

# Solving Hetero-Agent Model with Aggregate Uncertainty Using Projection + Perturbation

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# Canonical Model

- Households optimization:

$$c(\varepsilon, k; Z, \mu)^{-\sigma} = \beta E[(1+r')c(\varepsilon', k'; Z', \mu')^{-\sigma}] \quad (1)$$

budget constraint:

$$c(\varepsilon, k; Z, \mu) = \underbrace{(1-\tau)w}_{\text{effective wage}} \varepsilon + \underbrace{bw}_{\text{transfer}} (1-\varepsilon) + (1+r')k - k' \quad (2)$$

borrowing constraint

$$k \geq \underline{k} = 0 \quad (3)$$

- Firms:

$$w = (1-\alpha)Z_t \left(\frac{K_t}{L_t}\right)^\alpha \quad (4)$$

$$r = \alpha Z_t \left(\frac{K_t}{L_t}\right)^{\alpha-1} - \delta \quad (5)$$

- Government:

$$\tau_t = \frac{bU_t}{L_t} = \frac{b(1-L_t)}{L_t}$$

# Canonical Model

- Aggregate states:


$$\log(Z_{t+1}) = \rho_z \log(Z_t) + \sigma_z \omega_{t+1}, \omega \sim N(0, 1) \quad (6)$$

- Idiosyncratic states: employed / unemployed:
  - $\varepsilon_t = 1$ , if employed;
  - $\varepsilon_t = 0$ , if unemployed;
- Transition probabilities (constant over time<sup>1</sup>)

$\varepsilon/\varepsilon'$	$u$	$e$
$u$	$\pi(u u)$	$\pi(e u)$
$e$	$\pi(u e)$	$\pi(e e)$

- Evolution of distribution: for all measurable sets  $\Delta_k$

$$\mu'(\varepsilon', \Delta_k | Z, \mu) = \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \pi(\varepsilon' | \tilde{\varepsilon}) \int 1\{k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, k; Z, \mu) \in \Delta_k\} \mu(\tilde{\varepsilon}, dk) \quad (7)$$

<sup>1</sup>This implies  $L_t$  is constant over time, so is tax rate  $\tau_t$ . 

# Computational Challenges

$$c(\varepsilon, k; Z, \mu)^{-\sigma} = \beta E[(1 + r'(Z', \mu'(Z, \mu)))c(\varepsilon', k'; Z', \mu')^{-\sigma}]$$

"Infinite-dimensional Fixed Point Problem":

- aggregate distribution ( $\mu'$ )  $\rightarrow$   $r'$   $\rightarrow$  individual decision ( $c$ )
- individual decision ( $c$ )  $\rightarrow$   $k'$   $\rightarrow$  aggregate distribution ( $\mu'$ )

# Literature: Algorithm Solving Hetero-Agent Model

- Projection: parameterization of the cross-sectional distribution <sup>2</sup>
  - Algan, Allais, and Den Haan, 2008, 2010 ; Reiter, 2010
  - pros: globally accurate
  - cons: slow computation
- Perturbation
  - Kim, Kollmann, and Kim, 2010; Preston and Roca, 2007 (pure)
  - pros: fast, really fast
  - cons: not suited for model with OBCs etc.
- Hybrid:
  - Projection and Simulation (i.e., Krusell-Smith Algorithm)
    - Maliar, Maliar, and Valli, 2010 (stochastic simulation)
    - Young, 2010 (non-stochastic simulation)
  - Projection and Perturbation
    - Reiter, 2009 (projection: “fine” histogram)
    - **Winberry, 2018** (projection: parameterization coefficient)

# Handle the Challenges

Individual problem:

- idiosyncratic shocks (uncertainty): large (0 or 1);
- nonlinear and high dimensional individual problem
- perturbation (local solution) probably a bad idea
- projection is needed (as in KS algorithm etc.)

Aggregate problem:

- aggregate shocks (uncertainty): relatively small (1 s.d.);
- linear or almost linear aggregate problem
- perturbation (local solution) probably works

Solution: Projection+Perturbation.

