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1. Prove $\nexists A \text{ s.t. } A \in A$; i.e. no set is an element of itself.

2. Prove for all A and B

$$\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} = \overline{A \cup B}$$

3. With a counterexample show the intersection of infinitely many open sets is not open.
4. Set up the Hessian matrix for the Cobb-Douglas production function $F(K, L) = K^\alpha L^{1-\alpha}$ and argue whether it is positive or negative (semi) definite.
5. A consumer has a total wealth of W and chooses a bundle (x_1, x_2, x_3) . Show the Budget Set is convex.
6. Consider the utility maximization problem for an agent with $U = x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha}$ and total wealth of W . Price of good one and two are p_1 and p_2 , respectively.
 - (a) Derive the demand functions.
 - (b) Find the maximum level of attainable utility.
 - (c) Set up the indirect utility and derive the first derivative of it with respect to wealth and prices.
(Hint: use Envelope Theorem)
 - (d) Set the Dual problem; the expenditure minimization problem when the utility is greater than or equal to \bar{U} .
 - (e) Find the expenditure minimizing bundle; (h_1, h_2) . Find the minimum expenditure (e) when $U \geq \bar{U}$.
 - (f) Show when \bar{U} is the same as utility level in (b), then $e = W$.
7. Log-linearize the following Euler Equation around the steady state:

$$\frac{c_t^{-\sigma}}{\beta c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}} = (1 + r_t)$$

8. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show A can be written as $A = PDP^{-1}$; where P is an invertible and D is a diagonal matrix.