

Advanced Microeconomics - Problem set 3

Due date: classes on November 4th

Problem 1 (2pt) *Exchange economy.* Consider a pure exchange economy with $u_1(x, y) = \ln(x) + y$, $u_2(x, y) = \ln(x) + 2y$, $\omega_1 = (1, 0)$, $\omega_2 = (0, 1)$. Find the set of Pareto-optimal allocations and Walrasian equilibria and depict them on the Edgeworth box.

Problem 2 (3pt) *Production economy.* Consider an economy with two consumption goods x, y and two production inputs: capital and labor k, l . Consumer supply capital and labor inelastically $k = k_x + k_y = 324$, $l = l_x + l_y = 2500$. There is no endowment in good x, y . Production function for x is given by $f_x(k_x, l_x) = 48^{\frac{1}{4}} k_x^{\frac{3}{4}} l_x^{\frac{1}{4}}$, while that of y by $f_y(k_y, l_y) = 3^{\frac{1}{4}} k_y^{\frac{1}{4}} l_y^{\frac{3}{4}}$. A single consumer has preferences: $U(x, y) = x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Assume $p_x = 100$. Compute the Walrasian equilibrium prices of capital, labor and good y .

Problem 3 (3pt) *Negishi.* Consider an exchange economy: $u_1(x_A, x_B) = 2\sqrt{x_A x_B}$, $u_2(x_A, x_B) = 2\ln(x_A) + \ln(x_B)$, $\omega_1 = (2, 0)$, $\omega_2 = (0, 5)$.

- Compute the Walrasian equilibrium with p_A normalized to 1
- compute the Lagrange multipliers for both consumers' budgets constraints
- Solve the problem of maximization of the social welfare function for given weights λ_i and feasibility constraints.
- Compute the Lagrange multipliers associated with the constraints in the social welfare function maximization problem
- Determine λ_i , such that Walrasian equilibrium allocation solve the problem of maximization of the social welfare function.

Problem 4 (2pt) 6.4.6 from our notes.