

Linear Complementarity Problem and Market Equilibria

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- ▶ Linear Complementarity Problem (LCP)
 - ▶ Complementary Pivot Algorithm - Lemke
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 - ▶ LCP formulations
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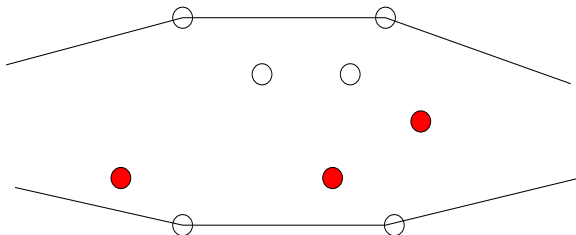
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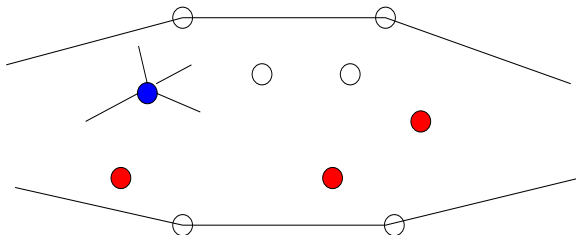


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- ▶ $\mathcal{S}$: Solutions of (2)

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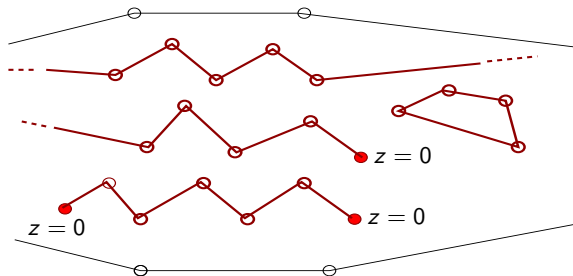
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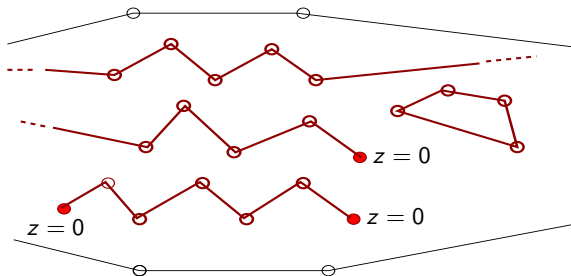
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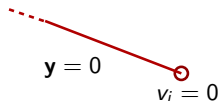
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- ▶ A ray - unbounded edge of $\mathcal{S}$ incident on a vertex.
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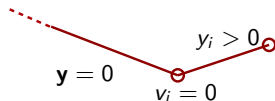
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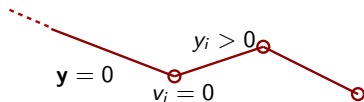
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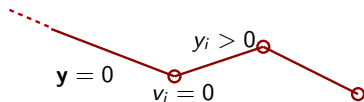
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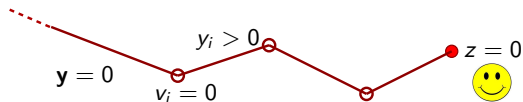
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► **Equilibrium.** Allocation $x_A = (0, 0, 0.5)$, $x_B = (1, 1, 0.5)$

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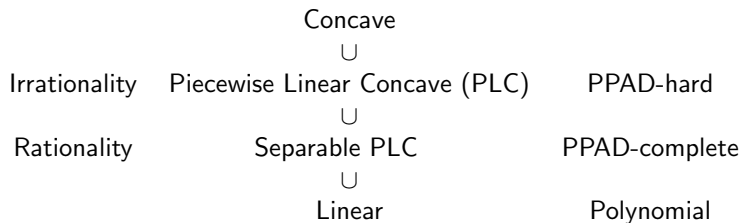
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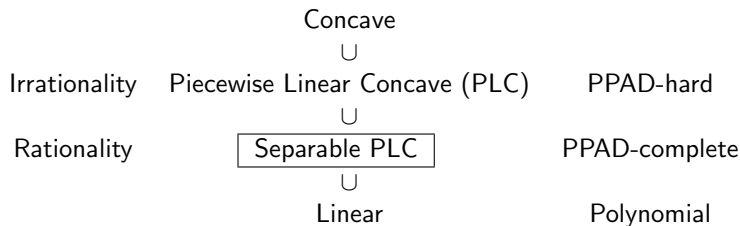
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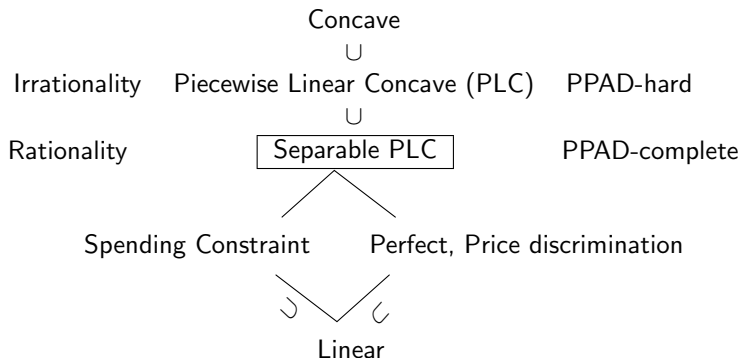
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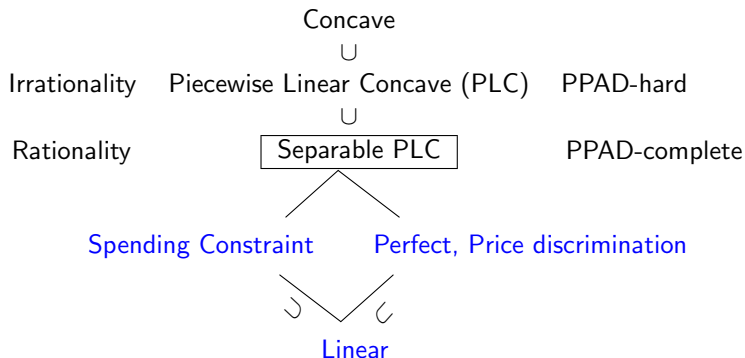
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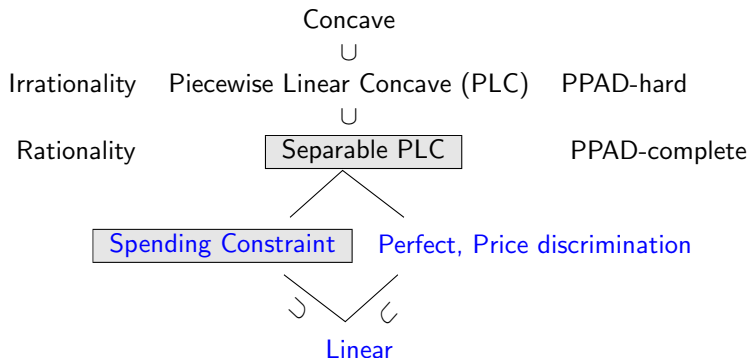
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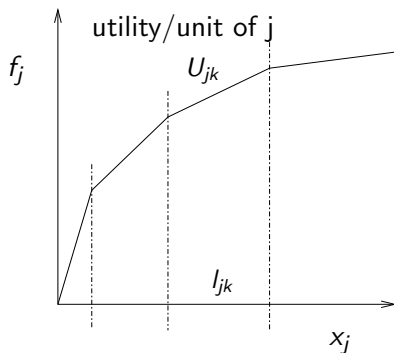


