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1  %%%% Matlab program (.m) file that gives solutions to "Problem Set Zero"
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3  %%%% You should play with this file to learn simple Matlab commands.
4  %%%% Use "help" at the command window to figure out what various commands
5  %%%% do. Eg, type "help clear" to figure out what the next line does.
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7  clear all
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9  %%%% QUESTION 1: STEADY STATE
10
11 %%%% Declare parameter values
12
13 g      = 0.03;
14 n      = 0.01;
15 s      = 0.20;
16 alpha = 0.33;
17 delta = 0.04;
18
19 parameters = [g;n;s;alpha;delta];
20
21 %%%% Declare some symbols
22
23 syms kk gg nn ss aa dd
24
25 answer = solve('(1+gg)*(1+nn)*kk-ss*kk^aa-(1-dd)*kk=0',kk);
26
27 k_bars = double(subs(answer,{gg,nn,ss,aa,dd},parameters))
28
29 % Matlab treats "symbols" differently to "numbers"; the commands above
30 % declare some symbols then solve the difference equation for its
31 % steady-state values. I then substitute the vector of parameters into the
32 % answer to get "numbers" back. Use the Matlab syntax "help syms", "help
33 % solve" etc etc to investigate this more closely.
34
35 % Keep the non-trivial (positive) steady-state for future reference
36
37 k_bar = max(k_bars);
38
39 ky = k_bar^(1-alpha);
40
41 mpk = 1+alpha*k_bar^(alpha-1);
42
43 display(['Non-trivial steady state           = ',num2str(k_bar)])
44 display(['Capital/output ratio             = ',num2str(ky)])
45 display(['Gross marginal product of capital = ',num2str(mpk)])
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47 %%%% QUESTION 2: TRANSITION TO STEADY STATE
48
49 error = 10;
50 iter = 1;
51
52 k0 = k_bar*exp(-0.5);
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54 % This sets the initial condition while the next command sets up an empty
55 % vector that we will use to store the sequence of capital stocks.
56
57 kt    = [];
58
59 % The following loop iterates on the difference equation until the error is
60 % small (less than 10e-6)
61
62 while error > 10e-6
63     if iter == 1
64         k = k0;
65     else
66         k = kt(iter-1);
67     end
68
69     k1 = (s/((1+g)*(1+n)))*k^(alpha) + ((1-delta)/((1+g)*(1+n)))*k;
70 % The previous line computes the subsequent capital stock k1 given
71 % today's capital stock k
72
73     error = abs(k1-k_bar);
74
75     kt = [kt;k1];
76     iter = iter+1;
77
78 end
79
80 T = length(kt);
81
82 t = [0;cumsum(ones(T-1,1))];
83
84 figure(1)
85 plot(t,kt,t,k_bar*ones(T,1),'k--')
86 title('Figure 1: Time path of the capital stock')
87 xlabel('time, t')
88 ylabel('capital stock, k(t)')
89 legend('k(t)',0)
90
91 %%% Now for the phase diagram (this is a little tricky...)
92
93 kmax = 2*k_bar;
94 ks    = linspace(0,kmax,1000);
95
96 psis = (s/((1+g)*(1+n)))*ks.^(alpha) + ((1-delta)/((1+g)*(1+n)))*ks;
97
98 kt0 = kt(1:T-1);
99 kt1 = kt(2:T);
100
101 figure(2)
102 if k0 < k_bar
103     plot(kt0,kt1,'b>-',ks,ks,'k--',ks,psis,'r-')
104     title('Figure 2: Phase diagram')
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105 else
106     plot(kt0,kt1,'b<-',ks,ks,'k--',ks,psis,'r-')
107     title('Figure 2: Phase diagram')
108 end
109 xlabel('k(t)')
110 ylabel('k(t+1)')
111 legend('k(t+1)', '45-degree line', '\psi(k(t))',0)
112
113 %%%% PROBLEM 3: GROWTH RATE APPROXIMATIONS
114
115 %%%% The next command produces a 1000-by-1 vector of evenly spaced "zs"
116 %%%% between 0 and 1.
