

A Method for Solving and Estimating Heterogenous Agent Macro Models (by Thomas Winberry)

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 - Usage of globally accurate and locally accurate approximations to solve for the dynamics of HA models. For example, *Reiter (2009)* employs locally accurate approximation with respect to state vector for solving KS model; however, his method relies on a fine histogram approximation, which requires many parameters to achieve acceptable accuracy.

Summary of Results

- 1 Based on these computation techniques, the developed method employs between 30-50 **seconds** to solve the model.
- 2 Besides, to illustrate the power of the method, this is used to estimate a HA model with full-information Bayesian techniques.
- 3 Another feature of this method is that it could be applied to a wide range of of HA model. In these slides, it will be discussed the HA model of *Khan and Thomas (2008)* (KT) and *Krusell and Smith (1998)* (KS).
- 4 Finally, the computational method is implemented in Dynare.

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where δ is the depreciation rate of capital (which is assumed to be homogeneous among the firms).

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with $\mathbb{A} = [(1 - \delta - a)k, (1 - \delta + a)k]$, $\hat{v}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = \mathbb{E}_\xi[v(\varepsilon, k, \xi; \mathbf{s})]$.

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- 4 To prevent values that could be outside the support of ξ , let define:

$$\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = \min\{\max\{0, \tilde{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})\}, \underline{\xi}\} \quad (11)$$

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 - (*Firm opt.*) Taking λ , w and \mathbf{s}' as given: l , k^a , k^n , $\hat{\xi}$ solve the firm's optimization problem (6).
 - (*Household opt.*) For all \mathbf{s} : $\lambda(\mathbf{s}) = C(\mathbf{s})^{-\sigma}$, with

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- ③ In step 1, the two infinite-dimensional objects to approximate are:
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 - (ii) cross-section distribution $g(\varepsilon, k)$.

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- ② Plugging in the approximate functional form (17) in system (18) results in a non-linear system on \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{g} . But, [Algan, Allais and Haan \(2008\)](#) develop a robust method for solving \mathbf{g} given a vector \mathbf{m} . Thus, \mathbf{m} completely characterizes the approximated density.

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- ① Using the law of motions 3, 4 and 15, and the approximated density $g(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{m})$, one can get:

$$\begin{aligned}m_1^{1'}(z, \mathbf{m}) &= \int \int \int (\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon + \omega'_\varepsilon) p(\omega'_\varepsilon) g(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{m}) d\omega'_\varepsilon d\varepsilon dk \\m_1^{2'}(z, \mathbf{m}) &= \int \int \int \log(k') p(\omega'_\varepsilon) g(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{m}) d\omega'_\varepsilon d\varepsilon dk \\m_i^{j'}(z, \mathbf{m}) &= \int \int \int (\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon + \omega'_\varepsilon - m_1^{1'})^{i-j} \kappa_j p(\omega'_\varepsilon) g(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{m}) d\omega'_\varepsilon d\varepsilon dk\end{aligned}\tag{19}$$

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- 3 Even though, theoretically, there is no guarantee for the convergence of a non-linear system like (19), Winberry shows that, in practice, convergence happens.

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Firm Value Function

- 1 Winberry approximates firm's value function with respect to individual states (ε, k) using orthogonal polynomials. Hence:

$$\hat{v}(\varepsilon, k; z, \mathbf{m}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} \vartheta_{ij}(z, \mathbf{m}) T_i(\varepsilon) T_j(k) \quad (20)$$

where n_ε and n_k are the degree of approximation of individual states ε and k , respectively. $T_i(\varepsilon)$ and $T_j(k)$ are Chebyshev polynomials, and $\vartheta_{ij}(z, \mathbf{m})$ are coefficients on those polynomials.

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where $\tilde{v}^a(\cdot)$ and $\tilde{v}^n(\cdot)$ are the right-hand side of equations (21, 22), respectively.

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where $\vartheta'_{p'r'} = \vartheta_{p'r'}(z', \mathbf{m}'(z, \mathbf{m}))$.

