = 1$ ) given liquid wealth share: 1.0(*Left*); 0.02(*Right*)

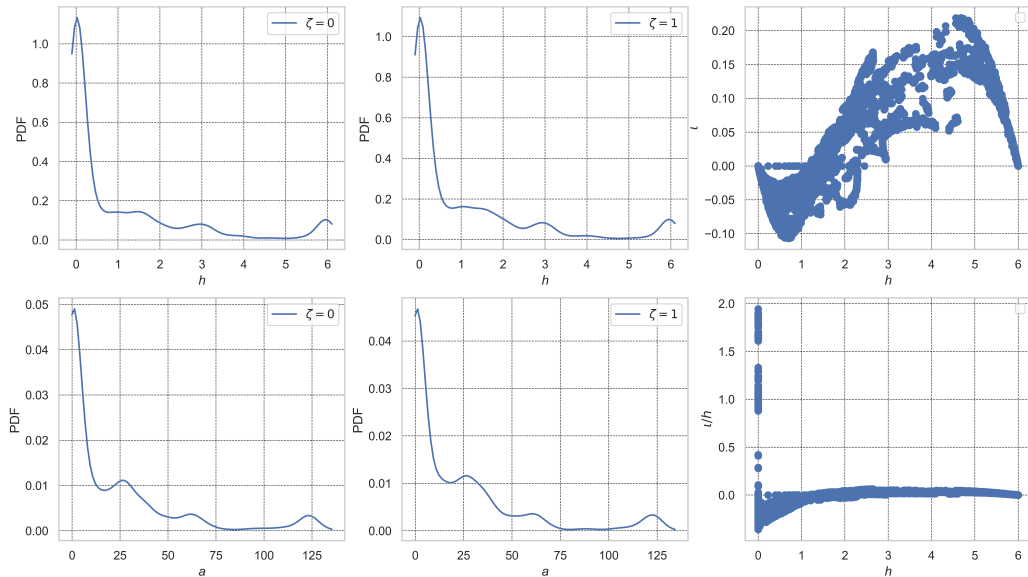


- ▶ Revisit:

$$\iota_i = \frac{h_i}{\psi} \left( \frac{\partial V_i / \partial h}{\partial V_i / \partial a} - p \right)$$

- ▶ Decreasing utility gain from housing: negative  $\iota$  for rich households
- ▶ Binded financially constraint: negative  $\iota$  for poor households
- ▶ Unconstrained but lacking houses: positive  $\iota$  for “mid-classes”

# Results: Ergodic Distribution



# Household's HJB Equation in Housing Model

$$\begin{aligned}\rho V_i(x_i) = & \max_{b_i, c_i, \iota_i} u(c_i) \\ & + \zeta_{i,t} \nu(h_{i,t}, a_{i,t}) \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial a_i} \mu_{a_i}(b_i, c_i, \iota_i, \cdot) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial y} \mu^y + \lambda(\zeta_i)(V_i(a_i, h_i, \tilde{\zeta}_i, \cdot) - V_i(a_i, h_i, \zeta_i, \cdot)) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial a_i^2} \sigma_{a_i}^2(b_i, \cdot) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial y^2} \sigma_y^2 + \frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial a_i \partial y} \sigma_{a_i}(b_i, \cdot) \sigma_y \\ & + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial a_i \partial a_j} \sigma_{a_i}(b_i, \cdot) \hat{\sigma}_{a_j}(\cdot) + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial a_j} \hat{\mu}_{a_j}(\cdot) + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial a_j \partial y} \hat{\sigma}_{a_j}(\cdot) \sigma_y \\ & + \sum_{j \neq i} \lambda(\zeta_j)(V_i(a_i, h_i, \zeta_i, \tilde{\zeta}_j \cdot) - V_i(a_i, h_i, \zeta_i, \zeta_j \cdot)) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i, j' \neq i} \frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial a_j \partial a_{j'}} \hat{\sigma}_{a_j}(\cdot) \hat{\sigma}_{a_{j'}}(\cdot) + \phi(a_i, h_i, \kappa_i)\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

## Derivations

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The first order condition of optimal portfolio choice condition in (6) can be further written into a matrix form:

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{n} \quad (13)$$

By multiplying both sides with  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$ , the risky asset holding can be written as:

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{n} \quad (14)$$

Further, the bond market clearing condition can be essentially written as:  $\boldsymbol{\iota} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ , we have:

$$\boldsymbol{\iota} \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \boldsymbol{\iota} \cdot (\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{n}) = q. \quad (15)$$

Plug in the expression for  $\mathbf{n}$ , then we can get the expression for risk-premium.

Closed form solution for housing price  $p_t$  with quadratic transaction cost:  $\Psi(h_{i,t}, \iota_{i,t}) = \frac{1}{2}\kappa \frac{\iota_{i,t}^2}{h_{i,t}}$

$$p + \kappa \frac{\iota_i}{h_i} = \frac{\partial V_i / \partial h_i}{\partial V_i / \partial a_i} \rightarrow p = \frac{1}{H} \left( \int_i \frac{\xi_{h,i}}{\xi_{a,i}} h_i di \right) \quad (16)$$