Introduction to DSGE Modeling

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- Estimated dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) models are now widely used for
 - empirical research in macroeconomics;
 - quantitative policy analysis and prediction at central banks.
- We will consider a prototypical New Keynesian DSGE model...

- What is the optimal target inflation rate?
- 2 Was high inflation and output volatility in the 1970s due to loose monetary policy?
- 3 Effects of the zero lower bound on nominal interest rates on monetary policy.
- How large are government spending multipliers?
- **5** Fiscal policy rules and the effect of a change in the labor tax rate.

A Small-Scale New Keynesian DSGE Model

- The model consists of
 - households;
 - final goods producing firms;
 - intermediate goods producing firms;
 - central bank and fiscal authority;
 - exogenous shock processes
- Let's take a look at the decision problems faced by economic agents...

• Households maximize

$$\mathbb{E}_{\tau}\left[\sum_{t=\tau}^{\infty}\beta^{(t-\tau)}\left\{\ln C_{t}-\frac{\phi_{t}}{1+\nu}L_{t}^{1+\nu}\right\}\right]$$

• subject to the constraints:

$$P_tC_t + B_{t+1} \leq P_tW_tL_t + \Pi_t + R_{t-1}B_t - T_t + \Omega_t.$$

- In a nutshell:
 - household cares about the future: intertemporal optimization
 - household likes consumption
 - household does not like to work...
 - there is a budget constraint: can't spend more than you earn and borrow; have to pay taxes;

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- Possible modifications/generalizations:
 - let households on shares to the capital stock;
 - introduce money explicitly: cash-in-advance versus money in the utility function;
 - make taxes distortionary;
 - introduce differentiated labor.

• Households maximize

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- Introduce Lagrange multiplier μ_t for budget constraint.
- Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{\tau} \left[\sum_{t=\tau}^{\infty} \beta^{(t-\tau)} \left\{ \ln C_t - \frac{\phi_t}{1+\nu} L_t^{1+\nu} - \mu_t \left(P_t C_t + B_{t+1} - \left[P_t W_t L_t + \Pi_t + R_{t-1} B_t - T_t + \Omega_t \right] \right) \right\} \right]$$

Households: First-Order Conditions

• Lagrangian

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• First-order condition for C_t:

$$\frac{1}{C_t} = \mu_t P_t$$

• First-order condition for B_{t+1} :

$$\mu_t = \beta \mathbb{E}_t [\mu_{t+1} R_t]$$

• Combine to consumption Euler equation (define $\pi_{t+1} = P_{t+1}/P_t$):

$$\frac{1}{C_t} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{1}{C_{t+1}} \frac{R_t}{\pi_{t+1}} \right]$$

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• Labor supply – first-order condition for *L_t*:

$$\phi_t L_t^{\nu} = \mu_t P_t W_t = \frac{W_t}{C_t}.$$

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Final Goods Production

• Production: (these guys just buy and combine intermediate goods)

$$Y_t = \left[\int_0^1 Y_t(i)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda}} di\right]^{1+\lambda_t}$$

• Profits

$$Y_tP_t - \int Y_t(i)P_t(i)di = \left[\int_0^1 Y_t(i)^{\frac{1}{1+\lambda_t}}di\right]^{1+\lambda_t}P_t - \int Y_t(i)P_t(i)di.$$

• Take prices as given and maximize profits by choosing optimal inputs $Y_t(i)$:

$$P_t(i) = P_t Y_t^{\lambda_t/(1+\lambda_t)} Y_t(i)^{-\lambda_t/(1+\lambda_t)} \implies Y_t(i) = \left(\frac{P_t(i)}{P_t}\right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}} Y_t$$

• Free entry leads to zero profits:

$$Y_t P_t = \int Y_t(i) P_t(i) di \implies P_t = \left[\int_0^1 P_t(i)^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_t}} di\right]^{-\lambda_t}.$$

• Aggregate inflation is defined as $\pi_t = P_t/P_{t-1}$.

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• Production (these guys hire to produce something):

$$Y_t(i) = \max \left\{ A_t L_t(i) - \mathcal{F}, 0 \right\}.$$

• Firms are monopolistically competitive; face downward sloping demand curve:

$$Y_t(i) = \left(\frac{P_t(i)}{P_t}\right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}} Y_t.$$

- Firms set prices to maximize profits, but there is a friction:
 - firms can only re-optimize their prices with probability $1 \zeta_p$;
 - remaining $1-\iota$ firms adjust their prices by $\bar{\pi}$
- Once prices are set, firms have to produce whatever quantity is demanded.

• Define the real marginal costs of producing a unit Y_{it} as

$$MC_t = \frac{W_t}{A_t}$$

• Decision problem ($\beta^s \Xi_{t+s|t}$ is today's value of a future dollar)

$$\max_{\tilde{P}_{t}(i)} \qquad \mathbb{E}_{t} \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \zeta_{p}^{s} \beta^{s} \Xi_{t+s|t} Y_{t+s}(i) \left[\tilde{P}_{t}(i) \bar{\pi}^{s} - P_{t+s} M C_{t+s} \right] \right\}$$

s.t.
$$Y_{t+s}(i) = \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_{t}(i) \bar{\pi}^{s}}{P_{t+s}} \right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_{t}}{\lambda_{t}}} Y_{t+s}$$

• Differentiate with respect to $\tilde{P}_t(i)$ to obtain first-order condition for optimal price.