# Krusell and Smith (1998)

# Projection + Perturbation Algorithm

- Step 1: Approximate the model's equilibrium objects - **the distribution, law of motion, factor prices, decision rules** (often infinite-dimensional)- using *finite dimensional global approximations* w.r.t. individual state variables.
- Step 2: Compute the stationary equilibrium of the approximated model without aggregate shocks but still with idiosyncratic shocks.
- Step 3: Compute the aggregate dynamic of the approximated model by perturbing it around the stationary equilibrium.



## Step 1: Approximation

a. Approximate<sup>3</sup> distribution of household over asset holding ( $k$ ) with

$$g_{\mathcal{E},t}(k) \simeq g_{\mathcal{E},t}^0 \exp\{g_{\mathcal{E},t}^1(k - m_{\mathcal{E},t}^1) + \sum_{i=2}^{n_g} g_{\mathcal{E},t}^i [(k - m_{\mathcal{E},t}^1)^i - m_{\mathcal{E},t}^i]\} \quad (8)$$

where

- $n_g$ : the order of approximation
- $g_{\mathcal{E},t}^j$ : parameters (solved from system of moment-equations below)
- $m_{\mathcal{E},t}^j$ : centralized **moments** of distribution:

$$m_{\mathcal{E},t}^1 = \int k g_{\mathcal{E},t}(k) dk \quad (9)$$

$$m_{\mathcal{E},t}^i = \int (k - m_{\mathcal{E},t}^1)^i g_{\mathcal{E},t}(k) dk, \quad \text{for } i=2,3,\dots,n_g. \quad (10)$$

(issue: occasionally binding constraint) ▶ system

## Step 1: Approximation

a. (cont-) Approximate distribution of household over capital holding ( $k$ ) at the borrowing constraint ( $k=\underline{k}$ ).

→ positive mass at  $\underline{k}$

→ denote the mass at constraint with productivity  $\varepsilon$  as  $\hat{m}_\varepsilon$ .

⇒ Law of motion of the mass :

$$\hat{m}_{\varepsilon,t+1} = \frac{1}{\pi(\varepsilon)} \left[ \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t} \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) 1\{k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \underline{k}) = \underline{k}\} + \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} (1 - \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \int 1\{k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, k) = \underline{k}\} g_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t}(k) dk \right] \quad (11)$$

where  $\pi(\varepsilon)$  is the mass of households with prod.  $\varepsilon$ ;

## Step 1: Approximation

b. Approximate LOM of **distribution** by LOM of **moments**.<sup>4</sup>

$$m_{\varepsilon,t+1}^1 = \frac{1}{\pi(\varepsilon)} \left[ \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t} \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \underline{k}) + \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} (1 - \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \int k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, k) g_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t}(k) dk \right] \quad (12)$$

$$m_{\varepsilon,t+1}^j = \frac{1}{\pi(\varepsilon)} \left[ \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t} \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) [k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \underline{k}) - m_{\varepsilon,t+1}^1]^j + \sum_{\tilde{\varepsilon}} (1 - \hat{m}_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t}) \pi(\tilde{\varepsilon}) \pi(\varepsilon|\tilde{\varepsilon}) \int [k'(\tilde{\varepsilon}, k) - m_{\varepsilon,t+1}^1]^j g_{\tilde{\varepsilon},t}(k) dk \right] \quad (13)$$

## Step 1: Approximation

c. Compute aggregate capital stock from *approximated* distribution:

$$K_t = \sum_{\varepsilon} \pi(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{m_g} \omega_j k_j g_{\varepsilon,t}(k_j) \quad (14)$$

And approximate factor prices:

$$w = (1 - \alpha) Z_t \left( \frac{K_t}{L_t} \right)^{\alpha} \quad (15)$$

$$r = \alpha Z_t \left( \frac{K_t}{L_t} \right)^{\alpha-1} - \delta \quad (16)$$

▶ system

## Step 1: Approximation

d. Deal with expectation term:

- define conditional expectation term as:

$$\psi(\varepsilon, k) = E[\beta(1+r')c_{t+1}(\varepsilon', k')^{-\sigma}]$$

- saving policy rule:

$$k'(\varepsilon, k) = \max\{\underline{k}, w[(1-\tau)\varepsilon + b(1-\varepsilon)] + (1+r)k - \psi(\varepsilon, k)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}\} \quad (17)$$

- consumption policy rule:

$$c(\varepsilon, k) = w[(1-\tau)\varepsilon + b(1-\varepsilon)] + (1+r)k - k'(\varepsilon, k) \quad (18)$$

▶ system

## Step 1: Approximation

d. (cont-) Deal with expectation term:

- approximate conditional expectation with Chebyshev polynomials:

$$\hat{\psi}(\varepsilon, k) \simeq \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\psi}} \theta_{\varepsilon i, t} T_i(\xi(k))\right\}$$

where  $T_i$  is  $i$ -th order Chebyshev polynomial of transformed nodes  $\xi(k)$  on  $[-1, 1]$ .

