

Econ 714: Stochastic Solow model in Dynare¹

This example demonstrates some basic usage of Dynare.

Solution of the Solow growth model with stochastic productivity is characterized by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}y_t &= a_t k_{t-1}^\alpha \\ \log a_t &= \rho \log a_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \\ i_t &= s y_t \\ c_t &= (1 - s) y_t \\ k_t &= (1 - \delta) k_{t-1} + i_t\end{aligned}$$

Endogenous variables: (k, y, a, i, c) . Exogenous variable: ϵ . Parameters: $\alpha, \delta, s, \rho, \sigma$.

The timing convention used here is that predetermined capital in period t is indexed by $t - 1$.

Steady state: $\bar{k} = \left(\frac{s}{\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$.

Dynare will log-linearize system of equations around steady state, plot impulse response functions, run simulations and much more. See attached files: `solow.mod` - model description in format understandable by Dynare, `go_solow.m` - Matlab script to launch estimation and do some post-estimation plotting.

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