

## MODA A1.2 Order theory

Q2.1 First let us investigate the  $k$ -order in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

We show for this case the equivalence between the  $k$ -order  $\preceq_k$  and the Pareto order  $\preceq_P$ .

There are the following possible cases:

$$y_1 \leq x_1, y_2 < x_2 \Rightarrow y \preceq_k x \quad \wedge \quad y \preceq_P x$$

$$y_1 < x_1, y_2 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow y \preceq_k x \quad \wedge \quad y \preceq_P x$$

In all other cases it does not hold  $y \preceq_k x$  nor  $y \preceq_P x$ .

Hence  $y \preceq_k x$  if and only if  $y \preceq_P x$

In the case of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to show that  $\preceq_k$  is a partial order

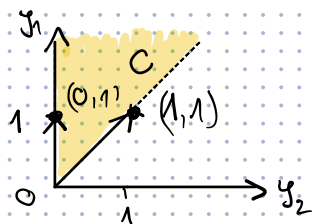
we need to show that  $\preceq_k$  is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive. ( $\preceq_k: y \preceq_k x \Leftrightarrow y \preceq_k x$  or  $y = x$ )

Counterexample to transitivity:

$$x = (3, 2, 2) \preceq_k y = (1, 3, 3) \preceq_k z = (2, 1, 4)$$

but it does not hold that  $x \preceq z$  since  $z \preceq_k x$ .

Q2.2 (a) visualize the cone



(b) Is the cone pointed: Obviously  $C \cap -C = \{(0,0)\}$

So the cone is pointed.

Is it convex?  $\Rightarrow$

If  $C$  is convex this means that for every two points in the cone, say  $y^{(1)} = u_1(0,1) + v_1(1,1)$  and  $y^{(2)} = u_2(0,1) + v_2(1,1)$  the line segment  $\overline{y^{(1)}y^{(2)}}$  is fully contained in the cone.

A point  $y'$  is on the line segment  $\overline{y^{(1)}y^{(2)}}$  if and only if  $\exists \tau \in [0,1]: y' = \tau y^{(1)} + (1-\tau)y^{(2)}$ . Let us see if those points have also coefficients  $u$  and  $v$  that qualify them to be points in  $C$  (that is  $u \geq 0, v \geq 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} y'_\tau &= \tau(u_1(0,1) + v_1(1,1)) + (1-\tau)(u_2(0,1) + v_2(1,1)) \\ &= \underbrace{(\tau u_1 + (1-\tau)u_2)}_{\geq 0}(0,1) + \underbrace{(\tau v_1 + (1-\tau)v_2)}_{\geq 0}(1,1) \end{aligned}$$

The existence of non-negative multipliers shows that  $y'$  is indeed part of the cone  $C$  for any  $\tau \in [0,1]$   $\square$

(c) Partial order is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive

reflexive:  $y^{(1)} = y^{(2)} \Rightarrow y^{(1)} \leq_C y^{(2)}$

$$y^{(1)} = y^{(2)} \Leftrightarrow y^{(2)} \in y^{(1)} \oplus C \text{ or } y^{(2)} - y^{(1)} \in C$$

$$y^{(1)} - y^{(2)} = (0,0) \text{ And } (0,0) \in C.$$

antisymmetric:  $y^{(2)} - y^{(1)} \in C \wedge y^{(1)} - y^{(2)} \in C$

Likewise for  $y^{(2)} - y^{(1)} \in C$

$$\Rightarrow y^{(1)} = y^{(2)}.$$

$$y^{(1)} - y^{(2)} = \underbrace{(u_1 - u_2)}_{c_{0,1}}(0,1) + \underbrace{(v_1 - v_2)}_{c_{1,1}}(1,1)$$

$c_{0,1}$  and  $c_{1,1}$  must be non-negative if  $y^{(1)} - y^{(2)} \in C$

We can show:  $(u_1 - u_2) \geq 0 \wedge (v_1 - v_2) \geq 0$

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$$(u_2 - u_1) \geq 0 \wedge (v_2 - v_1) \geq 0$$

is only satisfied if  $u_1 = u_2$  and  $v_1 = v_2$   $\square$

Transitivity:  $y^{(1)} \preceq_C y^{(2)}$  and  $y^{(2)} \preceq_C y^{(3)} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\underbrace{y^{(2)} - y^{(1)} \in C}_{(1)} \text{ and } \underbrace{y^{(3)} - y^{(2)} \in C}_{(2)} \Rightarrow \underbrace{y^{(3)} - y^{(1)} \in C}_{(3)}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow u_2 - u_1 \geq 0 \wedge v_2 - v_1 \geq 0$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow u_3 - u_2 \geq 0 \wedge v_3 - v_2 \geq 0$$

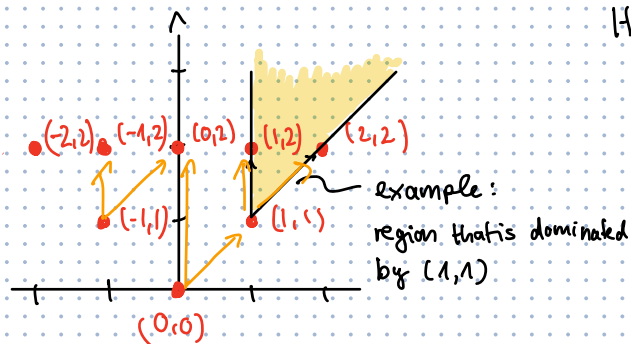
} using the same  
parameterization  
as in \* above

Now let us investigate whether it follows  $u_3 - u_1 \geq 0$

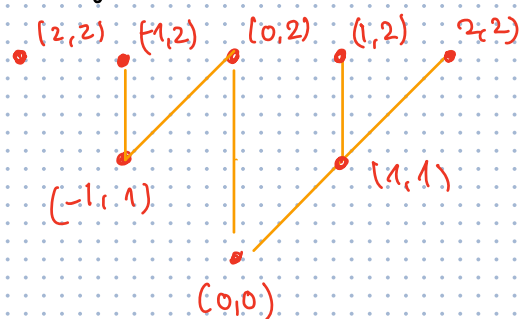
$$u_3 - u_1 = \underbrace{u_3 - u_2}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{u_2 - u_1}_{\geq 0} \geq 0$$

$$v_3 - v_1 = v_3 - v_2 + v_2 - v_1 \geq 0 \quad (\text{likewise})$$

(d) Hare diagram: It is useful to draw first the points and dominance cones in a coordinate system.



Hare diagram:



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