

A Computing the solution

In the next section, we give the formulas to sequentially compute higher order approximations. They imply a small set of tensor operations.

A.1 Perfect foresight case

The deterministic DSGE problem is written

$$f(V(x, u)) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } V(x, u) = \begin{bmatrix} g(g(x, u), 0) \\ g(x, u) \\ x \\ u \end{bmatrix}$$

We assume the existence of \bar{x} such that $f(V(\bar{x}, 0)) = 0$. Our goal consists in recovering the derivatives of g knowing the derivatives of f evaluated at $V(\bar{x}, 0)$.

Derivatives of equation 1 can be written :

| Order | | |
|-------|-------|--|
| 0 | | $f(V) = 0$ |
| 1 | x | $f' \cdot V'_x$ |
| | u | $f' \cdot V'_u$ |
| 2 | xx | $f'' \cdot [V'_x, V'_x] + f' \cdot [V''_{xx}]$ |
| | xu | $f'' \cdot [V'_x, V'_u] + f' \cdot [V''_{xu}]$ |
| | uu | $f'' \cdot [V'_u, V'_u] + f' \cdot [V''_{uu}]$ |
| 3 | xxx | $f''' \cdot [V'_x, V'_x, V'_x] + 3f'' \cdot [V''_{xx}, V'_x] + f' \cdot [V'''_{xxx}]$ |
| | xxu | $f''' \cdot [V'_x, V'_x, V'_u] + 2f'' \cdot [V''_{xx}, V'_u] + f'' \cdot [V''_{xu}, V'_x] + f' \cdot [V'''_{xxu}]$ |
| | xuu | $f''' \cdot [V'_x, V'_u, V'_u] + 2f'' \cdot [V''_{xu}, V'_u] + f'' \cdot [V''_{uu}, V'_x] + f' \cdot [V'''_{xuu}]$ |
| | uuu | $f''' \cdot [V'_u, V'_u, V'_u] + 3f'' \cdot [V''_{uu}, V'_u] + f' \cdot [V'''_{uuu}]$ |

If we analyze this table carefully, we see that each line for any (k, l) , the line can be written :

$$K_{x^k u^l} + f' V_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)} \quad (2)$$

where $K_{x^k u^l}$ is a function of lower order tensors. As a result, we can proceed sequentially and solve equation each equation $x^k u^l$ to get $V_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}$. However, equation 2 is not a simple linear equation as $V_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}$ has some internal structure.

To make it clear, let's compute the derivatives of V ¹:

¹For order greater than 4, some complications arise from the fact indices order. For instance the dimensions of tensor $g_{xxxx} \cdot [g_{xu}, g_{xu}]$ should be reordered so as to represent an application $(x, x, u, u) \rightarrow g_{xxxx} \cdot [g_{xu}, g_{xu}]$.

| Order | | |
|-------|-------|--|
| 0 | | $V(x, u) = \begin{bmatrix} g(g(x, u), 0) \\ g(x, u) \\ x \\ u \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 1 | x | $V'_x = \begin{bmatrix} g_x g_x \\ g_x \\ I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | u | $V'_u = \begin{bmatrix} g_x g_u \\ g_u \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 2 | xx | $V''_{xx} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{xx} \cdot [g_x, g_x] + g_x \cdot [g_{xx}] \\ g_{xx} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | xu | $V''_{xu} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{xx} \cdot [g_x, g_u] + g_x \cdot [g_{xu}] \\ g_{xu} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | uu | $V''_{uu} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{xx} \cdot [g_u, g_u] + g_x \cdot [g_{uu}] \\ g_{uu} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 3 | xxx | $V'''_{xxx} = \begin{bmatrix} g'''_{xxx} \cdot [g_x, g_x, g_x] + 3g_{xx} \cdot [g_{xx}, g_x] + g_x \cdot [g_{xxx}] \\ g'''_{xxx} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | xxu | $V'''_{xxu} = \begin{bmatrix} g'''_{xxx} \cdot [g_x, g_x, g_u] + 2g_{xx} \cdot [g_x, g_{xu}] + g_{xx} \cdot [g_{xx}, g_u] + g_x \cdot [g_{xxu}] \\ g'''_{xxx} \\ g_{xu} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | xuu | $V'''_{xuu} = \begin{bmatrix} g'''_{xxx} \cdot [g_x, g_u, g_u] + 2g_{xx} \cdot [g_{xu}, g_u] + g_{xx} \cdot [g_x, g_{uu}] + g_x \cdot [g_{xuu}] \\ g'''_{xxx} \\ g_{uu} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | uuu | $V'''_{uuu} = \begin{bmatrix} g'''_{xxx} \cdot [g_u, g_u, g_u] + 3g_{xx} \cdot [g_{uu}, g_u] + g_x \cdot [g_{uuu}] \\ g'''_{xxx} \\ g_{uu} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |

