

Low-Order Perturbation Analysis of the Complete Markets Case

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- Algorithm for Perturbation
 - Split between State and Control Variables
 - Split Not Needed
 - * versatility
 - * interpretation

- Output of Perturbation: Nonlinear Difference Equation
 - How to use it?
 - This paper is using the pruning approach presented in KKSS.
 - * stability of the quadratic solution
 - * correct quadratic approximation of x_{t+2} w.r.t. x_t

- Results (to be continued)

- **ACCURACY HIGHEST CLOSE TO STEADY STATE**
- **APPROXIMATION ERRORS INCREASING IN VOLATILITY OF PRODUCTIVITY**
- **ACCURACY GAIN FROM QUADRATIC APPROX. (COMPARED TO LINEAR APPROX) LARGER FOR BIG SHOCKS CASE ($\sigma = 0.01$) THAN FOR SMALL SHOCKS CASE ($\sigma = 0.001$).**

ACROSS ALL SPECIFICATIONS WITH $\sigma = 0.01$, MEAN ACCURACY GAIN FOR S_{\max}^L STATISTIC ($S_{\max}^L - S_{\max}^Q$): 0.80%

ACROSS CASES WITH $\sigma = 0.001$ mean $S_{\max}^L - S_{\max}^Q$: 0.001% .

- Approximation errors increasing in number of countries, risk aversion; decreasing in capital adjustment cost
- Simulated den Haan-Marcet (DM) statistics favor very slightly quadratic approximation (over linear approx.), but only when $\sigma = 0.01$.
KKK (2005) found that DM more clearly in favor when $\sigma = 0.1$.
- Computing speed: N=10 model solved in a few seconds

Table 1. Accuracy tests: results for sets of specifications

| Linear approximation | | | | | 2nd order approximation | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| Test 1 | | | Test 2 | | Test 1 | | | Test 2 | |
| $T_{.01}$ | $T_{.1}$ | $T_{.3}$ | S_{\max} | S_{mean} | $T_{.01}$ | $T_{.1}$ | $T_{.3}$ | S_{\max} | S_{mean} |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| All specifications | | | | | | | | | |
| -2.57 | -1.40 | -0.59 | -1.63 | -2.80 | -4.41 | -2.53 | -1.13 | -2.50 | -4.03 |
| Small shocks ($\sigma = 0.001$) | | | | | | | | | |
| -3.95 | -1.98 | -1.10 | -4.65 | -5.31 | -6.01 | -3.06 | -1.70 | -6.90 | -7.85 |
| Big shocks ($\sigma = 0.01$) | | | | | | | | | |
| -2.57 | -1.40 | -0.59 | -1.63 | -2.50 | -4.41 | -2.53 | -1.13 | -2.50 | -3.73 |

Table shows \log_{10} of test statistics

Table 2. Relating accuracy to model parameters: regression results

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| $\log_{10}(S_{\max}^{L,i})$ | = | -4.93 | + 0.005 N^i | -0.46 γ^i | +315.8 σ^i | -0.02 φ^i | $R^2 = .96;$ |
| | | (51.25) | (0.60) | (4.94) | (49.16) | (4.52) | |
| $\log_{10}(S_{\max}^{Q,i})$ | = | -7.94 | + 0.002 N^i | -0.67 γ^i | +455.7 σ^i | -0.06 φ^i | $R^2 = .96;$ |
| | | (49.54) | (0.15) | (4.66) | (46.74) | (6.96) | |
| $\log_{10}(S_{\max}^{L,i} - S_{\max}^{Q,i})$ | = | -4.94 | + 0.005 N^i | -0.46 γ^i | +312.5 σ^i | -0.02 φ^i | $R^2 = .96;$ |
| | | (52.32) | (0.57) | (4.96) | (49.61) | (4.41) | |

In parentheses: absolute t-stats.

Table 3. Accuracy tests: results for selected specifications

| | | | | | | Linear approximation | | | | | | 2nd order approximation | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----------|--------|--------|-------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Mo= | | | | | | Test 1 | | Test 2 | | Test 3 | | Test 1 | | Test 2 | | Test 3 | | | |
| del | N | γ | η | χ | μ | $T_{.01}$ | $T_{.3}$ | S_{\max} | S_{mean} | $P_{.05}$ | $P_{.5}$ | $P_{.95}$ | $T_{.01}$ | $T_{.3}$ | S_{\max} | S_{mean} | $P_{.05}$ | $P_{.5}$ | $P_{.95}$ |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) | (19) | (20) | (21) |
| (a) Small shocks: $\sigma = 0.001$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A1 | 2 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -4.18 | -1.33 | -5.36 | -6.01 | .04 | .49 | .96 | -6.33 | -2.01 | -7.61 | -8.32 | .04 | .49 | .96 |
| A1 | 6 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -4.70 | -1.85 | -5.49 | -5.84 | .99 | .99 | 1.00 | -7.01 | -2.66 | -7.65 | -8.22 | .99 | .99 | 1.00 |
| (b) Big shocks: $\sigma = 0.01$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A1 | 2 | 1 | -- | ---- | | -3.26 | -0.99 | -2.34 | -3.02 | .03 | .43 | .94 | -5.40 | -1.71 | -3.66 | -4.44 | .04 | .45 | .94 |
| A1 | 6 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -3.15 | -1.51 | -2.35 | -2.80 | .00 | .06 | .63 | -5.41 | -2.19 | -3.69 | -4.23 | .00 | .06 | .63 |

 Table shows \log_{10} of $T_r, S_{\max}, S_{\text{mean}}$.