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- DSGE Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium Model
- Elements of the general equilibrium model:
  - housholds sector
  - firm sector
  - publiczny sector (monetary authority)
- Household sector and firm sector are rational (optimizing behaviour)
- Maximisation of utility and profits:
  - intertemporal
  - under uncertainty
- Monetary authority set the interest rate according to some rule (e.g. Taylor rule), alternatively it is maximising its own objective function

## Modele DSGE - solving model and analysis

- Usually obtaining analytical solutions too difficult so approximations against logarithms are used
- Bring the model to a form approximated by the Error Correction Mechanism (linearization)
- Solve the model by finding expressions for the expected magnitudes of the variables as functions of the variables (rather than their expected values)
- Further analysis involves examining the dynamic values of the model by analyzing the reaction function, docomposition of the forecast error, etc.

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State space representation

• It is possible to obtain the following linearized representation of a DSGE model in state space::

 $\mathbf{x}_{t} = \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t}$  $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t+1} = \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t} + \mathbf{v}_{t+1}$ 

where  $\xi_t$  is a state vector and  $\mathbf{x}_t$  vector of observable endogenous variables

- A model defined in this way is usually singular: there are fewer random shocks than endogenous variables
- Using the Kalman filter it is possible to filter out  $\xi_{t|t-1}$
- Using  $\xi_{t|t-1}$  the likelihood function for the estimated model can be formulated

## State space representation

- The model can be estimated using MNW if the number of structural shocks is equal to the number of endogenous variables
- Usually, however, the number of endogenous variables is greater than the number of structural shocks (singularity)
- Possible solutions:
  - We estimate the model using only a part of observable variables
  - We add random (measurement) errors to the state space representation
- In this case the model will take the form:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\xi}_t + \mathbf{u}_t$$
$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t+1} = \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\xi}_t + \mathbf{v}_{t+1}$$

assuming,  $\dot{z}e \mathbf{u}_t i \mathbf{v}_{t+1}$  are not correlated

measurement errors have no structural interpretation.

## Bayesian estimation

- $\bullet\,$  It often happens that we have some a priori knowledge about the parameter vector  $\theta\,$
- In such a case, we can use the Bayesian approach to improve the precision of the estimates
- Bayes' theorem implies that

$$f(\theta|\mathbf{X}) = rac{f(\mathbf{X}|\theta)f(\theta)}{f(\mathbf{X})},$$

where  $f(\theta | \mathbf{X})$  is posterior dansity,  $f(\theta)$  a priori density,  $f(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$  likelihood function,  $f(\mathbf{X})$  unconditional density function of the observed sample

## Bayesian estimators: point estimation

- A popular way to obtain point estimates using Bayesian methods is to use the modal value f (θ| X)
- Note: in the special case of the normal distribution, the modal value and the mean are equal
- From the definition of the modal value and the monotonicity of the logarithm, it follows that

$$\max_{\theta} \ln f(\theta | \mathbf{X}) = \max \left[ \ln f(\mathbf{X} | \theta) + \ln f(\theta) \right]$$

• This formula is equivalent to the formula for the ML estimator for the likelihood function

$$\ell(\theta) = \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\theta) + \ln f(\theta)$$

- In the case of the normal distribution, the prior distribution is usually assumed to have the form  $\theta \sim N(0, \Sigma)$
- The matrix  $\Sigma$  represents the researcher's uncertainty about his a priori knowledge