

# Ph.D. Applied Computational Economics

## Quantitative Macro Section

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### 2023 Reading List

The following lists are designed to serve as a source of potential additional reading for the curious student. Note that these are optional from the perspective of the class.

#### **Lecture 0: Introduction to Numerical Solutions and Coding**

1. Chapter 2 [“An Overview”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
2. Sigmon, K. (1993), *Matlab Primer*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Available at <https://www.minet.uni-jena.de/fakultaet/iam/personen/primer.pdf>.
3. Chapter 1 [“Introduction”] of Judd, K. (1998), *Numerical Methods in Economics*.

#### **Lecture 1: Recursive Methods and Solving Representative Agent Partial Equilibrium Models**

1. Chapter 3 [“Mathematical Preliminaries”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
2. Chapter 4 [“Dynamic Programming under Certainty”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
3. Chapter 5 [“Applications of Dynamic Programming under Certainty”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
4. Chapter 7 [“Measure Theory and Integration”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
5. Chapter 8 [“Markov Processes”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
6. Chapter 9 [“Stochastic Dynamic Programming”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
7. Chapter 10 [“Applications of Stochastic Dynamic Programming”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
8. Chapter 3 [“Dynamic Programming”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
9. Chapter 4 [“Practical Dynamic Programming”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

10. Chapter 12 [“Numerical Dynamic Programming”] of Judd, K. (1998), *Numerical Methods in Economics*.
11. Chapter 6 [“Approximation Methods”] of Judd, K. (1998), *Numerical Methods in Economics*.
12. Tauchen, G. (1986), “Finite state Markov chain approximations to univariate and vector autoregressions”, *Economics Letters*.
13. Adda, J. & R. Cooper (2003), *Dynamic Economics: Quantitative Methods and Applications*.
14. Floden, M. (2008), “A note on the accuracy of Markov chain approximations to highly persistent AR(1) processes”, *Economics Letters*.
15. Borağan Aruoba, S. & J. Fernández-Villaverde (2015), “A comparison of programming languages in macroeconomics”, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*.
16. Borağan Aruoba, S., Fernandez-Villaverde, J. & J. Rubio-Ramirez (2006), “Comparing solution methods for dynamic equilibrium economies”, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*.

## Lecture 2: Solving Representative Agent General Equilibrium Models

1. Chapter 15 [“Pareto Optima and Competitive Equilibria”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
2. Chapter 16 [“Applications of Equilibrium Theory”] of Stokey, N., Lucas, R. & E. Prescott (1989), *Recursive Methods in Economic Dynamics*.
3. Chapter 7 [“Recursive Competitive Equilibrium: I”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
4. Chapter 8 [“Equilibrium with Complete Markets”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
5. Shooting algorithm discussion in Chapter 11 [“Fiscal Policies in a Growth Model”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
6. Chapter 12 [“Recursive Competitive Equilibrium: II”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
7. Chapter 13 [“Regular Perturbations of Simple Systems”] of Judd, K. (1998), *Numerical Methods in Economics*.
8. Chapter 14 [“Regular Perturbations in Multidimensional Systems”] of Judd, K. (1998), *Numerical Methods in Economics*.
9. Ravikumar, B., Santacreu, A. & M. Spasi (2019), “Capital accumulation and dynamic gains to trade”, *Journal of International Economics*.
10. Atolia, M., Chatterjee, S. & S. Turnovsky (2010), “How misleading is linearization? Evaluating the dynamics of the neoclassical growth model”, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*.

11. Mulligan, C. & X. Sala-i-Martin (1993), “Transitional dynamics in two-sector models of endogenous growth”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

**Lecture 3: Solving Heterogeneous Agent General Equilibrium Models with Idiosyncratic Uncertainty**

1. Chapter 17 [“Self-Insurance”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
2. Chapter 18 excepting 18.15 [“Incomplete Markets Models”] of Ljungqvist, L. & Sargent, T. (2018), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
3. Aiyagari, R. (1994), “Uninsured Idiosyncratic Risk and Aggregate Saving”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.
4. Huggett, M. (1993), “The risk-free rate in heterogeneous agent incomplete insurance economies”, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*.
5. Rios-Rull, V. (1997), “Computation of Equilibria in Heterogeneous Agent Models”, *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Staff Report*.
6. Heathcote, J., K. Storesletten, & G. Violante (2009), “Quantitative macroeconomics with heterogeneous households”, *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Staff Report*.
7. Athreya, K. (2002), “Welfare implications of the bankruptcy reform act of 1999”, *Journal of Monetary Economics*.
8. Chatterjee, S., D. Corbae, M. Nakajima, & V. Rios-Rull. (2007), “A quantitative theory of unsecured consumer credit with risk of default”, *Econometrica*.
9. Conesa, J. & D. Krueger (1998), “Social security reform with heterogeneous agents”, *Review of Economic Dynamics*.