• First-order condition to determine $\tilde{P}_t(i)$:

$$\mathbb{E}_t\left\{\sum_{s=0}^{\infty}\zeta_p^s\beta^s\Xi_{t+s|t}\left(\frac{\partial Y_{t+s}(i)}{\partial\tilde{P}_t(i)}(\tilde{P}_t(i)\bar{\pi}^s-P_{t+s}MC_{t+s})+Y_{t+s}(i)\bar{\pi}^s\right)\right\}=0,$$

where

$$\frac{\partial Y_{t+s}(i)}{\partial \tilde{P}_t(i)} = -\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t} \frac{\bar{\pi}^s}{P_{t+s}} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_t(i)\bar{\pi}^s}{P_{t+s}}\right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}-1} Y_{t+s} = -\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t} \frac{1}{\tilde{P}_t(i)} Y_{t+s}(i)$$

• Assume all optimizing firms choose the same price: $\tilde{P}_t(i) = \tilde{P}_t$.

- Divide FOC by P_t and impose symmetry. Let $\tilde{p}_t = \tilde{P}_t/P_t$.
- First-order condition to determine \tilde{p}_t :

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \zeta_p^s \beta^s \frac{\Xi_{t+s|t}}{\lambda_t \tilde{p}_t} \left(\frac{\tilde{p}_t \bar{\pi}^s}{\prod_{j=1}^s \pi_{t+j}} \right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}} Y_{t+s} \left[\tilde{p}_t \bar{\pi}^s - (1+\lambda_t) \left(\prod_{j=1}^s \pi_{t+j} \right) M C_{t+s} \right] \right\} = 0,$$

• New Keynesian Phillips curve: relationship between \tilde{p}_t , inflation π_t , and real marginal costs MC_t .

• Recall from final goods producers:

$$P_t = \left[\int_0^1 P_t(i)^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_t}} di\right]^{-\lambda_t}$$

Fraction ζ_p will index previous price P_{t-1}(i) by inflation, whereas fraction (1 − ζ_p) will charge P̃_t:

$$P_{t} = \left[(1 - \zeta_{\rho}) \tilde{P}_{t}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_{t}}} + \zeta_{\rho} \bar{\pi}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_{t}}} \int_{0}^{1} P_{t-1}(i)^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_{t}}} di \right]^{-\lambda_{t}}$$
$$= \left[(1 - \zeta_{\rho}) \tilde{P}_{t}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_{t}}} + \zeta_{\rho} \bar{\pi}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_{t}}} P_{t-1}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_{t}}} \right]^{-\lambda_{t}}$$

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• Inflation satisfies (let $\tilde{p}_t = \tilde{P}_t/P_t$):

$$\pi_t = \left[(1 - \zeta_p) (\pi_t \tilde{p}_t)^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_t}} + \zeta_p \bar{\pi}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_t}} \right]^{-\lambda_t}$$

- Most complicated part of the model...
- generates a relationship between real marginal costs and inflation.
- So, it connects nominal and real side of the economy.
- **Exercise:** if $\zeta_p = 0$ prices are flexible. Simplify the formulas!

- households;
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- We did not specify a money demand equation, but we could. It would depend on the nominal interest rate. The higher *R*_t, the lower the demand for money.
- Central bank prints enough money so that demand is satisfied at interest rate implied by monetary policy rule:

$$R_{t} = R_{*,t}^{1-\rho_{R}} R_{t-1}^{\rho_{R}} \exp\{\sigma_{R} \epsilon_{R,t}\}, \quad R_{*,t} = (r\pi_{*}) \left(\frac{\pi_{t}}{\pi_{*}}\right)^{\psi_{1}} \left(\frac{Y_{t}}{\gamma Y_{t-1}}\right)^{\psi_{2}}$$

- r is equilibrium real rate.
- π_* is target inflation rate.
- $\epsilon_{R,t}$ is exogenous monetary policy shock. Interpretation?

- For now, it's passive and not very interesting.
- Budget constraint:

$$P_t G_t + R_{t-1} B_t + M_t = T_t + B_t + M_{t+1}$$

- Lump-sum taxes/transfer balance the budget in every period. Seigniorage does not matter.
- Government spending is exogenous. Re-scale:

$$G_t = \left(1 - \frac{1}{g_t}\right) Y_t.$$

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Exogenous shock processes

- Total factor productivity A_t.
- Preference / labor demand shifter ϕ_t .
- Mark-up shock λ_t .
- Monetary policy shock $\epsilon_{R,t}$.
- Government spending shock g_t .
- We will specify exogenous laws of motions for these processes, e.g.,

$$\ln g_t = (1 - \rho_g) \ln g^* + \rho_g \ln g_{t-1} + \sigma_g \epsilon_{g,t}, \quad \epsilon_{g,t} \sim N(0,1).$$