117
118 zs = linspace(0,1,1000)';
119
120 g_approximate = log(1+zs);
121 g_actuals     = zs;
122
123 figure(3)
124 plot(100*zs,100*g_approximate,'k--',100*zs,100*g_actuals)
125 title('Figure 3: Accuracy of log-differences as aproximate growth rates')
126 xlabel('growth rate (%)')
127 legend('log-approximate growth rate','actual growth rate',0)
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>> ps0_solutions
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k_bars =
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    3.9040  
         0
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ans =
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Non-trivial steady state      =    3.904
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ans =
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Capital/output ratio         =    2.4907
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ans =
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Gross marginal product of capital =    1.1325
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Figure 1: Time path of the capital stock

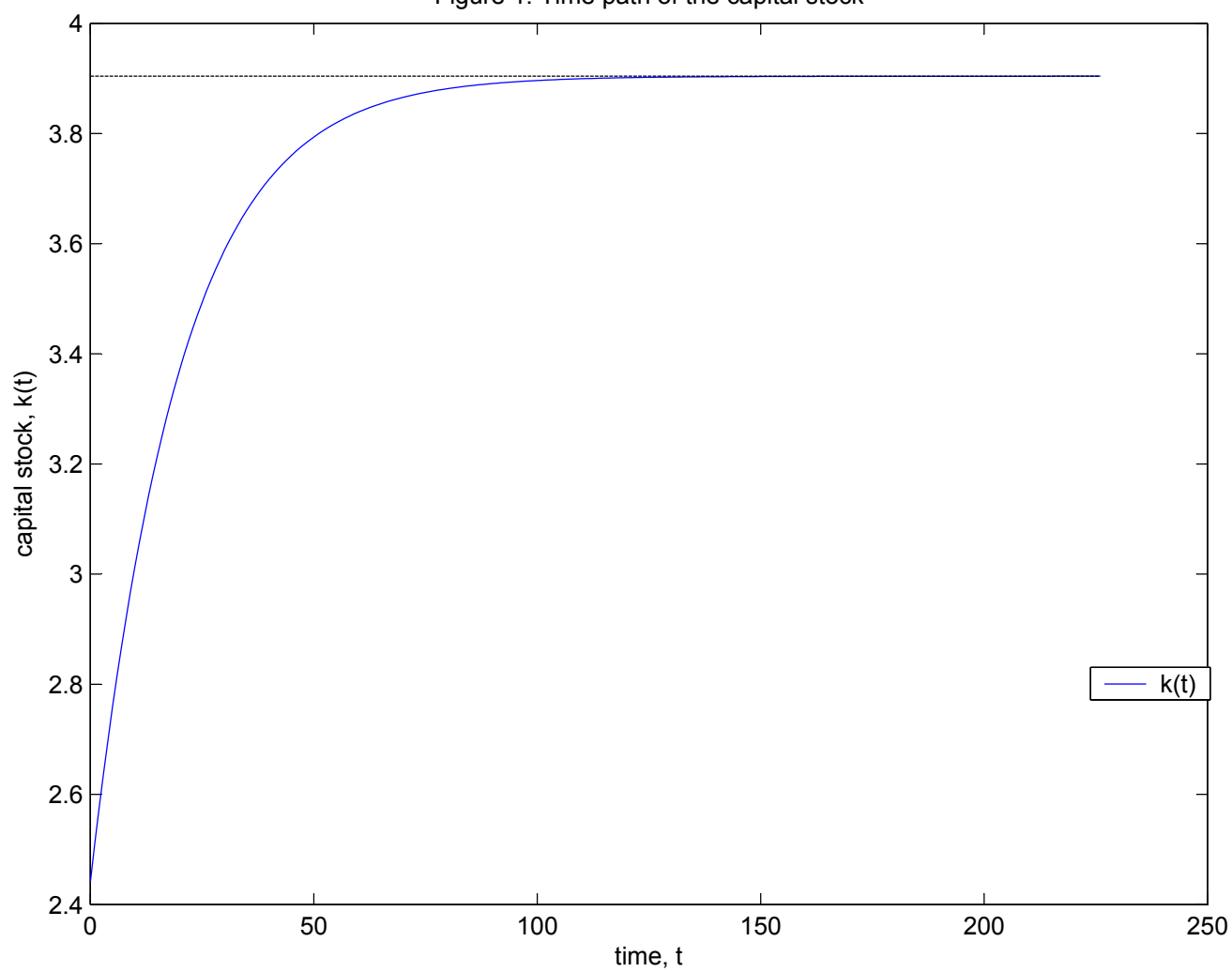


Figure 2: Phase diagram

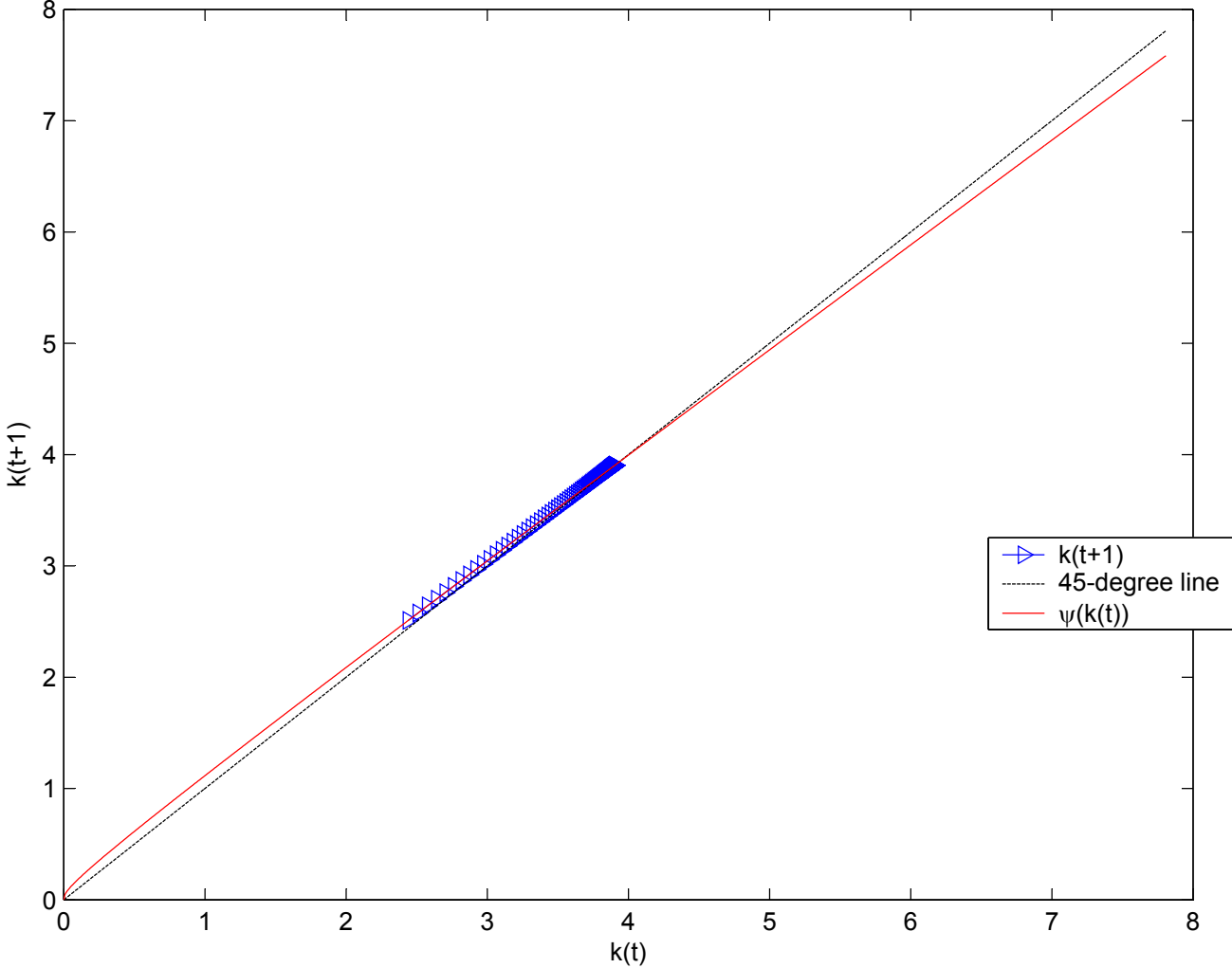


Figure 3: Accuracy of log-differences as approximate growth rates