- approximate saving policy rule:

$$\hat{k}'(\varepsilon, k) = \max\{\underline{k}, w[(1-\tau)\varepsilon + b(1-\varepsilon)] + (1+r)k - \hat{\psi}(\varepsilon, k)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}\} \quad (19)$$

- approximate consumption policy rule:

$$\hat{c}_t(\varepsilon, k) = w[(1-\tau)\varepsilon + b(1-\varepsilon)] + (1+r)k - \hat{k}'(\varepsilon, k) \quad (20)$$

## Step 1: Approximation

Approximate model is characterized by:

- LoM of aggregate state ( $Z_t$ ): (6)
- approximate moments  $m$ : (9) and (10)
- LoM of  $\mu$ : (7)  $\rightarrow$  LoM of  $m$ : (12) and (13)
- factor prices: (4) and (5)  $\rightarrow$  approx' factor price: (15) and (16)
- policy rule: (1), (2)  $\rightarrow$  approx' policy rule: (19) and (20)

Define a residual function based on the approximate model:

$$E_t[f(y_t, y_{t+1}, x_t, x_{t+1}; \chi)] = 0 \quad (21)$$

## Step 2: Stationary Equilibrium

The stationary equilibrium is a system of (nonlinear) equations:

$$f(y^*, y^*, x^*, x^*; 0) = 0 \quad (22)$$

(This can be very difficult to solve due to the large size!)

Author's strategy: write s.s. in terms of  $K$ .

- compute factor prices:  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . ( by assumption  $L$  is constant)
- solve the approximated expectation term
- solve the decision rules
- solve for invariant distribution of moments  $\mathbf{m}$  and implied parameters  $\mathbf{g}$ .
- update aggregate capital  $K'$  from (14)

$$K' = \sum_{\varepsilon} \pi(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{m_g} \omega_j k'(\varepsilon, k_j) g_{\varepsilon}(k)$$

- return  $K'-K$  and solve for a zero of this equation



## Step 3: Perturbation on Aggregate Dynamics

- Import the model to **Dynare**<sup>5</sup>, and **Dynare** will:
- differentiate these equations;
- evaluate them at steady state;
- solve the resulting system at first order;
- perform default analysis.

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# Khan and Thomas (2008)

# Model

Production function:

$$y_{jt} = e^{z_t} e^{\varepsilon_{jt}} k_{jt}^{\theta} n_{jt}^{\nu}, \quad \theta + \nu < 1 \quad (23)$$

aggregate shock:

$$z_{t+1} = \rho_z z_t + \sigma_z \omega_{t+1}^z, \quad \text{where } \omega_{t+1}^z \sim N(0, 1) \quad (24)$$

idiosyncratic shock:

$$\varepsilon_{jt+1} = \rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_{jt} + \sigma_\varepsilon \omega_{jt+1}^\varepsilon, \quad \text{where } \omega_{jt+1}^\varepsilon \sim N(0, 1) \quad (25)$$

capital law of motion:

$$k_{jt+1} = (1 - \delta)k_{jt} + i_{jt}$$

If  $\frac{i_{jt}}{k_{jt}} \notin [-a, a]$ , firm must pay a fixed adjustment cost  $\xi_{jt}$  in units of labor.