Aggregate Resource Constraint

• Combine household and government budget constraints:

$$P_t C_t + P_t G_t = P_t W_t \int L_t(i) di + \int \Pi_t(i) di$$

• Final goods producers make zero profits, which implies:

$$P_t Y_t = \int P_t(i) Y_t(i) di.$$

• Profits of intermediate goods producers:

$$\int \Pi_t(i) di = \int Y_t(i) P_t(i) di - P_t W_t \int L_t(i) di - \mathcal{F}$$

= $P_t Y_t - P_t W_t L_t - \mathcal{F}.$

• Thus, assuming $\mathcal{F} = 0$:

$$C_t + G_t = Y_t.$$

• Production:

$$Y_t(i) = A_t L_t(i)$$

• Using the demand function for $Y_t(i)$ we can write

$$Y_t\left(\frac{P_t(i)}{P_t}\right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}} = A_t L_t(i).$$

• Integrating over the firms *i* yields:

$$Y_t = rac{1}{D_t} A_t L_t, \quad D_t = \int \left(rac{P_t(i)}{P_t}
ight)^{-rac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}} di \geq 1$$

• Price dispersion creates a loss of output!

Evolution of Price Dispersion

Recall

$$D_t = \int \left(rac{P_t(i)}{P_t}
ight)^{-rac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}} di$$

• A fraction of ζ_p firms changes its price in each period. Thus,

$$D_t = (1 - \zeta_p) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \zeta^j \left(\frac{\bar{\pi}^j \tilde{P}_{t-j}}{\pi_t \pi_{t-1} \cdots \pi_{t-j+1} P_{t-j}} \right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}}$$
$$= (1 - \zeta_p) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \zeta^j \left(\frac{\bar{\pi}^j}{\pi_t \pi_{t-1} \cdots \pi_{t-j+1}} \tilde{p}_t \right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_t}{\lambda_t}}$$

• Firms discount future profits using the households stochastic discount factor:

$$\Xi_{t+s|t} = \frac{C_t}{C_{t+1}}$$

So far

• We now have a small-scale New Keynesian DSGE model! What are the policy trade-offs? What policies can we study?

• Monetary policy:

- systematic part (react to inflation and output growth): what happens if we change inflation target π^* ? What happens if CB reacts more aggressively to inflation deviations?
- discretionary component: what happens if CB raises interest rates in an unanticipated fashion, i.e., $\epsilon_{R,t} > 0$?

• Fiscal policy:

- systematic part: what happens if g^{*} increases?
- unanticipated: reaction to $\epsilon_{g,t}$.
- To answer other questions, we need to enrich the model:
 - ZLB constraint;
 - role for unconventional monetary policy;
 - distortionary taxes;
 - more interesting debt dynamics.

- After deriving the equilibrium conditions of the model, we now need to solve for the dynamics of the endogenous variables.
- System of nonlinear expectational difference equations;
- Find solution(s) of system of expectational difference equations:
 - global (nonlinear) approximation methods;
 - local approximation near steady state.
- We will focus on log-linear approximations around the steady state.
- Many more details in FVRRS.

Our Goal: State-space Representation of DSGE Model

• $n_{y} \times 1$ vector of observables:

$$y_t = M_y' [\log(X_t/X_{t-1}), \log lsh_t, \log \pi_t, \log R_t]'.$$

• $n_s imes 1$ vector of econometric state variables s_t

$$s_t = [\phi_t, \lambda_t, z_t, \epsilon_{R,t}, \widehat{x}_{t-1}]'$$

• DSGE model parameters:

$$\theta = [\beta, \gamma, \lambda, \pi^*, \zeta_{\rho}, \nu, \rho_{\phi}, \rho_{\lambda}, \rho_z, \sigma_{\phi}, \sigma_{\lambda}, \sigma_z, \sigma_R]'.$$

• Measurement equation:

$$y_t = \Psi_0(\theta) + \Psi_1(\theta)s_t.$$

• State-transition equation:

$$s_t = \Phi_1(\theta)s_{t-1} + \Phi_\epsilon(\theta)\epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t = [\epsilon_{\phi,t}, \epsilon_{\lambda,t}, \epsilon_{z,t}, \epsilon_{R,t}]'$$

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System matrices:

 ${\it M}_y'$ is an ${\it n}_y$ \times 4 selection matrix that selects rows of Ψ_0 and $\Psi_1.$

Steady State

- Shut down aggregate uncertainty: set all shock standard deviations $\sigma_{\cdot} = 0$.
- Technology:

$$\ln A_t = \ln \gamma + \ln A_{t-1} + z_t, \quad z_t = \rho_z z_{t-1} + \sigma_z \epsilon_{z,t}.$$

Set $\sigma_z = 0$: $\ln A_t^* = \gamma t$.

