

micro problem set 1

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Please provide only the final answers to the following problems. No proofs needed. Try to give an answer even if you are not yet sure that it is correct.

Problem 1 draw the indifference curves $I_c^f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : f(x, y) = c\}$ and the upper contour sets (better-than sets) $B_c^f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : f(x, y) \geq c\}$ of the following functions. Which ones of these functions are concave and/or quasi-concave? In which cases are indifference curves representable by functions?

- $f(x, y) = x + \sqrt{y}, c = 4$
- $f(x, y) = x + y^2, c = 4$
- $f(x, y) = x - \frac{1}{y}, c = 4$
- $f(x, y) = \min(x, y), c = 1$
- $f(x, y) = \max(x, y), c = 1$
- $f(x, y) = \min(x/4 + 1, y + 2), c = 3$
- $f(x, y) = \max(2x/3, 3y/2), c = 1$
- $f(x, y) = \min(x/4 + y - 1, x + y - 2, x, y), c = 1/2, 2, 4$
- $f(x, y) = \min(x, y, \frac{x^2 + y^2}{8}), c = 1$
- $f(x, y) = \min(\max(x, y), \max(2x/3, 3y/2)), c = 1$
- $f(x, y) = -(x - 3)^2 - (y - 3)^2, c = -4$

Problem 2 solve the following maximization problems in one variable

1.
 - objective function: $f(x) = px - wx$
 - variables: $x \in \mathbb{R}$
 - constraints: $x \geq 0$
 - parameters: p, w
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive

- objective function: $f(x) = 2p\sqrt{x} - wx$
- variables: $x \in R$
- constraints: $x \geq 0$
- parameters: p, w
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
- objective function: $f(x) = \frac{p}{2}x^2 - wx$
- variables: x
- constraints: $x \geq 0$
- parameters: p, w
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
- objective function: $f(x) = -(x - 3)^2$
- variables: x
- constraints: $px \leq m, x \geq 0$
- parameters: p, m
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive

Problem 3 solve the following maximization problems in two variables

1.
 - objective function: $f(K, L) = \frac{p}{4}\sqrt{KL} - wL - rK$
 - variables: K, L
 - constraints: $K \geq 0, L \geq 0$
 - parameters: p, w, r
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
 - objective function: $f(K, L) = 4pK^{\frac{1}{4}}L^{\frac{1}{4}} - wL - rK$
 - variables: K, L
 - constraints: $K \geq 0, L \geq 0$
 - parameters: p, w, r
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
 - objective function: $f(K, L) = pKL - wL - rK$
 - variables: K, L
 - constraints: $K \geq 0, L \geq 0$
 - parameters: p, w, r
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
 - objective function: $f(x, y) = x + 2\sqrt{y}$

- variables: x, y
- constraints: $px + wy \leq m, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$
- parameters: p, w, m
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
- objective function: $f(x, y) = x - \frac{1}{y}$
- variables: x, y
- constraints: $px + wy \leq m, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$
- parameters: p, w, m
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
- objective function: $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$
- variables: x, y
- constraints: $px + wy \leq m, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$
- parameters: p, w, m
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
- objective function: $f(x, y) = \min(2x + y - 3, x + y + 1)$
- variables: x, y
- constraints: $x + 2y \leq m, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$
- parameters: m
- conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive

Problem 4 solve the following maximization problems in n variables

1.
 - objective function: $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \log x_i$
 - variables: x_1, \dots, x_n
 - constraints: $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \leq m, x_1 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0$
 - parameters: $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, p_1, \dots, p_n, m$
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
 - objective function: $f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$
 - variables: x_1, \dots, x_n
 - constraints: $x_1 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0$
 - parameters: w_1, \dots, w_n
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive
 - objective function: $f(x) = x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i \log x_i$
 - variables: x_1, \dots, x_n
 - constraints: $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \leq m, x_1 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0$
 - parameters: $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, p_1, \dots, p_n, m$
 - conditions on parameters: all parameters are strictly positive