

University of Minnesota
Math Refresher
SUMMER 2015

Problem Set 4

1. Taken from Beth Allen's Midterm 2013.

- State Berge's Theorem of the Maximum.
- Consider a consumer with a consumption set X given by:

$$X = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 1\}.$$

and preferences \succeq represented by the utility function $u : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^2$ defined by

$$u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + 4x_2.$$

Suppose that the endowment vector is $e = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. Holding the environment fixed, derive the demand correspondence $x(\cdot, e)$ for the above consumer as a function of prices.

- Is the above demand upper hemicontinuous? Does your answer contradict the Theorem of the Maximum? Why or why not?

2. Exercises from SLP: 3.11a, 3.11b, 3.11d, 3.11g, 3.13a, 3.13b, 3.14a, 3.15, 3.16

3. Exercises from Sundaram: 9.4, 9.8, 9.15, 9.18, 9.19.