# Model

Bellman equation:

$$v(\varepsilon, k, \xi; \mathbf{s}) = \lambda(\mathbf{s}) \max_n \left\{ e^z e^\varepsilon k^\theta n^\nu - w(\mathbf{s})n \right\} + \max \{ v^a(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) - \xi \lambda(\mathbf{s})w(\mathbf{s}), v^n(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) \} \quad (26)$$

where for adjusting firm:

$$v^a(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = \max_{k' \in \mathbb{R}} -\lambda(\mathbf{s}) (k' - (1 - \delta)k) + \beta \mathbb{E} [\widehat{v}(\varepsilon', k'; \mathbf{s}'(z'; \mathbf{s}) | \varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})],$$

and for non-adjusting firm (i.e.  $k' \in [(1 - \delta - a)k, (1 - \delta + a)k]$ )

$$v^n(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = \max_{k' \in [(1 - \delta - a)k, (1 - \delta + a)k]} -\lambda(\mathbf{s}) (k' - (1 - \delta)k) + \beta \mathbb{E} [\widehat{v}(\varepsilon', k'; \mathbf{s}'(z'; \mathbf{s}) | \varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})]$$

Unique threshold value of the fixed cost  $\xi$  below which firm adjusts

$$\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = \frac{v^a(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) - v^n(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})}{\lambda(\mathbf{s})w(\mathbf{s})}$$

# Model

Ex ante value function:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{v}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = & \lambda(\mathbf{s}) \max_n \left\{ e^z e^\varepsilon k^\theta n^\nu - w(\mathbf{s})n \right\} + \left( 1 - \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})}{\bar{\xi}} \right) v^n(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) \\ & + \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})}{\bar{\xi}} \left( v^a(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) - \lambda(\mathbf{s})w(\mathbf{s}) \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Law of motion of distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} & g'(\varepsilon', k'; \mathbf{s}) \\ & = \iiint \left[ 1 \{ \rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon + \sigma_\varepsilon \omega'_\varepsilon = \varepsilon' \} \times \left[ \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})}{\bar{\xi}} 1 \{ k^a(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = k' \} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \left( 1 - \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s})}{\bar{\xi}} \right) 1 \{ k^n(\varepsilon, k; \mathbf{s}) = k' \} \right] \right] \times p(\omega'_\varepsilon) g(\varepsilon, k) d\omega'_\varepsilon d\varepsilon dk \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

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## Step 1a: Approximate density function

a. Approximate<sup>6</sup> density function over individual states  $(\varepsilon, k)$  with

$$g(\varepsilon, k) \approx \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) = g_0 \exp \left\{ g_1^1 (\varepsilon - m_1^1) + g_1^2 (\log k - m_1^2) + \sum_{i=2}^{n_g} \sum_{j=0}^i g_i^j \left[ (\varepsilon - m_1^1)^{i-j} (\log k - m_1^2)^j - m_i^j \right] \right\} \quad (29)$$

- $n_g$ : the order of approximation (setting  $n_g = 2$  sufficient)
- $\vec{g}$ :  $g_1^1, g_1^2, g_i^j$  : coefficients (to be solved) <sup>7</sup>
- $\vec{m}$ :  $m_1^1, m_1^2, m_i^j$  : centralized **moments** of distribution (parameter)

$$m_1^1 = E(\varepsilon) = \iint \varepsilon \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) d\varepsilon dk$$

$$m_1^2 = E(\log k) = \iint \log k \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) d\varepsilon dk \text{ and} \quad (30)$$

$$m_i^j = \iint (\varepsilon - m_1^1)^{i-j} (\log k - m_1^2)^j \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) d\varepsilon dk$$

<sup>6</sup>In practice we approximate the integrals using Gauss-Legendre quadrature.

<sup>7</sup> $g_0$  is set to ensure total mass of p.d.f. is 1.

## Step 1a: Approximate density function

- $g(\varepsilon, k) \rightarrow \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) \sim \vec{m} + \vec{g}$
- aggregate state variable:  $(z, g(\varepsilon, k)) \rightarrow (z, \vec{m})$ .
- lom of distribution  $g(\varepsilon, k) \rightarrow$  lom of moment  $\vec{m}$  (*next page*)



## Step 1b: Approximate law of motion

b. Approximate LOM of **distribution** by LOM of **moments**.<sup>8</sup> i.e.

$$m_1^{1'} = E(\varepsilon') = \iiint (\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon + \omega'_\varepsilon) p(\omega'_\varepsilon) \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) d\omega'_\varepsilon d\varepsilon dk \quad (31)$$

where  $\hat{g}(\varepsilon, k)$  can be approximated by  $\vec{m}$  (and coefficient  $\vec{g}$ ).

$$m_1^{2'} = E(\log k') = \iiint \left[ \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; z, \vec{m})}{\bar{\xi}} \log k^a(\varepsilon, k; z, \vec{m}) + \left( 1 - \frac{\hat{\xi}(\varepsilon, k; z, \vec{m})}{\bar{\xi}} \right) \log k^n(\varepsilon, k; z, \vec{m}) \right] p(\omega'_\varepsilon) \hat{g}(\varepsilon, k) d\omega'_\varepsilon d\varepsilon dk \quad (32)$$

and

$$m_i^{j'} = \dots$$

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<sup>8</sup>In practice we approximate integrals using Gauss-Legendre quadrature at order  $m_g$ .