• Preferences:

$$\ln \phi_t = (1 - \rho_\phi) \ln \phi + \rho_\phi \ln \phi_{t-1} + \sigma_\phi \epsilon_{\phi,t}.$$

• Mark-up:

$$\ln \lambda_t = (1 - \rho_\lambda) \ln \lambda + \rho_\lambda \ln \lambda_{t-1} + \sigma_\lambda \epsilon_{\lambda,t}.$$

• Government Spending:

$$\ln g_t = (1 - \rho_g) \ln g^* + \rho_g \ln g_{t-1} + \sigma_g \epsilon_{g,t}$$

- Problem: this economy grows... which does not lead to a steady state.
- Solution: detrend model variables by A_t .
- Model has steady state in terms of detrended variables.

Households' Euler Equation

• Recall:

$$\frac{1}{C_t} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{1}{C_{t+1}} \frac{R_t}{\pi_{t+1}} \right]$$

• Rewrite:

$$\frac{A_t}{C_t} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{A_{t+1}}{C_{t+1}} \frac{A_t}{A_{t+1}} \frac{R_t}{\pi_{t+1}} \right] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{c_t} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{1}{c_{t+1}} \frac{1}{\gamma e^{z_{t+1}}} \frac{R_t}{\pi_{t+1}} \right]$$

• Steady state:

$$R=\pi\frac{\gamma}{\beta}=\pi r.$$

Households' Labor Supply

• Recall:

$$\phi_t L_t^\nu = \frac{W_t}{C_t}$$

• Rewrite:

$$\phi_t L_t^{\nu} = \frac{W_t / A_t}{C_t / A_t} \implies \phi_t L_t^{\nu} = \frac{w_t}{c_t}$$

• Steady state:

$$\phi L^{\nu} = \frac{w}{c}.$$

• Recall:

$$MC_t = \frac{W_t}{A_t}.$$

• Steady state:

mc = w.

• Recall:

$$\pi_t = \left[(1 - \zeta_p) (\pi_t \tilde{p}_t)^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_t}} + \zeta_p \bar{\pi}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_t}} \right]^{-\lambda_t}$$

• Steady state:

$$\pi = \left[(1 - \zeta_p) (\pi \tilde{p})^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}} + \zeta_p \bar{\pi}^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}} \right]^{-\lambda}.$$

.

• Recall:

$$C_{t}\mathbb{E}_{t}\left\{\sum_{s=0}^{\infty}\zeta_{p}^{s}\beta^{s}\frac{Y_{t+s}/C_{t+s}}{\lambda_{t}\tilde{p}_{t}}\left(\frac{\tilde{p}_{t}\bar{\pi}^{s}}{\prod_{j=1}^{s}\pi_{t+j}}\right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda_{t}}{\lambda_{t}}}\left[\tilde{p}_{t}\bar{\pi}^{s}-(1+\lambda_{t})\left(\prod_{j=1}^{s}\pi_{t+j}\right)MC_{t+s}\right]\right\}=0,$$

• Steady state:

$$rac{c/y}{\lambda ilde{
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ho}^s eta^s \left(rac{ar{\pi}^s}{\pi^s}
ight)^{-rac{1+\lambda}{\lambda}} \left[ilde{
ho}_t ar{\pi}^s - (1+\lambda) \pi^s mc
ight]
ight\} = 0,$$

• Monetary policy rule:

$$R = r\pi_* \left(rac{\pi}{\pi_*}
ight)^{\psi_1}$$

• Government spending:

$$g = \left(1 - rac{1}{g_*}
ight)y$$

Aggregate Resource Constraint and Price Dispersion

• Market clearing:

$$c + \left(1 - rac{1}{g_*}\right)y = y \quad \Longrightarrow \quad c = rac{1}{g_*}y.$$

• Aggregate production:

$$y = \frac{1}{D}L.$$

• Price dispersion:

$$D = (1 - \zeta_{\rho}) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \zeta_{\rho}^{j} \left(\frac{\bar{\pi}^{j}}{\pi^{j}}\tilde{\rho}\right)^{-\frac{1+\lambda}{\lambda}} = \tilde{\rho}^{-\frac{1+\lambda}{\lambda}} \frac{1 - \zeta_{\rho}}{1 - \zeta_{\rho} (\bar{\pi}/\tilde{\pi})^{-\frac{1+\lambda}{\lambda}}}$$

Combining Bits and Pieces

- Steady state equations are quite complicated.
- Special case: $\bar{\pi} = \pi_*$, i.e., price setters index prices by target inflation rate.
- Verify that $\pi = \pi_* = \overline{\pi}$ is an equilibrium:
 - Policy rule and Euler equation imply $R = \pi r$, where $r = \gamma/\beta$.
 - For $\bar{\pi} = \pi$ the condition

$$\pi = \left[(1-\zeta_{
ho})(\pi ilde{
ho})^{-rac{1}{\lambda}} + \zeta_{
ho} ar{\pi}^{-rac{1}{\lambda}}
ight]^{-\lambda}.$$

implies $\tilde{p} = 1$.

