

General Equilibrium - Problem Set 2  
due: classes on the 13th of Dec

**Problem 1 (2p)** Consider an exchange economy with  $I$  consumers, each with rational preferences  $\succeq_i$  over  $\mathbb{R}_+^L$  and an initial endowment  $\omega_i$ . Let  $(x^*, p^*)$  be a WE. Prove that  $x^*$  belongs to the core of this economy.

**Problem 2 (2p)** Consider an exchange economy  $E$  with two consumers 1, 2 and two goods  $A, B$ , where consumers have:  $u_1(x_1) = \min\{x_1^A, x_1^B\}$  and  $u_2(x_2) = x_2^A + x_2^B$ . Initial endowment is given by:  $\omega_1 = (3, 3); \omega_2 = (5, 5)$ . Find the core of this economy and allocation in the Walrasian Equilibrium.

**Problem 3 (2p)** Consider an exchange economy  $E$  with two consumers 1, 2 and two goods  $A, B$ , where consumers are characterized by:  $u_1(x_1) = \min\{x_1^A, x_1^B\}$  and  $u_2(x_2) = 2 \min\{x_2^A, x_2^B\}$ . Let initial endowment be given by:  $\omega_1 = (10, 0)$  and  $\omega_2 = (0, 10)$ .

- Find core of this economy,
- Consider  $n$ -th replicas of  $E$  and corresponding cores  $C_n$ . Express  $C_n$  as a function of  $n$ .

**Problem 4 (2p)** Let  $S_i = \{0, 2\} \times \{0, 2\} \times \{0, 2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $i \in I = \{1, \dots, 100\}$ .

- Define  $\sum_{i=1}^I S_i$  and  $\text{con} \sum_{i=1}^I S_i$ ,
- Illustrate Shapley-Folkman theorem for  $(42.3, 11.6, 22) \in \text{con} \sum_{i=1}^I S_i$ .

**Problem 5 (2p)** Consider an economy with two goods  $x, y$  and infinitely many consumers  $I = [0, 1]$ , each  $i$ -th with preferences given by  $u_i(x, y) = x^i y^{1-i}$ . Endowment of each consumer is given by  $(2, 2)$ .

- Assume prices sum up to one. Derive demand of consumer  $i$  as a function of  $i$  and  $p_x, p_y$ .
- Compute equilibrium prices.
- Find equilibrium allocation for each  $i$ -th consumer.