

PROBLEM SET 4

For all allowed values of the parameters, find all global maxima of the following maximization problem, or show that none exist.

Objective function $U(x, y) = x + \theta \log(y + A)$

constraints $x + py \leq m, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

variables x, y

parameters θ, A, p, m

conditions on parameters $\theta > 0, A > 0, p > 0, m > 0$

STEP 1 NORMAL FORM

MAX U

$$m - x - py \geq 0, \quad x \geq 0, \quad y \geq 0$$

STEP 2: LAGRANGIAN

$$L = \lambda_0 \cdot U + \lambda_1 (m - x - py)$$

STEP 3: WHICH THEOREMS APPLY?

ALL THREE

STEP 4: FRITZ JOHN NECESSARY CONDITIONS

$$\boxed{1_x} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 \leq 0, \quad \boxed{2_x} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \cdot x = 0$$

$$\boxed{1_y} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \frac{\lambda_0 \theta}{y + A} - \lambda_1 p \leq 0, \quad \boxed{2_y} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} \cdot y = 0$$

$$\boxed{3} \quad m - x - py \geq 0 \quad \boxed{4} \quad (m - x - py) \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{13)} \quad & m - x - py \geq 0 & \text{14)} \quad & (m - x - py) \cdot \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \text{15)} \quad & x, y \geq 0 & \text{16)} \quad & \lambda_0, \lambda_1 \geq 0 \\ \text{17)} \quad & \lambda_0 = 0 \text{ OR } 1, \text{ NOT ALL } \lambda_j = 0 \end{aligned}$$

STEP 5: SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS OF NECESSARY CONDITIONS

HYPOTHESIS: $\lambda_0 = 1, x > 0, y > 0$

SOLUTION: BY 15x, $\lambda_2 = 1$. THEN BY 14

$$\begin{aligned} x + py &= m \\ \text{BY } \underline{\text{15y}} \quad \frac{\theta}{y+A} &= p \quad \text{HENCE} \end{aligned}$$

$$y + A = \frac{\theta}{p} \quad y = \frac{\theta}{p} - A$$

$$x + \theta - pA = m, \quad x = m + pA - \theta$$

CONSISTENCY CHECK:

THE CONDITIONS $x > 0, y > 0$ YIELD

$$\frac{\theta - m}{A} < p < \frac{\theta}{A}$$

SINCE ARROW-EN THOUVEN FIELDS, WE CONCLUDE

GLOBAL MAXIMA

$$\left([m + pA - \theta, \frac{\theta}{p} - A] \text{ if } \frac{\theta - m}{A} < p < \frac{\theta}{A} \right)$$

$$[x, y] = \begin{cases} [m + pA - \theta, \bar{p} - A] & \text{if } \frac{\theta}{A} < p < \frac{\theta}{A} \\ ? & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

AND WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS

HYPOTHESIS: $\lambda_0 = 1, x > 0, y = 0$

SOLUTION: $\lambda_1 = 1, x = m, y = 0$

CONSISTENCY CHECK

BY KKT $\theta/A \leq p$

SINCE KARUSH-KHUNTLUOVEN HOLD, WE CONCLUDE

GLOBAL MAXIMA

$$[x, y] = \begin{cases} [m + pA - \theta, \frac{\theta}{p} - A] & \text{if } \frac{\theta - m}{A} < p < \frac{\theta}{A} \\ [m, 0] & \text{if } p \geq \theta/A \\ ? & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

AND WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH

HYPOTHESIS: $\lambda_0 = 1, x = 0, y > 0$

SOLUTION: $\lambda_1 \geq 1, y = m/p, \frac{\theta}{y + A} = \lambda_1 p$

HENCE $\lambda_1 = \frac{\theta}{m + pA}$

$$\text{HENCE } \lambda_1 = \frac{0}{m + pA}$$

CONSISTENCY CHECK:

$$\frac{0}{m + pA} \geq 1 \text{ ie } p \leq \frac{\theta - m}{A}, \theta > m$$

SINCE ARROW-ENTHOUVEN HOLDS, WE CONCLUDE

GLOBAL MAXIMA

$$[x, y] = \begin{cases} [m + pA - \theta, \frac{\theta}{p} - A] & \text{if } \frac{\theta - m}{A} < p < \frac{\theta}{A} \\ [m, 0] & \text{if } p \geq \frac{\theta}{A} \\ [0, m/p] & \text{if } p \leq \frac{\theta - m}{A}, \theta > m \end{cases}$$

AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THE PARAMETER SPACE. WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH UNTIL WE EXHAUST THE VARIABLE SPACE

$$\text{HYPOTHESIS: } \lambda_0 = 1, x = 0, y = 0$$

$$\text{SOLUTION: } \lambda_1 \geq 1, x + py = m$$

CONSISTENCY CHECK: $0 = m$, CONTRADICTION

$$\text{HYPOTHESIS: } \lambda_0 = 0$$

SOLUTION: By $\boxed{7}$ $\lambda_1 > 0$, so by $\boxed{4}$

$$x + py = m$$

By $\boxed{5y}$ $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = -\lambda_1 p < 0$, so by $\boxed{2y}$

$$y = 0, \quad x = m > 0.$$

THEN by $\boxed{3x}$ $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0$ i.e. $0 - \lambda_1 = 0$

CONSISTENCY CHECK: CONTRADICTION

$$(\lambda_1 > 0 \text{ AND } \lambda_1 = 0)$$

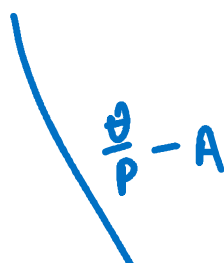
AT THIS POINT WE HAVE EXHAUSTED BOTH THE PARAMETER SPACE AND THE VARIABLE SPACE.

WE CONCLUDE

GLOBAL MAXIMA

$$[x, y] = \begin{cases} [m + pA - \theta, \frac{\theta}{p} - A] & \text{if } \frac{\theta - m}{A} < p < \frac{\theta}{A} \\ [m, 0] & \text{if } p \geq \theta/A \\ [0, m/p] & \text{if } p \leq \frac{\theta - m}{A}, \theta > m \end{cases}$$

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CASE $\theta \leq m$