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for the collocation nodes $i = 1, \dots, n_\varepsilon$ and $j = 1, \dots, n_k$.

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$$\nu e^z e^\varepsilon k^\theta l^{\nu-1} - w(\mathbf{s}) = 0$$

Its numerical version, for the grid $\{\varepsilon_i, k_j\}$, is:

$$l(\varepsilon_i, k_j) = \left(\frac{\nu e^z e^{\varepsilon_i} k_j^\theta}{w} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu}} \quad (26)$$

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- 1 The optimal capital decision in case the firm assumes the fix cost is given by the FOC:

$$-\lambda(\mathbf{s}) + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial k'} \mathbb{E}[\hat{v}(\varepsilon', k'; \mathbf{s}'(z', \mathbf{s})) | \varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}] = 0$$

Its numerical version, for the grid $\{\varepsilon_i, k_j\}$, is:

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where $T'_{r'}(k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial k^a} T_{r'}(k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j))$

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$$k^n(\varepsilon_i, k_j) = \begin{cases} (1 - \delta + a)k_j, & \text{if } k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j) > (1 - \delta + a)k_j \\ k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j), & \text{if } k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j) \in [(1 - \delta - a)k_j, (1 - \delta + a)k_j] \\ (1 - \delta - a)k_j, & \text{if } k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j) < (1 - \delta - a)k_j \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

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- ① The numerical version of optimal threshold $\tilde{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \mathbf{m})$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j) = & \frac{1}{w\lambda} [-\lambda(k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j) - k^n(\varepsilon_i, k_j))\dots \\ & + \beta \sum_{o=1}^{m_\varepsilon} \tau_o^\varepsilon \sum_{p'=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{r'=1}^{n_k} \vartheta'_{p'r'} T_{p'}(\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_i + \eta_\varepsilon \omega_o^\varepsilon) (T_{r'}(k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j)) - T_{r'}(k^n(\varepsilon_i, k_j)))] \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

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- ② And, the numerical version of the bounded threshold is defined:

$$\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j) = \min\{\max\{0, \tilde{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j)\}, \underline{\xi}\} \quad (30)$$

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- 2 Then, household optimization condition may be written as follows:

$$\lambda - \left(\sum_{h=1}^{m_g} \tau_h^g \left[e^z e^{\varepsilon_h} k_h^\theta l(\varepsilon_h, k_h) + (1 - \delta)k_h \dots \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)}{\underline{\xi}} k^a(\varepsilon_h, k_h) - \left(1 - \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)}{\underline{\xi}} \right) k^n(\varepsilon_h, k_h) \right] g(\varepsilon_h, k_h | \mathbf{m}) \right)^{-\sigma} = 0 \quad (31)$$

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- 1 And, the numerical version of optimal labor supply choice is:

$$\left(\frac{w\lambda}{\chi}\right)^{\frac{1}{\psi}} - \sum_{h=1}^{m_g} \tau_h^g \left[l(\varepsilon_h, k_h) + \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)^2}{2\underline{\xi}} \right] g(\varepsilon_h, k_h | \mathbf{m}) = 0 \quad (32)$$

with

$$g(\varepsilon_i, k_j | \mathbf{m}) = g_0 \exp\{g_1^1(\varepsilon - m_1^1) + g_1^2(\log(k) - m_1^2) \dots \\ \dots + \sum_{i_\varepsilon=2}^{n_g} \sum_{j_k=0}^{i_\varepsilon} g_{i_\varepsilon}^{j_k} [(\varepsilon_i - m_1^1)^{i_\varepsilon - j_k} (\log(k_j) - m_1^2)^{j_k} - m_{i_\varepsilon}^{j_k}]\}$$