- Thus, there is no steady state price dispersion: D = 1.
- The firms' FOC imply that

$$mc = w = rac{1}{1+\lambda} \implies \widetilde{p} = (1+\lambda)mc.$$

• Using $c = y/g_*$ and y = I, the households' labor supply condition implies

$$\phi y^{\nu} = rac{w}{c} = rac{1}{1+\lambda} rac{g_*}{y} \implies y = \left(rac{g_*}{\phi(1+\lambda)}
ight)^{1/(1+
u)}$$

- Change the target inflation rate π_* , assuming that indexation to $\bar{\pi}$ does not change. Crucial parameter: ζ_p .
- Change the amount of government spending through g_* and compute long-run multipliers. Crucial parameter ν .
- Estimate model to obtain policy-effect relevant parameters.
- Parameter uncertainty translates into policy uncertainty.

(Log) Linearization Around Steady State

- We will now approximate the equilibrium dynamics of the model.
- Taylor series expansion around around the steady state.
- Linear rational exectations system:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{c}_t &= \mathbb{E}_{t+1}[\widehat{c}_{t+1}] - \left(\widehat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}]\right) + \mathbb{E}_t[z_{t+1}] \\ \widehat{\pi}_t &= \beta \mathbb{E}_t[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}] + \kappa_p(\widehat{lsh}_t + \lambda_t) \\ \widehat{R}_t &= \psi_1 \widehat{\pi}_t + \psi_2(\widehat{y}_t - \widehat{y}_{t-1} + z_t) + \sigma_R \epsilon_{R,t} \\ \widehat{lsh}_t &= (1+\nu)\widehat{c}_t + \nu \widehat{g}_t + \phi_t \\ \widehat{y}_t &= \widehat{c}_t + \widehat{g}_t \end{aligned}$$

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What is a Local Approximation?

• In a nutshell... consider the backward-looking model

$$y_t = f(y_{t-1}, \sigma \epsilon_t). \tag{1}$$

(2)

- Suppose there is a steady state y^* satisfies $y^* = f(y^*, 0)$.
- Guess that the solution to (1) is of the form

$$y_t = y^* + \sigma y_t^{(1)} + o(\sigma).$$

• Taylor series expansion of $f(\cdot)$ around steady state:

$$f(y_{t-1}, \sigma \epsilon_t) = y^* + f_y y_{t-1} + f_\epsilon \sigma \epsilon_t + o(|y_{t-1}|) + o(\sigma)$$

• Now plug-in conjectured solution (2) into (1) using approx of $f(\cdot)$:

$$y^* + \sigma y_t^{(1)} + o(\sigma) = y^* + f_y \sigma y_{t-1}^{(1)} + f_\epsilon \sigma \epsilon_t + o(\sigma)$$

• Deduce that $y_t^{(1)} = f_y y_{t-1}^{(1)} + f_{\epsilon} \epsilon_t$.

What is a Log-Linear Approximation?

• Consider Cobb-Douglas production function: $Y_t = Z_t K_t^{\alpha} H_t^{1-\alpha}$.

• Linearization around
$$Y_*$$
, Z_* , K_* , H_* :
 $Y_t - Y_* = K_*^{\alpha} H_*^{1-\alpha} (Z_t - Z_*) + \alpha Z_* K_*^{\alpha-1} H_*^{1-\alpha} (K_t - K_*)$
 $+ (1 - \alpha) Z_* K_*^{\alpha} H_*^{-\alpha} (H_t - K_*)$

• Log-linearization: Let $f(x) = f(e^{v})$ and linearize with respect to v:

$$f(e^{v}) pprox f(e^{v_*}) + e^{v_*}f'(e^{v_*})(v-v_*).$$

Thus:

$$f(x) \approx f(x_*) + x_* f'(x_*)(\ln x/x_*) = f(x_*) + f'(x_*)\hat{x}$$

• Cobb-Douglas production function:

$$\tilde{Y}_t = \hat{Z}_t + \alpha \hat{K}_t + (1 - \alpha) \hat{H}_t$$

Let's Try the Log-linearizations

• Euler Equation:

$$\frac{1}{c_t} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{1}{c_{t+1}} \frac{1}{\gamma e^{z_{t+1}}} \frac{R_t}{\pi_{t+1}} \right].$$

• Log-linearized:

$$-\widehat{c}_t = \mathbb{E}_t \Big[-\widehat{c}_{t+1} - z_{t+1} + \widehat{R}_t - \widehat{\pi}_{t+1} \Big] \implies \widehat{c}_t = \mathbb{E}_t [\widehat{c}_{t+1}] - (\widehat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}]) + \mathbb{E}_t [z_{t+1}].$$

• Labor Supply:

$$\phi_t L_t^{\nu} = \frac{w_t}{c_t}.$$

• Log-linearized:

$$\widehat{\phi}_t + \nu \widehat{L}_t = \widehat{w}_t - \widehat{c}_t$$

Let's Try the Log-linearizations

• Aggregate Resource Constraint:

$$y_t = rac{L_t}{D_t}, \quad c_t + \left(1 - rac{1}{g_t}\right)y_t = y_t \quad \Longrightarrow c_t g_t = y_t.$$

• Log-linearized:

$$\widehat{y}_t = \widehat{L}_t - \widehat{D}_t, \quad \widehat{c}_t + \widehat{g}_t = \widehat{y}_t.$$

