

Appendix: Matlab codes

This appendix presents the Matlab and Dynare codes that were used to solve and simulate the model.

The first Matlab program defines variables and solves the steady state of assets:

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%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Steady state solver %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
gamma = 2;           % risk aversion
delta = 0.025;      % depreciation
beta = 0.98;        % time preference
alfa = 0.36;        % share of capital on output
miz = 1;            % steady state productivity
roz = 0.75;         % adjustment productivity
sigmaz = 0.013;     % volatility productivity
phi = 0.05;         % barrier parameter
rok = 0.7;          % initial parameter for law of motion
mie = 1;            % steady state employment
roe = 0.7;          % adjustment employment
sigmae1 = 0.05;     % volatility employment capitalists
sigmae2 = 0.1;      % volatility employment workers
roez = 0.3;         % cyclicalilty of employment workers
lambda = 0.8;       % share of capitalists
tau = 0;            % tax rate
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pi = (1-alfa)*lambda^alfa + (1-tau)*alfa*lambda^(alfa-1);
syms a
solve(2*phi*((a^alfa)*pi - delta*a)^gamma +
+ (a^3)*(beta - beta*delta -1) +
+ beta*alfa*(1-tau)*(lambda^(alfa-1))*a^(alfa+2) == 0, a)
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
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Choose the stable steady state (real, positive) and plug it into all subsequent programs where "ass" is required (assets steady state). The following program is the mother Matlab program that runs Dynare program in a loop (note1: run only the mother program and not the Dynare programs; note2: when in the following programs a line of code spans several lines of text, in Matlab, compress it to a single line):

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%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Mother program %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
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ass = 31.7838916986589918973;      % st.st. assets
lambda = 0.8;                       % share of capitalists
kss = lambda*ass;                   % st.st capital
rok = 0.7;                           % guess value for law of motion
vZetaOld = ones(1,3);               % var. that stores old coeffs.
vZetaOld(1) = (1-rok)*kss - rok;     % - of aggregate law of motion
vZetaOld(2) = rok;
vZetaOld(3) = rok;
vZetaNew = ones(1,3);               % the same for new coefficients
convergence = ones(3,2,100);        % var. for convergence process
dLambda = 0.1;                      % speed of convergence
vTheta = ones(1,5);                % variable for coeffs. in -
pZeta0 = vZetaOld(1);               % - individual law of motion
pZeta1 = vZetaOld(2);
pZeta2 = vZetaOld(3);
save InitParams.mat pZeta0 pZeta1 pZeta2; % saves coeffs for Dynare

% The following solves the model iteratively using old coeffs of
% aggregate law of motion and computes and stores the new ones:
for i = 1:100
dynare diplomkaNEWTAX1.mod noclearall;      % runs model (dynare)

% computes new coeffs of aggregate law of motion out of
% individual coeffs.
vZetaNew(1) = lambda*(vTheta(1) + vTheta(3));
vZetaNew(2) = vTheta(2) + lambda*vTheta(5);
vZetaNew(3) = lambda*vTheta(4);

% now store both new and old coeffs of aggregate law of motion
convergence(1,1,i) = vZetaOld(1);
convergence(2,1,i) = vZetaOld(2);
convergence(3,1,i) = vZetaOld(3);
convergence(1,2,i) = vZetaNew(1);
convergence(2,2,i) = vZetaNew(2);
convergence(3,2,i) = vZetaNew(3);

% The new coeffs become old coeffs for the next iteration
vZetaOld = dLambda * vZetaNew + (1-dLambda) * vZetaOld;
pZeta0 = vZetaOld(1);
pZeta1 = vZetaOld(2);
pZeta2 = vZetaOld(3);

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delete InitParams.mat;      % delete the old stored values
save InitParams.mat pZeta0 pZeta1 pZeta2; % store new ones
end % end of the convergence loop