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- ① The approximated law of motion for the distribution, based on equation (19), will be:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= m_1^{1'} - \sum_{h=1}^{m_g} \tau_h^g \sum_{o=1}^{m_\varepsilon} \tau_o^\varepsilon (\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_h + \eta_\varepsilon \omega_o^\varepsilon) g(\varepsilon_h, k_h | \mathbf{m}) \\0 &= m_1^{2'} - \sum_{h=1}^{m_g} \tau_h^g \sum_{o=1}^{m_\varepsilon} \tau_o^\varepsilon \left[\frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)}{\underline{\xi}} \log(k^a(\varepsilon_h, k_h)) + \left(1 - \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)}{\underline{\xi}}\right) \log(k^n(\varepsilon_h, k_h)) \right] g(\varepsilon_h, k_h | \mathbf{m}) \quad (33) \\0 &= m_i^{j'} - \sum_{h=1}^{m_g} \tau_h^g \sum_{o=1}^{m_\varepsilon} \tau_o^\varepsilon \left[(\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_h + \omega_o^\varepsilon - m_1^{1'})^{i-j} \tilde{\kappa}_j \right] g(\varepsilon_h, k_h | \mathbf{m})\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{\kappa}_j = \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)}{\underline{\xi}} \left[\log(k^a(\varepsilon_h, k_h)) - m_1^{2'} \right]^j + \left(1 - \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon_h, k_h)}{\underline{\xi}}\right) \left[\log(k^n(\varepsilon_h, k_h)) - m_1^{2'} \right]^j$$

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$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}; \eta)] = 0 \quad (36)$$

where $\mathbf{y} = \{\vartheta, \mathbf{k}^a, \mathbf{g}, \lambda, w\}$ is the control variables vector and $\mathbf{x} = \{z, \mathbf{m}\}$, the state variables vector. η represents the perturbation parameter, and \mathbf{k}^a denotes the target capital stock along the collocation grid.

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{g}(\mathbf{x}; 1) &\approx \mathcal{g}_x(\mathbf{x}^*; 0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) + \mathcal{g}_\eta(\mathbf{x}^*; 0) \\ \mathcal{h}(\mathbf{x}; 1) &\approx \mathcal{h}_x(\mathbf{x}^*; 0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) + \mathcal{h}_\eta(\mathbf{x}^*; 0)(1 - 0) + \phi \omega'_z\end{aligned}\quad (37)$$

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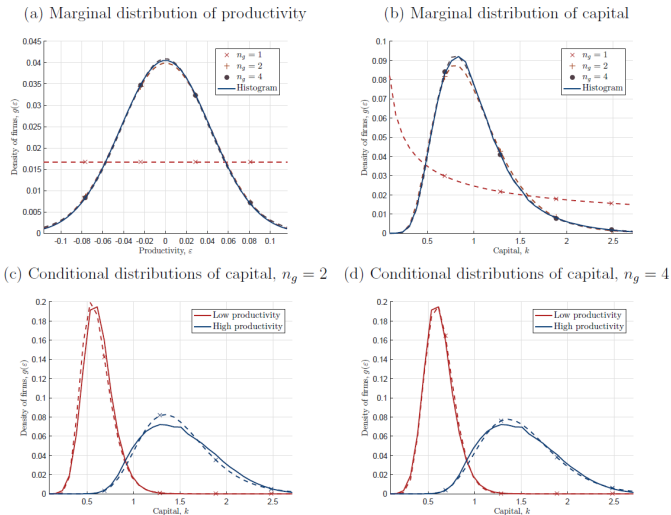


Figure 1: Stationary Distribution of Firms (Winberry (2018))

Table 1: Aggregate Variable in Steady State (Winberry (2018))

Variable	$n_g = 1$	$n_g = 2$	$n_g = 3$	$n_g = 4$	$n_g = 6$	Histogram
Output	0.509	0.498	0.499	0.499	0.499	0.498
Consumption	0.555	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413	0.413
Capital	1.200	1.007	1.007	1.008	1.007	1.007
Wage	0.985	0.958	0.958	0.958	0.958	0.958
Marg. Utility	1.803	2.424	2.422	2.422	2.422	2.422

