

Existence of Competitive Equilibrium : today's topicPure Exchange Economies

$$- Y_J = \mathbb{R}_+^L \quad (\text{garbage firm})$$

$$- X_i = \mathbb{R}_+^L$$

 \tilde{z}_i is strictly convex, continuous, LNS

$$w_i : \bar{w}_i > 0 \text{ for each } i=1, \dots, I$$

} Assumption 1

Fix a price vector $p \in \mathbb{R}_+^L$

$$- B_i(p) = \{x_i \in X_i \mid p \cdot x_i \leq p \cdot w_i\}$$

*Not quite the budget set
since it doesn't take into account $\theta_i p \cdot y_J$*

- Under Assumption 1: there is at most one x_i^*

such that x_i^* maximizes i 's preferences s.t. $B_i(p)$

(\rightarrow There may be NO x_i^*)

- Define $X_i : \mathbb{R}_+^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^L \cup \{\emptyset\}$ such that

$\begin{cases} x_i(p) \text{ is the } \tilde{z}_i\text{-maximizing bundle on } B_i(p) \text{ if one exists} \\ x_i(p) = \emptyset, \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$

prop 1 Fix a pure exchange economy that satisfies assumption 1.

Then (x^*, y^*, p^*) constitute a Walrasian equilibrium if and only if

$$(1) \quad p^* \cdot y_J^* = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad p^* \geq (0, \dots, 0) \quad (p^* = p_1^*, \dots, p_L^*) \quad [\text{profit max}]$$

$$(2) \quad x_i(p^*) = x_i^* \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, I \quad [\text{util. max}]$$

$$(3) \quad y_J^* = \sum_{i=1}^I x_i^* - \sum_{i=1}^I w_i \quad [\text{Market clear}]$$

Corollary 1 Fix a pure exchange economy that satisfies Assumption 1

Then, P is an equilibrium price vector iff

- (i) $P \geq (0, \dots, 0)$
- (ii) $X_i(p) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i=1, \dots, I$
- (iii) $\sum_{i=1}^I (X_i(p) - w_i) \leq (0, \dots, 0)$

• Define an excess demand function : $Z_i: \mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L \cup \{\emptyset\}$

$$Z_i(p) = \begin{cases} X_i(p) - w_i & \text{if } X_i(p) \neq \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \text{if } X_i(p) = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

• Define aggregate excess demand : $Z: \mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L \cup \{\emptyset\}$ s.t.

$$Z(p) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^I Z_i(p) & \text{if } Z_i(p) \neq \emptyset \quad \forall i=1, \dots, I \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

↓ Check the properties of aggregate excess demand.

Given $Z: \mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L \cup \{\emptyset\}$,

define $\bar{Z}: \mathbb{R}_{++}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L \cup \{\emptyset\}$ is Z restricted to the domain \mathbb{R}_{++}^L .

$$p \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L : \bar{Z}(p) = Z(p)$$

properties
of aggregate
excess demand.

[P1] $\bar{Z}(\cdot)$ is continuous

[P2] $\bar{Z}(\cdot)$ is homogeneous degree zero. ($Z(\alpha p) = Z(p)$, $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L$ and $\alpha > 0$)

[P3] $\bar{Z}(\cdot)$ satisfies Walras' law.

$$(p \cdot Z(p) = 0, \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^I p_i Z_i(p) = 0$$

[P4] $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L$, \exists some $S > 0$ s.t. $(Z_1(p), \dots, Z_L(p)) \not\geq (-S, \dots, -S)$

\hookleftarrow L^{th} component of $Z(p)$.

[P5] Let $(p^n, n=1, 2, \dots)$ be such that $p^n \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L$ and $p^n \rightarrow p^0$ where $p^0 \neq 0$ but $p_e^0 = 0$

Then, $\max \{Z_1(p^n), \dots, Z_L(p^n)\} \rightarrow \infty$ (If $\exists p_e^0 = 0$, max seq. of $Z_e(p^n) \rightarrow \infty$)

Suppose we find a $p^* \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L$ s.t. $Z(p^*) = (0, \dots, 0)$ (\rightarrow Corollary 1, holds)

- Since $p^* \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L$, $\chi_i(p^*) \neq \emptyset$

$$-\sum_{i=1}^I [\chi_i(p^*) - w_i] = Z(p^*) = (0, \dots, 0)$$

\Rightarrow Corollary: there exists some (x^*, y^*) s.t. $((x^*, y^*), p^*)$ is a competitive equilibrium.

Prop 2

Consider a pure exchange economy that satisfies Assumption 1.

If $Z(\cdot)$ satisfies $P1 \sim P5$, then there exists p^* s.t. $Z(p^*) = (0, \dots, 0)$
really only going to need $P1, P3, P4, P5$

- Will see: Assumptions + 1 extra condition gives us $P1 \sim P5$.

Theorem (Kakutani)

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be compact and convex. Let $f: A \rightarrow 2^A$ be an upper hemicontinuous correspondence s.t., for each $a \in A$, $f(a)$ is non-empty & convex.

Then there exists some $a^* \in A$ s.t. $a^* \in f(a^*)$

\cdot $f(a)$ into some singleton $\{b\} \subseteq A$: $a^* \in f(a^*) \Rightarrow f(a^*) = \{a^*\}$ (Fixed point thm)

proof of proposition 2.)

Set: $\Delta = \{p \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^L : \sum_{i=1}^L p_i = 1\}$ \leftarrow look for equilibrium price vectors only in this set.

$$\text{Int}(\Delta) = \{p \in \Delta : p \gg (0, \dots, 0)\}$$

$$\text{bd}(\Delta) = \Delta \setminus \text{Int}(\Delta)$$

If we find a equilibrium price vector in this set, then done.
If NOT, then P_2 tells you that you can't find an equilibrium price vector.

Correspondence: $f: \Delta \rightarrow 2^\Delta$ such that

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} \{g \in \Delta : \underbrace{Z(p) \cdot g}_{\text{consume} - \text{wealth}} \geq Z(p) \cdot g', \forall g' \in \Delta\} & \text{if } p \in \text{Int}(\Delta) \\ \{g \in \Delta : p \cdot g = 0\} & \text{if } p \in \text{bd}(\Delta) \end{cases}$$

Step 1: If p^* is a fixed point of f , then $Z(p^*) = 0$.

Step 2: there exists a fixed point of f .

next class?