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% And finally run the model with converged coefficients
dynare diplomkaNEWTAX2.mod noclearall;
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The following Dynare code solves the model for the use of iterations - it has a compressed form and does not include all variables (the ones that are not necessary and are only a product of identities (i.e. investment, output...)). The name of the file is "diplomkaNEWTAX1.mod":

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// Model solver (compressed) - diplomkaNEWTAX1.mod //
var cc cw a r w z k ec ew l;

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varexo epsz epse1 epse2;

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parameters gamma delta betta alfa miz roz sigmaz phi
cssc cssw ass wss rss kss rok mie roe roez sigmae1
sigmae2 pZeta0 pZeta1 pZeta2 lambda tau;

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alfa = 0.36;        // share of capital on output
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mie = 1;            // steady state employment
roe = 0.7;          // adjustment employment
sigmae1 = 0.05;     // volatility employment capitalists
sigmae2 = 0.1;      // volatility employment workers
roez = 0.3;         // cyclicalilty of employment workers
lambda = 0.8;       // share of capitalists
tau = 0;            // tax rate

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ass = 31.783891698658; // steady state assets
kss = lambda*ass;      // steady state capital
rss = alfa*(kss)^(alfa-1); // steady state interest rate

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wss = (1-alfa)*(kss)^(alfa); // steady state wage
cssc = (ass^alfa)*(1-tau*alfa) - delta*ass;
// steady state consumption capitalists
cssw = wss + tau*rss*kss/(1-lambda);
// steady state consumption workers

// load coefs for aggregate law of motion
load InitParams;
set_param_value('pZeta0',pZeta0);
set_param_value('pZeta1',pZeta1);
set_param_value('pZeta2',pZeta2);

model;
//(1) euler equation capitalists
cc^(-gamma) = phi*2/(a^3) +
+ betta*(cc(+1))^(gamma)*(1 + (1-tau)*r(+1) - delta);

//(2) interest rate
r = alfa*z*((k(-1))^(alfa-1))*l^(1-alfa);

// (3) wage
w = (1-alfa)*z*((k(-1))^(alfa))*l^(-alfa);

// (4) budget constraint capitalists
cc + a = (1-tau)*r*a(-1) + w*ec + (1-delta)*a(-1);

// (5) budget constraint workers
cw = w*ew + tau*r*k(-1)/(1-lambda);

// (6) aggregate shock
z = (1-roz)*miz + roz*z(-1) + epsz;

// (7) law of motion for capital
k = pZeta0 + pZeta1*k(-1) + pZeta2*z;

// (8) law of motion for labor
l = mie + ((1-lambda)*roez/(1-roe))*(z - 1);

// (9) idiosyncratic shock capitalists
ec = (1-roe)*mie + roe*ec(-1) + epsel;

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// (10) idiosyncratic shock workers
ew = (1-roe)*mie + roe*ew(-1) + roez*(z-1) + epse2;

end;

initval;
  cc = cssc; // consumption capitalists
  cw = cssw; // consumption workers
  a  = ass;  // assets
  r  = rss;  // interest rate
  w  = wss;  // wage
  z  = 1;    // productivity
  k  = kss;  // capital
  ec = 1;    // employment capitalists
  ew = 1;    // employment workers
  l  = 1;    // total labor
end;

steady;

check;

shocks;
var epsz = sigmaz^2;
var epse1 = sigmae1^2;
var epse2 = sigmae2^2;
end;

stoch_simul(order=1,nocorr,noprint,nomoments,IRF=0);

// Now read the coefficients of individual law of motion
mPolicy = [oo_.dr.ys'; oo_.dr.ghx'; oo_.dr.ghu'];
mPolA = mPolicy(:,4);
mPolA(1) = mPolicy(1,3);

// Rearrange parameters
dTheta0 = mPolA(1)-mPolA(2)*mPolA(1)-mPolA(5)-mPolA(3)-
- mPolA(4)*mPolicy(1,7);
dTheta1 = mPolA(2);
dTheta2 = mPolA(5);

