

1) Suppose  $X = \mathbb{R}_+^k$ , for some  $k \geq 2$ , and define  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_k) \succeq y = (y_1, \dots, y_k)$  if  $x \geq y$ ; i.e., if for each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $x_i \geq y_i$ . (This is known as the *Pareto ordering* on  $\mathbb{R}_+^k$ .)

- a) Show that  $\succeq$  is transitive but not complete.
- b) Characterize  $\succ$  defined from  $\succeq$  in the usual fashion; i.e.  $x \succ y$  if  $x \succeq y$  and not  $y \succeq x$ . Is  $\succ$  reflexive? transitive? symmetric? Prove your assertions.
- c) Characterize  $\sim$  from  $\succeq$  in the usual fashion; i.e.  $x \sim y$  if  $x \succeq y$  and  $y \succeq x$ . Is  $\sim$  reflexive? transitive? symmetric? Prove your assertions.

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3) Let  $\succeq$  be some complete, transitive preference on a non-empty convex set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^L$ . We say that preferences are strictly convex when  $\succeq$  is convex and for all  $x, y, z$  such that  $y \succeq x$  and  $z \succeq x$  and  $y \neq z$ , we have that for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ :

$$\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)z \succ x$$

- a) Let  $X^* \subseteq X$  be the set of maximal bundles of  $X$ :

$$X^* = \{x \in X : x \succeq y \text{ for all } y \in X\}.$$

Show if that  $\succeq$  is complete, transitive, and convex, then  $X^*$  is convex.

- b) Suppose that preferences are also strictly convex. Show that  $X^*$  has at most one element.
- c) Suppose that  $\succeq$  is strictly monotone and that  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^L$  is an open set. Show that  $\succeq$  is also locally non-satiated.
- d) Suppose that  $X$  is a non-empty compact set and that  $\succeq$  is complete, transitive, and continuous (but not necessarily convex). Prove that preferences cannot be locally non-satiated (Hint: show  $X^* \neq \emptyset$ ). What does this imply about the relationship between monotonicity and local non-satiation?