## Step 1b: Approximate law of motion

b. Solve for steady state  $\vec{m}^*$  by iterating on this LOM of **moments**.

## Step 1: Approximate value function

c. Approximate *ex ante* firm value function  $\hat{v}(\varepsilon, k; z, \vec{m})$ :

$$\hat{v}(\varepsilon, k; z, \vec{m}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} \theta_{ij}(z, \vec{m}) T_i(\varepsilon) T_j(k) \quad (33)$$

where

- $n_\varepsilon, n_k$ : the order of approximation
- $T_i(\varepsilon), T_j(k)$ : Chebyshev polynomials (or other polynomials)
- $\theta_{ij}(z, \vec{m})$ : coefficients, depending on the aggregate states

## Step 1: Approximate value function

c. Approximate Bellman equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \widehat{v}(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m}) \\
 &= \lambda(z, \vec{m}) \max_n \left\{ e^z e^{\varepsilon_i} k_j^\theta n^v - w(z, \vec{m})n \right\} + \lambda(z, \vec{m})(1 - \delta)k_j \\
 &+ \left( \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m})}{\bar{\xi}} \right) \left( -\lambda(z, \vec{m}) (k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m})) \right. \\
 &+ \left. w(z, \vec{m}) \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m})}{2} \right) \\
 &+ \beta \mathbb{E}_{z'|z} \left[ \int \widehat{v}(\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_i + \sigma_\varepsilon \omega'_\varepsilon, k^a(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m}); z', \vec{m}'(z, \vec{m})) p(\omega'_\varepsilon) d\omega'_\varepsilon \right] \\
 &+ \left( 1 - \frac{\widehat{\xi}(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m})}{\bar{\xi}} \right) \left( -\lambda(z, \vec{m}) k^n(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m}) \right) \\
 &+ \beta \mathbb{E}_{z'|z} \left[ \int \widehat{v}(\rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_i + \sigma_\varepsilon \omega'_\varepsilon, k^n(\varepsilon_i, k_j; z, \vec{m}); z', \vec{m}'(z, \vec{m})) p(\omega'_\varepsilon) d\omega'_\varepsilon \right] \\
 & \tag{34}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Step 1: Summary

Approximated model is characterized by:

- LoM of aggregate state ( $Z_t$ ): (24)
- Aggregate state ( $z, g(\varepsilon, k)$ ):  $\rightarrow$  approx'ed aggregate state ( $z, \vec{m}$ )
- LoM of  $g(\varepsilon, k)$ : (28)  $\rightarrow$  LoM of  $\vec{m}$ : i.e. (31) and (32) etc.
- Bellman equation (26)  $\rightarrow$  approx'ed Bellman equation (34)

Define a residual function based on the approximate model:

$$E_t[f(y_t, y_{t+1}, x_t, x_{t+1}; \chi)] = 0 \quad (35)$$

## Step 2: Stationary Equilibrium

- 1. Given initial guess for  $w_0$ 
  - compute firm's value function by iterating on the Bellman equation (34)
  - compute invariant distribution  $\vec{m}^*$  by iterating on law of motion (31), using firm's decision rules;
  - aggregate individual firm's labor demand
  - compute residual from labor market clearing conditionsolve  $w_0^*$  (*incomputeLMCResidualHistogram.m*).
- Solve moments  $\vec{m}$  from histogram.
- Solve parameters  $\vec{g}$  from histogram.
- Solve refined  $w^*$  using polynomial given  $w_0^*$ ,  $\vec{m}$  and  $\vec{g}$  (*incomputeLMCResidualPolynomial.m*)
- Compute steady state objects with refined  $w^*$ .
- Compute coefficients of policy rules ( $\theta_{ij}$ ).
- Compute aggregate variables

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