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dTheta3 = mPolA(3);
dTheta4 = mPolA(4);

// Save parameters
vTheta = [dTheta0 dTheta1 dTheta2 dTheta3 dTheta4];
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And finally the following program is for the model with all variables and
retrieves the IRFs:

// Model solver full - diplomkaNEWTAX2.mod //
var cc cw a r w z k ec ew l yc yw i;

varexo epsz epse1 epse2;

parameters gamma delta betta alfa miz roz sigmaz phi
cssc cssw ass wss rss kss rok mie roe roez sigmae1
sigmae2 pZeta0 pZeta1 pZeta2 lambda tau;

gamma = 2;           // risk aversion
delta = 0.025;      // depreciation
betta = 0.98;       // time preference
alfa = 0.36;        // share of capital on output
miz = 1;            // steady state productivity
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sigmae1 = 0.05;     // volatility employment capitalists
sigmae2 = 0.1;      // volatility employment workers
roez = 0.3;         // cyclicalilty of employment workers
lambda = 0.8;       // share of capitalists
tau = 0;            // tax rate

ass = 31.783891698658; // steady state assets
kss = lambda*ass;      // steady state capital
rss = alfa*(kss)^(alfa-1); // steady state interest rate
wss = (1-alfa)*(kss)^(alfa); // steady state wage
cssc = (ass^alfa)*(1-tau*alfa) - delta*ass;
// steady state consumption capitalists

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cssw = wss +tau*rss*kss/(1-lambda);
// steady state consumption workers
ycss = wss + (1-tau)*rss*ass;
// steady state income capitalists
ywss = wss + tau*rss*kss/(1-lambda);
// steady state income workers
iss = delta*ass; // investment

// load coefs for aggregate law of motion
load InitParams;
set_param_value('pZeta0',pZeta0);
set_param_value('pZeta1',pZeta1);
set_param_value('pZeta2',pZeta2);

model;
//(1) euler equation capitalists
cc(-gamma) = phi*2/(a3) +
+ betta*(cc(+1))(-gamma)*(1 + (1-tau)*r(+1) - delta);

//(2) interest rate
r = alfa*z*((k(-1))(alfa-1))*l(1-alfa);

//(3) wage
w = (1-alfa)*z*((k(-1))(alfa))*l(-alfa);

// (4) budget constraint capitalists
cc + a = (1-tau)*r*a(-1) + w*ec + (1-delta)*a(-1);

// (5) budget constraint workers
cw = w*ew + tau*r*k(-1)/(1-lambda);

// (6) aggregate shock
z = (1-roz)*miz + roz*z(-1) + epsz;

// (7) law of motion for capital
k = pZeta0 + pZeta1*k(-1) + pZeta2*z;

// (8) law of motion for labor
l = mie + ((1-lambda)*roez/(1-roe))*(z - 1);

// (9) idiosyncratic shock capitalists

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ec = (1-roe)*mie + roe*ec(-1) + epse1;

// (10) idiosyncratic shock workers
ew = (1-roe)*mie + roe*ew(-1) + roez*(z-1) + epse2;

// (11) income capitalists
yc = (1-tau)*r*a(-1) + w*ec;

// (12) investment
i = yc - cc;

// (13) income workers
yw = w*ew + tau*r*k(-1)/(1-lambda);
end;

initval;
  cc = cssc; // consumption capitalists
  cw = cssw; // consumption workers
  a = ass; // assets
  r = rss; // interest rate
  w = wss; // wage
  z = 1; // productivity
  k = kss; // capital
  ec = 1; // employment capitalists
  ew = 1; // employment workers
  l = 1; // total labor
  yc = ycsc; // income capitalists
  yw = ywsc; // income workers
  i = iss; // investment

end;

steady;

check;

shocks;
var epsz = sigmaz^2;
var epse1 = sigmae1^2;
var epse2 = sigmae2^2;