• Monetary Policy Rule:

$$R_t = R_{*,t}^{1-\rho_R} R_{t-1}^{\rho_R} \exp\{\sigma_R \epsilon_{R,t}\}, \quad R_{*,t} = (r\pi_*) \left(\frac{\pi_t}{\pi_*}\right)^{\psi_1} \left(\frac{Y_t}{\gamma Y_{t-1}}\right)^{\psi_2}.$$

Log-linearized

$$\widehat{R}_t = (1 - \rho_R)\widehat{R}_{*,t} + \rho_R\widehat{R}_{t-1} + \sigma_R\epsilon_{R,t}, \quad \widehat{R}_{*,t} = \psi_1\widehat{\pi}_t + \psi_2[\widehat{y}_t - \widehat{y}_{t-1} + z_t].$$

New Keynesian Phillips Curve

- This is fairly complicated... let's focus on the result.
- Assume: $\pi = \bar{\pi} = \pi_*$
- Note that

$$\widehat{mc}_t = \widehat{w}_t = \widehat{lsh}_t.$$

• Log-linearized:

$$\widehat{\pi}_t = \beta \mathbb{E}_t[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}] + \kappa_p(\widehat{lsh}_t + \lambda_t), \quad \kappa_p = \frac{(1 - \zeta_p \beta)(1 - \zeta_p)}{\zeta_p}.$$

• We also get $\widehat{D}_t = 0$.

Combining Bits and Pieces

- Notation: write x_t instead of y_t for output.
- Assume: $\pi=\bar{\pi}=\pi_*$, $\psi_1=1/\beta$, $\psi_2=0$, $\rho_R=0$.
- Linear rational expectations (LRE) system:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{c}_t &= \mathbb{E}_{t+1}[\widehat{c}_{t+1}] - \left(\widehat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}]\right) + \mathbb{E}_t[z_{t+1}] \\ \widehat{\pi}_t &= \beta \mathbb{E}_t[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}] + \kappa_p (\widehat{lsh}_t + \lambda_t) \\ \widehat{R}_t &= \frac{1}{\beta} \widehat{\pi}_t + \sigma_R \epsilon_{R,t} \\ \widehat{lsh}_t &= (1+\nu)\widehat{c}_t + \nu \widehat{g}_t + \phi_t \\ \widehat{x}_t &= \widehat{c}_t + \widehat{g}_t \\ \widehat{g}_t &= \rho_g \widehat{g}_{t-1} + \sigma_g \epsilon_{g,t} \\ \phi_t &= \rho_\phi \phi_{t-1} + \sigma_\phi \epsilon_{\phi,t} \\ \lambda_t &= \rho_\lambda \lambda_{t-1} + \sigma_\lambda \epsilon_{\lambda,t} \\ z_t &= \rho_z z_{t-1} + \sigma_z \epsilon_{z,t} \end{aligned}$$

How Can One Solve LRE Systems? A Simple Example

Simple model:

$$y_t = rac{1}{ heta} \mathbb{E}_t[y_{t+1}] + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim \textit{iid}(0,1), \quad heta \in \Theta = [0,2].$$

• Method 1: Introduce conditional expectation $\xi_t = \mathbb{E}_t[y_{t+1}]$ and forecast error $\eta_t = y_t - \xi_{t-1}$:

$$\xi_t = \theta \xi_{t-1} - \theta \epsilon_t + \theta \eta_t.$$

Nonexplosive solutions:

• Determinacy: $\theta > 1$. The only stable solution:

$$\xi_t = 0, \quad \eta_t = \epsilon_t \implies y_t = \epsilon_t$$

• Indeterminacy: $\theta \leq 1$ the stability requirement imposes no restrictions on forecast error:

$$\eta_t = \widetilde{M}\epsilon_t + \zeta_t \quad \Longrightarrow y_t = \theta y_{t-1} + \widetilde{M}\epsilon_t + \zeta_t - \theta\epsilon_{t-1}$$

Simple model:

$$y_t = \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{E}_t[y_{t+1}] + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim iid(0,1), \quad \theta \in \Theta = [0,2].$$

- Method 2: Construct nonexplosive solutions as follows:
 - Determinacy: $\theta > 1$. Solve equation forward:

$$y_t = \epsilon_t + \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{t+1}[y_{t+2}] + \epsilon_{t+1} \right] = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t \left[\left(\frac{1}{\theta} \right)^s \epsilon_{t+s} \right] = \epsilon_t.$$

• Indeterminacy: $\theta \leq 1$. Express model in terms of $\xi_t = \mathbb{E}_t[y_{t+1}]$ and solve backward (as in previous slide).

