

Mechanism Design

Questions

Long break - evaluations

Review

Distinction between

Direct mechanism \rightarrow Report characteristics \rightarrow outcomes (not very informationally economical)

Indirect mechanism \rightarrow characteristics \rightarrow outcome



Generalizability of QL preferences.

Without QL: (v_i) concave

$$v_i^*(p, w_i) = \max \{ v_i(z); p \cdot z_i = w_i \}$$

$$d_i(p, w_i) = \operatorname{argmax} v_i^*(p, w_i)$$

PTE: $(p, \{z_i\}) : v_i, z_i \in d_i(p, w_i), w_i = 0, \sum z_i = 0$

With QL: (v_i) concave

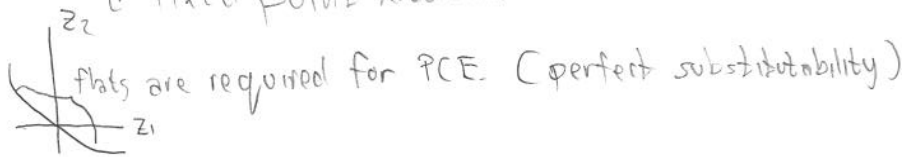
PTE: $(p, z_i, m_i) \ni m_i = -p \cdot z_i, v_i(z_i) - p \cdot z_i = v_i^*(p), \sum z_i = 0$

Without QL: $(\lambda_i v_i)$ concave $\lambda_i > 0, \sum \lambda_i = 1$ (the λ_i doesn't matter w/o QL)

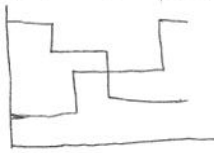
PTE (pretend there is a money commodity): $\lambda_i v_i + m_i$

$$\forall \lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \xrightarrow{\text{get}} (p(\lambda), z_i(\lambda), m_i(\lambda) = -p(\lambda)z_i(\lambda)) \text{ PTE QL}(\lambda)$$

Suppose λ is such that $m_i(\lambda) = -p(\lambda)z_i(\lambda) = 0 \forall i$. Such a λ exists by a fixed point theorem.



Double auction (special case of assignment model)



- * Evolved wisdom as a way of solving non-transitivity of serial preferences.
- * Economics of raising and entrepreneurship
- * Market for loans
- * Degree of friction with respect to IC constraints

In the ordinal world, you are forced to have BB. Thus, only dictatorship and perfect competition work

Mathematical sources of complementarity: nondifferentiability and non-concavity (ps 6 Q2)
 There are bargaining problems other than delay. (eg. preemptive investments)

Not responsible for delivery problems (except how it relates to correlated equilibrium)

$$\underbrace{\sum_{j \neq i} v_j(z(v|v_i'))}_{\text{no delivery problems}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{j \in C} v_j(z(v|v_i'), v_i)}_{\text{delivery problems}}$$