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end;
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stoch_simul(periods=2100, order = 1, irf =100);
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After running the mother program and getting the converged laws of motion, it is possible to simulate the economy na compute various inequality measures using the following program:

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%% Economy simulator %%
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gamma = 2;           % risk aversion  
delta = 0.025;      % depreciation  
beta  = 0.98;       % time preference  
alfa  = 0.36;       % share of capital on output  
miz   = 1;          % steady state productivity  
roz   = 0.75;       % adjustment productivity  
sigmaz = 0.013;     % volatility productivity  
phi   = 0.05;       % barrier parameter  
rok   = 0.7;        % initial parameter for law of motion  
mie   = 1;          % steady state employment  
roe   = 0.7;        % adjustment employment  
sigmae1 = 0.05;     % volatility employment capitalists  
sigmae2 = 0.1;      % volatility employment workers  
roez   = 0.3;       % cyclicalilty of employment workers  
lambda = 0.8;       % share of capitalists  
tau    = 0;         % tax rate  
ass = 31.783891698658; % steady state assets  
kss = lambda*ass;   % steady state capital
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t = 15000; %% number of periods
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n = 5000; %% number of households
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eshocks1= normrnd(0,sigmae1,[lambda*n t]); % shocks c.
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eshocks2= normrnd(0,sigmae2,[(1-lambda)*n t]); % shocks w.
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zshocks = normrnd(0,sigmaz,[1 t]); % productivity shocks
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% Variables:
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a = ones(t,n);
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c = ones(t,n);
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y = ones(t,n);
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k = ones(1,t);
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w = ones(1,t);
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r = ones(1,t);
z = ones(1,t);
l = ones(1,t);
e = ones(t,n);

% Starting values of variables:
a(1:2,1:lambda*n) = ass;
a(1:t,(lambda*n+1):n)=0;
k(1:2) = lambda*ass;
c(1:lambda*n,1) = (ass^alfa)*(1-tau*alfa) - delta*ass;

% Simulation loop
for i = 2:(t-1)
    k(i) = lambda*mean(a(i,1:lambda*n));
    z(i) = (1-roz) + roz*z(i-1)+zshocks(i);
    l(i) = 1 + (1-lambda)*roez*(z(i)-1)/(1-roe);
    w(i) = (1-alfa)*z(i)*((k(i))^alfa)*l(i)^(-alfa);
    r(i) = alfa*z(i)*((k(i))^(alfa-1))*l(i)^(1-alfa);
    for j = 1:lambda*n
        e(i,j) = (1-roe) + roe*e(i-1,j)+eshocks1(j,i);
        a(i+1,j) = vTheta(1) + vTheta(2)*a(i,j) +
            + vTheta(3)*e(i,j) + vTheta(4)*z(i) + vTheta(5)*k(i);
        c(i,j) = (1-tau)*r(i)*a(i,j) + w(i)*e(i,j) +
            + (1-delta)*a(i,j) - a(i+1,j);
        y(i,j) = (1-tau)*r(i)*a(i,j) + w(i)*e(i,j);
    end
    for m = 1:(1-lambda)*n
        e(i,m+lambda*n) = (1-roe) + roe*e(i-1,m+lambda*n) +
            + roez*(z(i)-1) + eshocks2(m,i);
        c(i,m+lambda*n) = w(i)*e(i,m+lambda*n) +
            + tau*r(i)*k(i)/(1-lambda);
        y(i,m+lambda*n) = c(i,m+lambda*n);
    end
end
end

% Sort variables for the Gini
asort = ones(t,n);
csort = ones(t,n);
ysort = ones(t,n);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    asort(i,:)=sort(a(i,:));

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        csort(i,:)=sort(c(i,:));
        ysort(i,:)=sort(y(i,:));
    end

