

# The consumption-tracking problem of macroeconomic systems

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**1. Introduction.** Input-output approach has been widely used as an analytical tool since it was developed by Leontief (1941). The difficulty in the research on the Leontief dynamic input-output model is that, in general, this model is described as a singular difference equation or a singular differential equation, hence its solution contains the non-causal composition or the impulsive behaviour which is not suitable for using standard control techniques.

**2. The optimal consumption-tracking problem.** It is known that the supply available for external consumption and the external demand are not in the equilibrium, hence, the planner of government is in duty bound to try to minimize excess demands and to make a flexible control tactics. A natural approach is to use the linear quadratic cost and to solve the LQ problem of the singular dynamic input-output model as follows, minimize

$$J_N = \sum_{k=0}^N [x(k)'Q(k)x(k) + u'(k)R(k)u(k)] \quad (1)$$

subject to

$$Bx(k+1) = Bx(k) + u(k) \dots \dots \dots (2) \quad y(k) = (I_n - A)x(k) - u(k) \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$e(k) = d(k) - y(k) \dots \dots \dots (4) \quad Bx(0) = x_0 \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

where,  $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector of production outputs,  $y(k) \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is a final consumption vector,  $u(k) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is a control vector,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a production coefficient matrix, and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is a capital coefficient matrix. The matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are constant and known, and the consumption vector  $y(k)$  is known. Usually, the matrix  $I_n - A$  is nonsingular, and the matrix  $B$  is singular. This is because an element  $b_{ij}$  of  $B$  represents the amount of capital stock of output  $i$  that sector  $j$  needs to be able to produce one unit of output. Since some sectors, agriculture is a typical example, do not produce capital goods, there will be rows with only zero elements. In such cases  $B$  will be singular.  $x(0)$  is the vector of production outputs in the initial year,  $Q(k)$  and  $R(k)$  are time-varying weighting matrices. We call this problem the optimal consumption-tracking problem.

Denote:

$$G = 0 \quad B_1 = I_p \quad B_2 = 0 \quad [n-p, \quad D = I_n - A - G$$

$$0 \quad [n-p, \quad -1$$

$$B = B_1 B_2 \quad B_1^{-1} B_2^{-1} B_1^{-1} B_2^{-1}$$

$$0 \quad [n-p, \quad (6)$$

where  $B_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ ,  $B_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-p) \times n}$ ,  $B_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ .

Make the full rank coordinate transformation:  $Z(k) = E^{-1}X(k) = [Z_1(k) \quad Z_2(k)]$ , where  $Z_1(k) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $Z_2(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-p}$ . And introduce the artificial feedback:  $v(k) = u(k) - Gx(k) = u(k) - GEZ(k)$

Rewrite the optimal consumption-tracking problem (1)-(5) as follows:

Minimize

$$J_{N,1} = \sum_{k=0}^N W(k) \quad (7)$$

subject to,

$$Z_1(k) = Z_1'(k) d'(k) v'(k) \dots \dots (8) \quad Z_1(k+1) = Z_1(k) + B_1 v(k) \dots \dots (9)$$

$$0 = Z_2(k) + B_2 v(k) \dots \dots (10) \quad y(k) = DEZ(k) - V(k) \dots \dots (11) \quad Z_1(0) = B_1^{-1} x_0 \dots \dots (12)$$

where

$$W_1(k) = W_2(k) \quad W_1 W_2^{-1}$$

$$W(k) = (13) \quad W_1(k) = (14)$$

$$W_2(k) = W_3(k) \quad W_2 W_3^{-1}$$

$$W_{11} = B_1 E' (D' Q(k) D + G' R(k) G) E B_1' \quad (15) \quad W_{12} = -B_1 E' D' Q(k) \quad (16)$$

$$W_2(k) = W_{21}(k) \quad W_{22}(k) \quad W_{21}(k) = -D' Q(k) (I_n + DEG) + G' R(k) (I_n - GEG) \quad E B_1' \quad (18)$$

$$W_{22}(k) = (I_n + DEG)' Q(k) \quad (19) \quad W_3(k) = (I_n + DEG)' Q(k) (I_n + DEG) + (I_n - GEG)' R(k) (I_n - GEG) \quad (20)$$

It is easy to see that:  $\min J_N = \min J_{N,1}$ . Notice that the positive definite property of the submatrix  $w_3(k)$  plays an important role in minimizing the cost  $J_{N,1}$ . Investigating  $W_3(k)$ , further, we have:

Lemma 1. Let  $Q(k) > 0$ ,  $R(k) > 0$ , and suppose that the matrix  $I_n - A$  is nonsingular. Then the matrix  $W_3(k) > 0$ . Considering  $W_3(k) > 0$ , we denote  $v_1(k) = v(k) + w_3^{-1}(k) (w_{21}(k) z_1(k) + w_{22}(k) d(k)) \quad (21)$

and rewrite the problem (7)-(12) as follows, minimize

$$J_{N,2} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (y_1(k) - d_1(k))' W_4(k) (y_1(k) - d_1(k)) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} v_1(k) W_3(k) v_1(k) \quad (22)$$

subject to

$$Z_1(k+1) = A_1(k) Z_1(k) + B_1 V_1(k) + F(k) d(k) \quad (23) \quad y_1(k) = I_1 \bar{0}' Z_1(k) \quad (24)$$

$$d_1(k) = -0 \bar{L}_n' \bar{d}(k) \quad (25) \quad Z_1(0) = B_{10} \bar{z} \quad (26)$$

where,  $I_1 \bar{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{p(n+p)}$ ,  $0 \bar{L}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n(n+p)}$ , and  $W_4(k) = W_1(k) - W_2(k) W_3^{-1}(k) W_2'(k)$ ,  $A_1(k) = I_p - B_1 W_3^{-1}(k) W_{21}(k)$ ,  $F(k) = -B_1 W_3^{-1}(k) W_{22}(k)$ . And we have,  $\min J_{N,1} = \min J_{N,2}$ .