By looking at this table, we see that $V_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}$ is determined by $g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}$ provided that all previous derivatives of g have already been computed. When looking at the expressions more closely for orders greater than one, we see that we can write :

$$V_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{x^k u^l} + g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)} \cdot [g_x, \dots, g_x, g_u, \dots, g_u] + g_x \cdot [g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}] \\ g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Combining this with the last result shows that $g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}$ is the solution of :

$$K_{x^k u^l} + f' \begin{bmatrix} L_{x^k u^l} + g_{x^{k+l}}^{(k+l)} \cdot [g_x, \dots, g_x, g_u, \dots, g_u] + g_x \cdot [g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)}] \\ g_{x^k u^l}^{(k+l)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4)$$

which is a sylvester equation if $l = 0$

$$K_{x^k} + f'_+ L_{x^k} + (g_x + I) g_{x^k}^{(k)} + g_{x^k}^{(k)} \cdot [g_x, \dots, g_x] = 0 \quad (5)$$

or a linear equation if $l > 0$

$$K_{x^k u^l} + f'_+ L_{x^k u^l} + g_{x^k}^{(k)} \cdot [g_x, \dots, g_x] (g_x + I) g_{x^k}^{(k)} = 0 \quad (6)$$

A.2 Perturbation w.r.t parameters

It is easy to compute the derivatives of the perfect foresight solution with respect to parameters, by writing the model as $f(V) = 0$ with

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} g(g(x, u, p), 0, p) \\ g(x, u, p) \\ x \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Some attention must be dedicated to the fact that rules for differentiating $g(g(x, u, p), 0, p)$ are not exactly the same as in the last case. They can still be easily automated.

A.3 Small expected risk expansion

Model is written $E[f(V(x, u, \sigma\epsilon))] = 0$ where ϵ is an i.i.d. shock and

$$V(x, u, \sigma) = \begin{bmatrix} g(g(x, u, \sigma), \sigma\epsilon, \sigma) \\ g(x, u, \sigma) \\ x \\ u \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

We can prove that $V_{x^k u^l \sigma^m}^{(k+l+m)}$ can still be determined knowing derivatives with indices (k', l', m') such that $k' \leq k, l' \leq l$ and $m' < m$.

Yet one complication is arising here, $V_{x^k u^l \sigma^m}^{(k+l+m)}$ is now a stochastic variable (it depends on σ). Fortunately, we can still represent it as an explicit function of the derivatives of g , and implement corresponding operations.

We give them for order 3.

A.3.1 Derivatives of f w.r.t. σ

| Order | $f(V) = 0$ | |
|-------|--|---|
| 0 | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \sigma}$ | $f' \cdot [V'_\sigma] = 0$ |
| | $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \sigma^2}$ | $f'' \cdot [V'_\sigma, V'_\sigma] + f' \cdot [V''_{\sigma\sigma}] = 0$ |
| 1 | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \sigma}$ | $f'' \cdot [V'_x, V'_\sigma] + f' \cdot [V''_{x\sigma}] = 0$ |
| | $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \sigma^2}$ | $f''' \cdot [V'_x, V'_\sigma, V'_\sigma] + 2f'' \cdot [V''_{x\sigma}, V'_\sigma] + f'' \cdot [V''_{x\sigma}, V''_{\sigma\sigma}] + f' \cdot [V'''_{x\sigma\sigma}] = 0$ |

A.3.2 Derivatives of V w.r.t σ :

| Order | $f(V) = 0$ | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| σ | $V'_\sigma =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} g'_x g'_\sigma + g'_\sigma + g'_u \epsilon \\ g_\sigma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $\sigma\sigma$ | $V'_{\sigma\sigma} =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} g''_{xx} [g'_\sigma, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xu} [g'_\sigma, \epsilon] + g''_{x\sigma} [g'_\sigma] + g'_x g''_{\sigma\sigma} + g''_{x\sigma} + g''_{\sigma\sigma} + g''_{\sigma u} \epsilon + g''_{ux} [\epsilon, g'_\sigma] + g''_{u\sigma} \epsilon + g''_{uu} [\epsilon, \epsilon] \\ g_{\sigma\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $x\sigma$ | $V''_{x\sigma} =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} g''_{xx} [g'_x, g'_\sigma] + g''_{x\sigma} [g'_x] + g''_{xu} [g'_x, \epsilon] + g'_x g''_{x\sigma} \\ g_{x\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $x\sigma\sigma$ | $V''_{x\sigma\sigma} =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} g''_{xxx} [g'_x, g'_\sigma, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xx\sigma} [g'_x, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xxu} [g'_x, g'_\sigma, \epsilon] + g''_{xx} [g''_{x\sigma}, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xx} [g'_x, g''_{\sigma\sigma}] \\ \dots + g''_{x\sigma x} [g'_x, g'_\sigma] + g''_{x\sigma\sigma} [g'_x] + g''_{x\sigma u} [g'_x, \epsilon] + g''_{x\sigma} [g''_{x\sigma}] \\ \dots + g''_{xux} [g'_x, \epsilon, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xus} [g'_x, \epsilon] + g''_{xuu} [\epsilon, \epsilon] + g''_{xu} [g''_{x\sigma}, \epsilon] \\ \dots + g''_{xx} [g''_{x\sigma}, g'_\sigma] + g''_{x\sigma} [g''_{x\sigma}] + g''_{xu} [g''_{x\sigma}, \epsilon] + g'_x [g''_{x\sigma\sigma}] \\ g_{x\sigma\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $u\sigma$ | $V'_{u\sigma} =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} g_{xx} [g_u, g_\sigma] + g_{xu} [g_u, \epsilon] + g_{x\sigma} g_u + g_{xu\sigma} \\ g_{u\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $u\sigma\sigma$ | $V'_{u\sigma\sigma} =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \text{(quite long expression)} \\ g_{u\sigma\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |

These expressions can be simplified dramatically by using the fact that $g'_\sigma = 0$, yielding :

| Order | $f(V) = 0$ |
|-------|--|
| 0 | $V'_\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} g'_u \epsilon \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $V''_{\sigma\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} g'_x g''_{\sigma\sigma} + g''_{\sigma\sigma} + g''_{uu} \Sigma \\ g''_{\sigma\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 1 | $V''_{x\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} g''_{xx} [g'_x, g'_\sigma] + g''_{x\sigma} [g'_x] + g''_{xu} [g'_x, \epsilon] + g'_x g''_{x\sigma} \\ g''_{x\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $V''_{x\sigma\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} +g''_{x\sigma\sigma} [g'_x] + g''_{xuu} [g'_x, \epsilon, \epsilon] + g''_{xx} [g'_x, g''_{\sigma\sigma}] + g'_x [g''_{x\sigma\sigma}] \\ g''_{x\sigma\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| | $V''_{u\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} g''_{xx} [g'_u, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xu} [g'_u, \epsilon] + g''_{x\sigma} g'_u + g'_x g''_{u\sigma} \\ g''_{u\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $V''_{u\sigma\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} g''_{xx} [g'_u, g'_\sigma] + g''_{xuu} [g'_u, \epsilon, \epsilon] + g''_{x\sigma\sigma} [g'_u] + g'_x [g''_{u\sigma\sigma}] \\ g''_{u\sigma\sigma} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ |

The equation we need to solve at each step is :

$$E_t \{K_{x^k u^l \sigma^m}\} + f' E_t V^{(k+l+m)} = 0 \quad (9)$$

A.4 Small expected risk expansion with σ as a parameter

In this section, we assume that the parameter σ affects the model equations. The model is now written $f(V)$ where

$$V(x, u, \sigma\epsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} g(g(x, u, \sigma), \sigma\epsilon, \sigma) \\ g(x, u, \sigma) \\ x \\ u \\ \sigma \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

The results are very similar to last section. Here we give only the relevant results.

A.4.1 Order 2

For g'_σ we solve:

$$\left(f'_+ (g'_x + I) + f'_0\right) g'_\sigma = -f'_p \quad (11)$$

For $g''_{x\sigma}$ we solve :

$$f'_+ \cdot g''_{x\sigma} \cdot [g'_x] + \left(f'_+ g'_x + f'_0\right) g''_{x\sigma} = -f'' \cdot [V'_x, \overline{V}'_\sigma] - f'_+ \left(g''_{xx} \cdot [g'_x, g'_\sigma]\right) \quad (12)$$

For $g''_{\sigma\sigma}$ we solve :

$$\begin{aligned} (f'_+ (g'_x + I) + f'_0) g''_{\sigma\sigma} &= -f''_{pp} [\overline{V'_\sigma}, \overline{V'_\sigma}] - f''_{++} [g'_u, g'_u] \cdot \Sigma \\ &\quad - f'_+ (g''_{xx} \cdot [g'_\sigma, g'_\sigma] + g''_{x\sigma} \cdot [g'_\sigma] + g''_{x\sigma} + g''_{uu} \cdot \Sigma) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

With our choice of σ , we have $g'_\sigma = 0$ and $g'_{x\sigma} = 0$. The result is simply :

$$(f'_+ (g'_x + I) + f'_0) g''_{\sigma\sigma} = -f''_{pp} - f''_{++} [g'_u, g'_u] \cdot \Sigma - f'_+ (g''_{uu} \cdot \Sigma) \quad (15)$$

A.4.2 Order 3

To be done