How Can One Solve LRE Systems? A Simple Example

Simple model:

$$y_t = \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{E}_t[y_{t+1}] + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim iid(0,1), \quad \theta \in \Theta = [0,2].$$

• Method 3: Undetermined coefficients. Guess that $y_t = \gamma_1 y_{t-1} + \gamma_2 \epsilon_t + \gamma_3 \epsilon_{t-1}$. Thus,

$$y_t = \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{E}_t \big[\gamma_1 y_t + \gamma_2 \epsilon_{t+1} + \gamma_3 \epsilon_t \big] + \epsilon_t$$

Nonexplosive solutions:

• Indeterminacy: $\theta \leq 1$

$$y_t$$
 : $\gamma_1 = \gamma_1^2/ heta \implies \gamma_1 = 0 ext{ or } \gamma_1 = heta$

 ϵ_t : γ_2 is unrestricted

$$\epsilon_{t-1}$$
 : $0=\gamma_3/ heta+1$ \implies $\gamma_3=0$ or $\gamma_3=- heta$

• Determinacy: $\theta > 1$. We cannot set $\gamma_1 = \theta$. Thus,

$$\gamma_1=0,\quad \gamma_2=1,\quad \gamma_3=0.$$

More generally...

- Linearized DSGE leads to linear rational expectations (LRE) system.
- Sims (2002) provides solution algorithm for canonical form

 $\Gamma_0(\theta)s_t = \Gamma_1(\theta)s_{t-1} + \Psi\epsilon_t + \Pi\eta_t$

where

- s_t is a vector of model variables, ϵ_t is a vector of exogenous shocks,
- η_t is a vector of RE errors with elements $\eta_t^{\mathsf{x}} = \hat{x}_t \mathbb{E}_{t-1}[\hat{x}_t]$, and
- s_t contains (among others) the conditional expectation terms $\mathbb{E}_t[\widetilde{x}_{t+1}]$.
- Overall the solution in terms of s_t is of the form

 $s_t = \Phi_1(\theta)s_{t-1} + \Phi_\epsilon(\theta)\epsilon_t.$

• Other solution methods for LREs: Blanchard and Kahn (1980), King and Watson (1998), Uhlig (1999), Anderson (2000), Klein (2000), Christiano (2002).

Solving Our LRE Model

- Assumption: $\psi_2 = 1/\beta$, $\widehat{g}_t = 0$.
- Eliminate nominal interest rate from the consumption Euler equation using policy rule

$$\widehat{x}_t = \mathbb{E}_{t+1}[\widehat{x}_{t+1}] - \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\widehat{\pi}_t + \sigma_R\epsilon_{R,t} - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}]\right) + \mathbb{E}_t[z_{t+1}].$$

• Rewrite NKPC:

$$\frac{1}{\beta}\widehat{\pi}_t - \mathbb{E}_t[\widehat{\pi}_{t+1}] = \frac{\kappa_p}{\beta} ((1+\nu)\widehat{x}_t + \phi_t + \lambda_t).$$

Substitute NKPC into consumption Euler equation:

$$\widehat{x}_{t} = \psi_{p} \mathbb{E}_{t}[\widehat{x}_{t+1}] - \frac{\kappa_{p} \psi_{p}}{\beta} (\phi_{t} + \lambda_{t}) + \psi_{p} \mathbb{E}_{t}[z_{t+1}] - \psi_{p} \sigma_{R} \epsilon_{R,t},$$

where $0 \leq \psi_{
m p} \leq 1$ is given by

$$\psi_{\boldsymbol{p}} = \left(1 + \frac{\kappa_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\beta}(1+\nu)\right)^{-1}.$$

Solving our LRE Model – Output

• Recall:

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$$\widehat{x}_{t} = \psi_{p} \mathbb{E}_{t}[\widehat{x}_{t+1}] - \frac{\kappa_{p} \psi_{p}}{\beta} (\phi_{t} + \lambda_{t}) + \psi_{p} \mathbb{E}_{t}[z_{t+1}] - \psi_{p} \sigma_{R} \epsilon_{R,t},$$

• We now need to find a law of motion for output (and, equivalently, consumption) of the form

$$\widehat{x}_t = \widehat{x}(\phi_t, \lambda_t, z_t, \epsilon_{R,t}) = x_\phi \phi_t + x_\lambda \lambda_t + x_z z_t + x_{\epsilon_R} \epsilon_{R,t}$$

• that solves the functional equation:

$$D = \mathbb{E}_{t} \bigg[\widehat{x} \big(\phi_{t}, \lambda_{t}, z_{t}, \epsilon_{R,t} \big) \\ - \psi_{p} \widehat{x} \big(\rho_{\phi} \phi_{t} + \sigma_{\phi} \epsilon_{\phi,t+1}, \rho_{\lambda} \lambda_{t} + \sigma_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda,t+1}, \rho_{z_{t}} + \sigma_{z} \epsilon_{z,t+1}, \epsilon_{R,t+1} \big) \\ + \frac{\kappa_{p} \psi_{p}}{\beta} \big(\phi_{t} + \lambda_{t} \big) - \psi_{p} z_{t+1} + \psi_{p} \sigma_{R} \epsilon_{R,t} \bigg].$$

• Decision rule for output:

$$\widehat{x}_t = \widehat{x}(\phi_t, \lambda_t, z_t, \epsilon_{R,t}) = x_\phi \phi_t + x_\lambda \lambda_t + x_z z_t + x_{\epsilon_R} \epsilon_{R,t}$$

• where

$$x_{\phi} = -rac{\kappa_{
m p}\psi_{
m p}/eta}{1-\psi_{
m p}
ho_{\phi}}, \quad x_{\lambda} = -rac{\kappa_{
m p}\psi_{
m p}/eta}{1-\psi_{
m p}
ho_{\lambda}}, \quad x_{z} = rac{
ho_{z}\psi_{
m p}}{1-\psi_{
m p}
ho_{z}}z_{t}, \quad x_{\epsilon_{R}} = -\psi_{
m p}\sigma_{R}.$$

• Recall:
$$\widehat{lsh}_t = (1 + \nu)\widehat{x}_t + \phi_t$$
.