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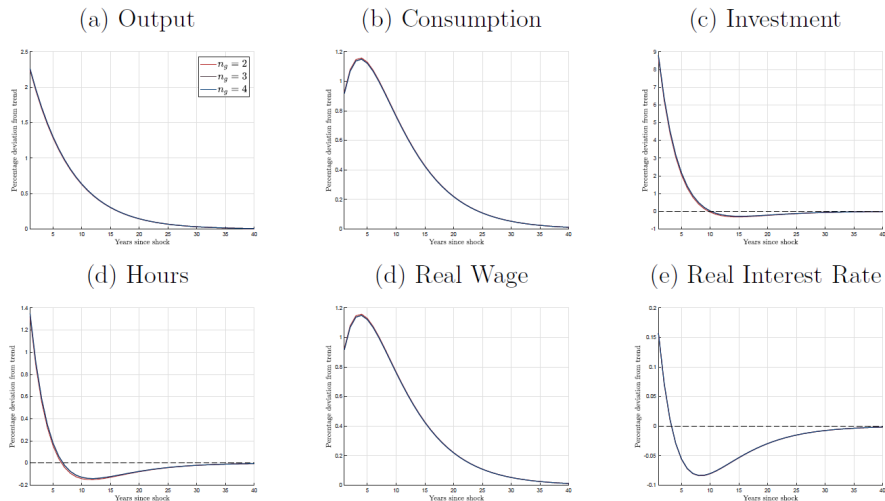


Figure 2: Impulse Responses of Aggregates: First Order Perturbation (Winberry (2018))

Continuum of households $i \in [0, 1]$, with preferences over consumption c_{it} :

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \frac{c_{it}^{1-\sigma} - 1}{1-\sigma} \right] \quad (38)$$

- 1 Each household supplies ε_{it} efficiency units of labor inelastically, and this follows a 2-state Markov process $\varepsilon_{it} \in \{0, 1\}$ with transition probabilities $\pi(\varepsilon'|\varepsilon)$.
- 2 When $\varepsilon_{it} = 1$, households receive $w_t(1 - \tau)$; when $\varepsilon_{it} = 0$, households receive unemployment benefit bw_t (financed with tax labor).
- 3 $a_{it+1} \geq \underline{a}$ (borrowing constraint).

Representative firm, produces output Y_t according to:

$$Y_t = e^{z_t} K_t^\alpha L_t^{1-\alpha} \quad (39)$$

with z_t aggregate prod. shock.

Aggregate TFP evolves according to:

$$z_{t+1} = \rho_z z_t + \sigma_z \omega_{t+1} \quad (40)$$

The aggregate state for this economy $\mathbf{s} = (z, g)$. The RCE is a list of functions $a'(\varepsilon, a; \mathbf{s})$, $r(\mathbf{s})$, $w(\mathbf{s})$, $g'(\mathbf{s})$ such that:

- ① **HH:** taking $r(\mathbf{s})$, $w(\mathbf{s})$ and $g'(\mathbf{s})$ as given, $a'(\cdot)$ satisfies:

$$c(\varepsilon, a; \mathbf{s})^{-\sigma} \geq \beta \mathbb{E}[(1 + r(\mathbf{s}'))c(\varepsilon', a'; \mathbf{s}')^{-\sigma} | \varepsilon, z, g]$$

with equality if $a'(\varepsilon, a; \mathbf{s}) > \underline{a}$.

- ② **Firms and Market Clearing:**

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

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

$$K = \sum_{\varepsilon} \int adg(\varepsilon, a)$$

- ③ **Evolution of distribution**

$$g'(\varepsilon, \mathcal{A}_a) = \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \pi(\varepsilon | \tilde{\varepsilon}) \int \mathbb{1}\{a'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a; \mathbf{s}) \in \mathcal{A}_a\} g(\tilde{\varepsilon}, da)$$

Mass at Constraint:

$$\hat{m}_{\varepsilon t+1} = \frac{1}{\pi(\varepsilon)} \left[\sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} (1 - \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \int \mathbb{1}\{a'_t(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a) = \underline{a}\} g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a) da \dots \right. \\ \left. \dots + \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t} \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \mathbb{1}\{a'_t(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \underline{a}) = \underline{a}\} \right]$$

