

Exercises Week II.

1. Friday: Duality

Let $u : \mathbb{R}^G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly increasing and differentiable utility function. Let $I > 0$ be the fixed income of the household. Find the dual problem of

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & u(x) \\ & p \cdot x \leq I \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{P}$$

and use the duality theorem to prove that the values of both problems are identical.

2. Tuesday: Inverse Function Theorem

Suppose $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear map between finite-dimensional vector spaces. Use the Rank-Nullity Law to prove the following corollaries:

- (a) T is a bijection $\implies \dim V = \dim W$.
- (b) Suppose $\dim V = \dim W$. Then T is surjective iff T is injective.

3. Wednesday: Implicit Function Theorem

(a) Firm Production

Let the output price p and the factor prices (r, w) be given by $(p, r, w) = (1, 2, 1)$. Suppose a firm exists that must use these parameters and pick an optimal capital and labor inputs (K, L) to maximize the firm's problem:

$$\max_{K, L} \pi = p \cdot F(K, L) - rK - wL.$$

The firm has access to the production function $F(K, L) = \ln(K) + \ln(L)$, which is strictly concave.

- i. Calculate the optimal levels of capital and labor inputs (K^*, L^*) for the firm.
 - ii. How do the optimal levels of capital and labor change as the parameters (p, r, w) change. In particular, I am asking for the derivative of $K^*(p, r, w)$ and $L^*(p, r, w)$ as a function of (p, r, w) .
- (b) No Arbitrage Asset Pricing

Let the payout matrix Y be given by:

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Which of the following set of asset prices (if any) are No Arbitrage asset prices?

- i. $q = (1, 2, 2)$
- ii. $q = (1, 4, 2)$
- iii. $q = (1, 2, 4)$

4. Thursday: Integration in \mathbb{R}^n

(a) Integration by Parts

- i. Evaluate $\int_0^1 x e^x dx$.
- ii. Evaluate $\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} x \sin x dx$.

(b) Change of Variables

Let R be a 3-dimensional space defined in Cartesian coordinates and let S be the same 3-dimensional space defined in spherical coordinates. Recall that the Cartesian coordinates (x, y, z) are defined using the spherical coordinates (r, θ, γ) according to the transformation

$$(x, y, z) = T(r, \theta, \gamma) = (r \sin \gamma \cos \theta, r \sin \gamma \sin \theta, r \cos \gamma).$$

Prove that

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \iiint_S f(r \sin \gamma \cos \theta, r \sin \gamma \sin \theta, r \cos \gamma) (r^2 \sin \gamma) dr d\theta d\gamma.$$

Recall that for spherical coordinates, we restrict $0 \leq \gamma \leq \pi$.