

Homework Solutions 4

ECON 501B

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1. To revise the definition of block*:

A coalition C blocks* μ if there exists:

- (a) same
- (b) for each $i \notin C$ with $\mu(i) \notin C, \mu'(i) = \mu(i)$.
- (c) same

Problem:

$$T = \{t\}, B = \{b_1, b_2\}$$

Preferences:

$$t : b_1 \succ b_2 \succ t$$

$$b_i : t \succ b_i$$

Think about μ such that $\mu(t) = b_2, \mu(b_1) = b_1$

Then $C = \{t, b_1\}$ should form a block, but does not under the definition of block*

Under the new definition of block*, neither condition is stronger; that is, block is equivalent to block*

block* \Rightarrow block is obvious.

block \Rightarrow block*:

Suppose C blocks μ

That means $\exists \mu'$ such that:

- a) for each $i \in C : \mu'(i) \in C$
- b) for each $i \in C : \mu'(i) \succ_i \mu(i)$

Constraint μ'' :

- a) if $i \in C, \mu''(i) = \mu'(i)$
- b) if $i \notin C$ and $\mu(i) \notin C, \mu''(i) = \mu(i)$
- c) if $i \notin C$ and $\mu(i) \in C, \mu''(i) = i$

By construction, for each $i \in C, \mu''(i) = \mu'(i) \succ_i \mu(i)$ and $\mu''(i) = \mu'(i) \in C$

2. (a) $f_1 : W \succ \{w_1, w_3\} \succ \{w_2, w_3\} \succ \{w_1\} \succ \{w_2\} \succ \{w_3\} \succ \{w_1, w_2\} \succ f_1$
 $f_2 : W \succ \{w_1, w_2\} \succ \{w_1, w_3\} \succ \{w_2, w_3\} \succ \{w_1\} \succ \{w_2\} \succ \{w_3\} \succ f_2$

- (b) No, externalities.

- (c) If $\mu(f_1) = f_1$, then (f_1, w_i) will block.
 If $\mu(f_1) = \{w_i\}$ then there exists a $w_j \neq w_i$ such that f_1 and w_j will form a block.
 If $\mu(f_1) = \{w_1, w_2\}$ then f_1 blocks.
 If $\mu(f_1) = \{w_2, w_3\}$ then (f_1, w_1) form a block.
 $\mu(f_1) = \{w_1, w_3\}$ and $\mu(f_2) = f_2$ unique stable match.

(d) Yep.

- (e) $f_1 : W \succ \{w_1, w_3\} \succ \{w_1, w_2\} \succ \{w_2, w_3\} \succ \{w_1\} \succ \{w_2\} \succ \{w_3\} \succ f_1$

Only unique match is again $\mu(f_1) = \{w_1, w_3\}$ and $\mu(f_2) = f_2$
 (proof omitted cause tired).
 Worker preferred same.

3. False:

$$T = \{t\}, B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$$

Preferences:

$$t : \{b_2, b_3\} \succ \{b_1\} \succ \{b_2\} \succ \{b_3\}$$

$$\text{Let } B_1 = \{b_2, b_3\} \text{ and } B_2 = \{b_1\}$$

$$\text{Then for each } b_i \in B_1, \{b_1\} \succ_t \{b_i\}$$

4. True.

Since $B_1 \succ_t B_2$, then it is not the case that $B_1 \subseteq B_2$

Thus $B_1 \setminus B_2 \neq \emptyset$

Then see Lemma 2.

5. False.

$$t : \{b_2\} \succ \{b_1, b_2\} \succ t \succ \{b - 1\}$$

$$B_1 = \{b_1, b_2\} \text{ and } B_2 = \{b_2\}$$

$$\{b_1\} = B_1 \setminus B_2 \text{ but } t \succ_t b_1$$