Distribution away from Constraint:

$$g_{\varepsilon t}(a) \approx g_{\varepsilon t}^0 \exp \left\{ g_{\varepsilon t}^1 (a - m_{\varepsilon t}^1) + \sum_{i=2}^{n_g} g_{\varepsilon t}^i \left[(a - m_{\varepsilon t}^1)^i - m_{\varepsilon t}^i \right] \right\}$$

Relation between $g_{\varepsilon t}$ and $m_{\varepsilon t}$:

$$m_{\varepsilon t}^1 = \int a g_{\varepsilon t}(a) da$$

$$m_{\varepsilon t}^i = \int (a - m_{\varepsilon t}^1)^i g_{\varepsilon t}(a) da, \quad i = 2, \dots, n_g$$

Evolution of moments:

$$m_{\varepsilon t+1}^1 = \frac{1}{\pi(\varepsilon)} \left[\sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} (1 - \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \int a'_t(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a) g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a) da + \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t} \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) a'_t(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \underline{a}) \right]$$

$$m_{\varepsilon t+1}^i = \frac{1}{\pi(\varepsilon)} \left[\sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} (1 - \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \int (a'_t(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a) - m_{\varepsilon t+1}^1)^i g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a) da + \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t} \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) (a'_t(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \underline{a}) - m_{\varepsilon t+1}^1)^i \right]$$

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Approximating Infinite Dimensional Objects: Distribution

Integrals are solved using Gauss-Legendre quadrature, with nodes $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^{m_g}$ and weights $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^{m_g}$. So:

$$\int a'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a) g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a) da = \sum_{j=1}^{m_g} \tau_j a'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a_j) g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a_j)$$

$$\int (a'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a) - m_{\varepsilon t+1}^1)^i g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a) da = \sum_{j=1}^{m_g} \tau_j [a'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, a_j) - m_{\varepsilon t+1}^1]^i g_{\tilde{\varepsilon}t}(a_j)$$

With the same nodes and weights, **aggregate capital** is computed:

$$K_t = \sum_{\varepsilon} \pi(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{m_g} \tau_j a_j g_{\varepsilon t}(a_j)$$

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Approximating Infinite Dimensional Objects: Household Decision Rules

Calling $\psi_t(\varepsilon, a) = \mathbb{E}_t[\beta(1 + r_{t+1})(c_{t+1}(\varepsilon', a'_t(\varepsilon, a)))^{-\sigma}]$, then:

$$a'_t(\varepsilon, a) = \max\{\underline{a}, w_t((1 - \tau)\varepsilon + b(1 - \varepsilon)) + (1 + r_t)a - \psi_t(\varepsilon, a)^{-1/\sigma}\}$$

$$c_t(\varepsilon, a) = w_t((1 - \tau)\varepsilon + b(1 - \varepsilon)) + (1 + r_t)a - a'_t(\varepsilon, a)$$

$\psi_t(\varepsilon, a)$ is approximated by:

$$\hat{\psi}_t \approx \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n_\psi} \theta_{\varepsilon it} T_i(\xi(a))\right\}$$

thus:

$$\hat{a}'_t(\varepsilon, a) = \max\{\underline{a}, w_t((1 - \tau)\varepsilon + b(1 - \varepsilon)) + (1 + r_t)a - \hat{\psi}_t(\varepsilon, a)^{-1/\sigma}\}$$

$$\hat{c}_t(\varepsilon, a) = w_t((1 - \tau)\varepsilon + b(1 - \varepsilon)) + (1 + r_t)a - \hat{a}'_t(\varepsilon, a)$$

when borrowing constraint is not binding:

$$\exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n_\psi} \theta_{\varepsilon it} T_i(\xi(a))\right\} = \mathbb{E}_t\left[\beta(1 + r_{t+1}) \sum_{\varepsilon'} \pi(\varepsilon'|\varepsilon) \hat{c}_t(\varepsilon', \hat{a}'_t(\varepsilon, a_j))^{-\sigma}\right]$$