Obviously, the problem (22)-(26) is an optimal tracking problem of the regular state-space system. It can be solved easily. Furthermore, notice that in the cost (22),  $y_1(k)$ ,  $k=0, 1, \dots, N$ , are only depending on  $v_1(0), v_1(1), \dots, v_1(N-1)$ , but not on  $v_1(N)$ . Hence,  $v_1(k)$ ,  $k=0, 1, \dots, N-1$ , and  $v_1(N)$ , can be optimized separately, and optimizing  $v_1(k)$ ,  $k=0, 1, \dots, N-1$ , concludes to solve the following standard tracking problem, minimize:

subject to

$$J_{N,3} = (y_1(N) - d_1(N))' W_4(N) (y_1(N) - d_1(N)) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (y_1(k) - d_1(k))' W_4(k) (y_1(k) - d_1(k)) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} v_1(k) W_3(k) v_1(k) \quad (27)$$

subject to (23)-(26).

Denote  $v_1^*(k)$  as the optimal control of the standard tracking problem above. Based on the classical results of linear optimal control theory, we have:

$v_1^*(k) = -R^{-1}(k) B_1' (p(k+1) A_1(k) z_1(k) + p(k+1) F(k) d(k) + b(k+1))$  (28)

Where

$$R_1(k) = W_3(k) + B_1' p(k+1) B_1, \quad p(N) = I_p \bar{0}' W_4(N) I_p \bar{0}, \quad b(N) = I_p \bar{0}' W_4(N) 0 \bar{L}_n' d(N)$$

$$p(k) = A_1'(k) (p(k+1) - p(k+1) B_1 R_1^{-1}(k) B_1' p(k+1) A_1(k) + I_p \bar{0}' W_4(k) I_p \bar{0}')$$

$b(k) = A_1'(k) (I_p - p(k+1) B_1 R_1^{-1}(k) B_1') (p(k+1) F(k) d(k) + b(k+1)) + I_p \bar{0}' W_4(k) 0 \bar{L}_n' d(k)$  Denote  $u^*(k)$ ,  $y^*(k)$ , and  $x^*(k)$  as the optimal capital stock, the final consumption, and the optimal production output of the optimal consumption-tracking problem (1)-(5), respectively. Obviously,  $u^*(k)$ ,  $y^*(k)$ , and  $x^*(k)$  can be computed.

Then we have

$$u^*(k) = (G - L(k) B_1 B) x^*(k) - M(k) d(k) - R_1^{-1}(k) B_1' b(k+1) \quad (29)$$

$$L_1(k) = L_2(k) L_3(k) \bar{z}'(k)$$

$$x^*(k) = \| b(k+1) \| \quad (30)$$

$$L_2(k) = L_2(k) L_3(k) \bar{z}'(k)$$

$$y^*(k) = (D + L(k) B_1 B) x^*(k) + M(k) d(k) + R_1^{-1}(k) B_1' b(k+1) \quad (31)$$

where,  $L(k) = W^{-1}(k) W_{21}(k) + R^{-1}(k) B_1' p(k+1) A_1(k)$ ,  $M(k) = W^{-1}(k) W_{22}(k) + R^{-1}(k) B_1' p(k+1) F(k)$

$$L_{11}(k) = B^{-1}(k) (I_p - B_1 B_2 L(k)), \quad L_{12}(k) = -B^{-1}(k) B_1 B_2 R_1^{-1}(k) B_1', \quad L_{13}(k) = -B^{-1}(k) B_1 B_2 M(k), \quad L_{21}(k) = B_2 L(k), \quad L_{22}(k) = B_2 R_1^{-1}(k) B_1', \quad L_{23}(k) = B_2 M(k),$$

$Z^*(k+1) = (I_p - B_1 R_1^{-1}(k) B_1' p(k+1) (A_1(k) z^*(k) + F(k) d(k)) - B_1 R_1^{-1}(k) B_1' b(k+1))$ ,  $z^*(0) = B_{10} \bar{z}$ . We summarize the results above as the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $Q(k) > 0$ ,  $R(k) > 0$ , and suppose that the matrix  $L - A$  is nonsingular. Then the optimal consumption-tracking problem of the singular dynamic input-output model, i.e. the problem (1)-(5), is solvable. The optimal capital stock, the available supply, and the optimal production output can be computed by using the equations (29)-(31). And the optimal capital stock can be synthesized as the linear feedback of the production output with a compensator related to the external demand.

**Résumé :** La article discuter essentiel rapport entre consommer de macroeconomie et general système LQ problémé. En ce qui concerne dynamique énergie et moderne singulier système résoudre bien la problème