    % Compute wealth gini
    giniA = ones(1,t);
    for i = 1:(t-1)
        sum1 = 0;
        sum2 = 0;
        for j = 1:n
            sum1 = (n+1-j)*asort(i,j) + sum1;
            sum2 = asort(i,j) + sum2;
        end
        giniA(i) = (n+1-2*(sum1/sum2))/n;
    end

    % Compute consumption gini
    giniC = ones(1,t);
    for i = 1:(t-1)
        sum1 = 0;
        sum2 = 0;
        for j = 1:n
            sum1 = (n+1-j)*csort(i,j) + sum1;
            sum2 = csort(i,j) + sum2;
        end
        giniC(i) = (n+1-2*(sum1/sum2))/n;
    end

    % Compute income gini
    giniY = ones(1,t);
    for i = 1:(t-1)
        sum1 = 0;
        sum2 = 0;
        for j = 1:n
            sum1 = (n+1-j)*ysort(i,j) + sum1;
            sum2 = ysort(i,j) + sum2;
        end
        giniY(i) = (n+1-2*(sum1/sum2))/n;
    end

    % Compute Lorenz curve (lor)

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sum = 0;
lor = ones(n);
atrim = asort(t-1,1:n);
atrim(1:350)=0;
for i = 1:n
    sum = atrim(i) + sum;
end
cum = 0;
ind = 1:n;
for i = 1:n
    cum = atrim(i)+cum;
    lor(i) = cum/sum;
end

% Compute theil coefficient
theilY = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    ybar = mean(y(i,:));
    sum1 = 0;
    for j = 1:n
        sum1 = (y(i,j)/ybar)*log(y(i,j)/ybar)+sum1;
    end
    theilY(i) = sum1/n;
end

% Compute percentile income ratios
ratio1 = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    ratio1(i) = ysort(i,0.9*n)/ysort(i,0.1*n);
end

ratio2 = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    ratio2(i) = ysort(i,0.9*n)/ysort(i,0.5*n);
end

ratio3 = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    ratio3(i) = ysort(i,0.5*n)/ysort(i,0.1*n);
end

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% Compute theil coefficient decomposition
theilC = ones(1,t);
ytotalC = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    ybarC = mean(y(i,1:lambda*n));
    sum1 = 0;
    sum2 = 0;
    for j = 1:lambda*n
        sum1 = (y(i,j)/ybarC)*log(y(i,j)/ybarC)+sum1;
        sum2 = y(i,j) + sum2;
    end
    ytotalC(i) = sum2;
    theilC(i) = sum1/(lambda*n);
end

theilW = ones(1,t);
ytotalW = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    ybarW = mean(y(i,(1+lambda*n):n));
    sum1 = 0;
    sum2 = 0;
    for j = 1:(1-lambda)*n
        sum1 = (y(i,j+lambda*n)/ybarW)*log(y(i,j+
+lambda*n)/ybarW)+sum1;
        sum2 = y(i,j+lambda*n) + sum2;
    end
    ytotalW(i) = sum2;
    theilW(i) = sum1/((1-lambda)*n);
end

ytotal = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
    sum1 = 0;
    for j = 1:n
        sum1 = y(i,j) + sum1;
    end
    ytotal(i)=sum1;
end

shareC = ones(1,t);
shareW = ones(1,t);

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meanC = ones(1,t);
meanW = ones(1,t);
meantotal = ones(1,t);
theilCW = ones(1,t);
for i = 1:(t-1)
shareC(i) = ytotalC(i)/ytotal(i);
shareW(i) = ytotalW(i)/ytotal(i);
meanC(i) = mean(y(i,1:lambda*n));
meanW(i) = mean(y(i,(1+lambda*n):n));
meantotal(i) = mean(y(i,:));
theilCW(i) = shareC(i)*theilC(i) + shareW(i)*theilW(i) +
+ shareC(i)*log(meanC(i)/meantotal(i)) +
+ shareW(i)*log(meanW(i)/meantotal(i));
end
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