Krusell & Smith model

Solving for Steady State

The approximated equilibrium can be written in the form:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \eta)] = 0$$

Then, the steady-state can be found by:

$$f(\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^*; \eta) = 0$$

Algorithm:

- 1 Compute factor prices $r(K)$ and $w(K)$
- 2 Solve for the parameters of conditional expectation θ .
- 3 Using implied decision rules, solve for invariant \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{g} .
- 4 Update aggregate capital $K' = \sum_{\varepsilon} \pi(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{m_g} \tau_j a'(\varepsilon, a_j) g_{\varepsilon}(a_j)$.
- 5 Solve for a zero of $K' - K$.

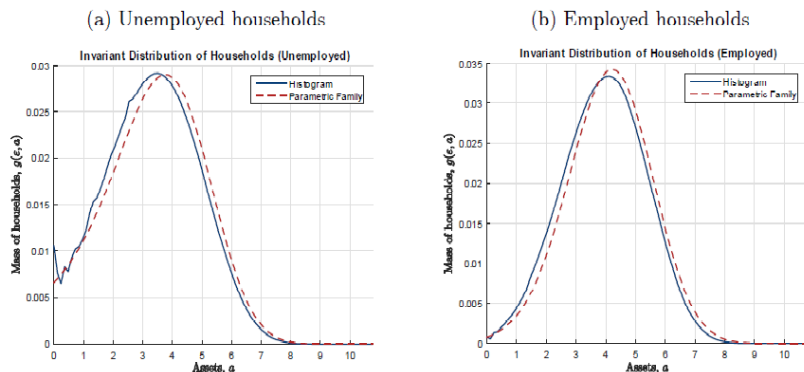


Figure 3: Stationary Distribution of Households (Winberry (2016))

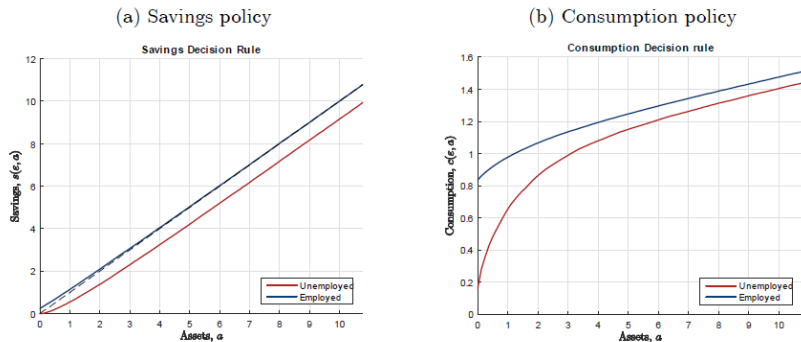


Figure 4: Decision Rule in Steady State (Winberry (2016))

Results KT model

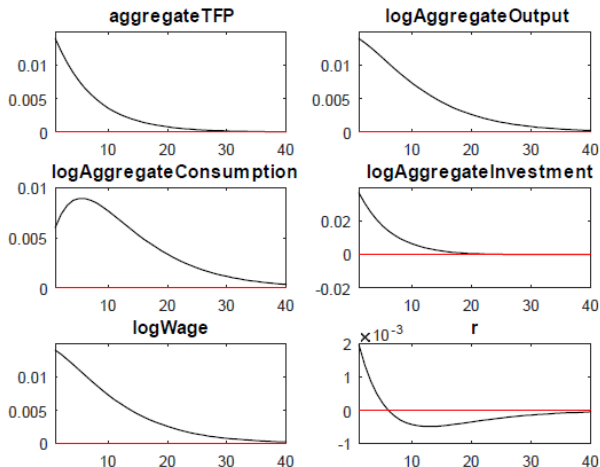


Figure 5: Impulse Response to Aggregate TFP shock (Winberry (2016))