• Deduce

$$\widehat{lsh}_t = \left[1 + (1+\nu)x_\phi\right]\phi_t + (1+\nu)x_\lambda\lambda_t + (1+\nu)x_zz_t + (1+\nu)x_{\epsilon_R}\epsilon_{R,t}.$$

Solving our LRE Model – Inflation

The NKPC yields the following functional equation:

$$0 = \mathbb{E}_{t} \Big[\widehat{\pi} \big(\phi_{t}, \lambda_{t}, z_{t}, \epsilon_{R,t} \big) - \beta \widehat{\pi} \big(\rho_{\phi} \phi_{t} + \sigma_{\phi} \epsilon_{\phi,t+1}, \rho_{\lambda} \lambda_{t} + \sigma_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda,t+1}, \rho z_{t} + \sigma_{z} \epsilon_{z,t+1}, \epsilon_{R,t+1} \big) \\ - \kappa_{\rho} \widehat{lsh} \big(\phi_{t}, \lambda_{t}, z_{t}, \epsilon_{R,t} \big) - \kappa_{\rho} \lambda_{t} \Big],$$

where $\widehat{lsh}(\cdot)$ was given on previous slide.

The solution takes the form

$$\widehat{\pi}_t = \frac{\kappa_p}{1 - \beta \rho_\phi} \Big[1 + (1 + \nu) x_\phi \Big] \phi_t + \frac{\kappa_p}{1 - \beta \rho_\lambda} \Big[1 + (1 + \nu) x_\lambda \Big] \lambda_t \\ + \frac{\kappa_p}{(1 - \beta \rho_z)} (1 + \nu) x_z z_t + \kappa_p (1 + \nu) x_{\epsilon_R} \epsilon_{R,t}.$$

Combining the decision rule for inflation with the monetary policy rule yields

$$\widehat{R}_{t} = \frac{\kappa_{p}/\beta}{1-\beta\rho_{\phi}} \Big[1+(1+\nu)x_{\phi} \Big] \phi_{t} + \frac{\kappa_{p}/\beta}{1-\beta\rho_{\lambda}} \Big[1+(1+\nu)x_{\lambda} \Big] \lambda_{t} \\ + \frac{\kappa_{p}/\beta}{1-\beta\rho_{z}} (1+\nu)x_{z}z_{t} + \big[\kappa_{p}(1+\nu)x_{\epsilon_{R}}/\beta + \sigma_{R} \big] \epsilon_{R,t}.$$

- To confront the model with data, one has to account for the presence of the model-implied stochastic trend in aggregate output and to add the steady states to all model variables.
- Measurement equations:

$$\begin{split} \log(X_t/X_{t-1}) &= \widehat{x}_t - \widehat{x}_{t-1} + z_t + \log \gamma \\ \log(\mathit{lsh}_t) &= \widehat{\mathit{lsh}}_t + \log(\mathit{lsh}) \\ \log \pi_t &= \widehat{\pi}_t + \log \pi^* \\ \log R_t &= \widehat{R}_t + \log(\pi^* \gamma/\beta). \end{split}$$

State-space Representation of DSGE Model

• $n_y \times 1$ vector of observables:

$$y_t = M_y' [\log(X_t/X_{t-1}), \log lsh_t, \log \pi_t, \log R_t]'.$$

• $n_s imes 1$ vector of econometric state variables s_t

$$s_t = [\phi_t, \lambda_t, z_t, \epsilon_{R,t}, \widehat{x}_{t-1}]'$$

• DSGE model parameters:

$$\theta = [\beta, \gamma, \lambda, \pi^*, \zeta_{\mathbf{p}}, \nu, \rho_{\phi}, \rho_{\lambda}, \rho_z, \sigma_{\phi}, \sigma_{\lambda}, \sigma_z, \sigma_{\mathbf{R}}]'.$$

• Measurement equation:

$$y_t = \Psi_0(\theta) + \Psi_1(\theta)s_t.$$

• State-transition equation:

$$s_t = \Phi_1(\theta)s_{t-1} + \Phi_\epsilon(\theta)\epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t = [\epsilon_{\phi,t}, \epsilon_{\lambda,t}, \epsilon_{z,t}, \epsilon_{R,t}]'$$

State-Space Representation of DSGE Model

State-space representation:

 $y_t = \Psi_0(\theta) + \Psi_1(\theta)s_t$ $s_t = \Phi_1(\theta)s_{t-1} + \Phi_\epsilon(\theta)\epsilon_t$

System matrices:

 ${\it M}_y'$ is an ${\it n}_y$ \times 4 selection matrix that selects rows of Ψ_0 and $\Psi_1.$