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SPLC Utilities

- ▶ $f_j : \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$ is a PLC utility function of agent i for good j .
- ▶ $U_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j f_j(x_j)$ (separable across goods)



Computing Equilibrium for SPLC

- ▶ PPAD-complete (Chen, Dai, Du, Teng (2009), Chen & Teng (2009), Vazirani & Yannakakis (2009))

Open: LCP formulation, systematic and path-following algorithm

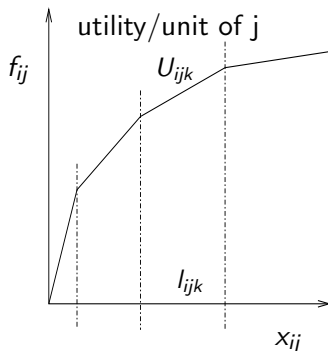
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- ▶ LCP formulation and complementary pivot algorithm
- ▶ A systematic way of finding equilibrium
- ▶ Elementary proof of existence, rationality, oddness, ...

Deriving the LCP

- ▶ LCP has two parts:
 - ▶ each agent gets an optimal bundle
 - ▶ market clearing
- ▶ Variables:



q_{ijk} : amount of money
spent on segment (i, j, k)

p_j : price of good j

$$q_{ijk} \leq l_{ijk} p_j$$

Market Clearing

Assumption (wlog): $\forall j \in \mathcal{G} : \sum_i w_{ij} = 1$

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Optimal Bundle

Given prices $\mathbf{p}$, optimal bundle for an agent i :

- ▶ bang-per-buck for a segment $(i, j, k) = \frac{U_{ijk}}{p_j}$
- ▶ Sort all her segments by decreasing bpb.
- ▶ Partition by equality: $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_I, \dots$
- ▶ Start allocating until money runs out.

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Optimal Bundle Conditions

$\frac{1}{\lambda_i}$: will be bpb of flexible partition

Consider a segment (i, j, k) . If it is:

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Supplementary Price

γ_{ijk} : Supplementary price for segment (i, j, k)

Forced: $\frac{U_{ijk}}{p_j + \gamma_{ijk}} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}, \quad \gamma_{ijk} > 0$

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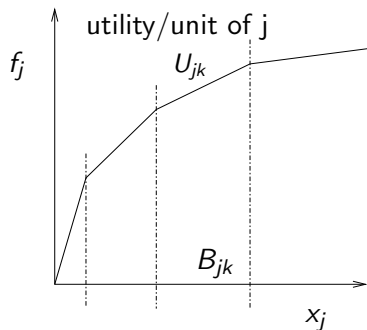
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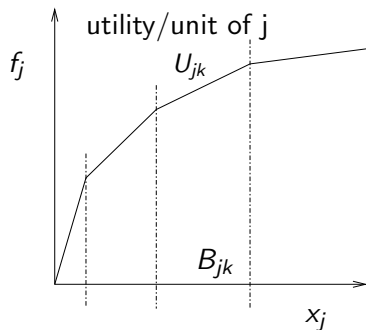
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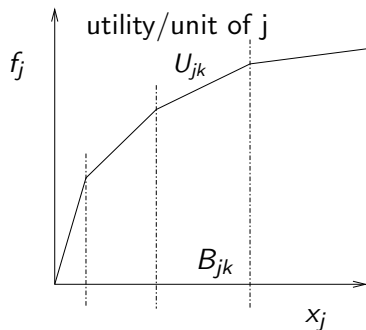


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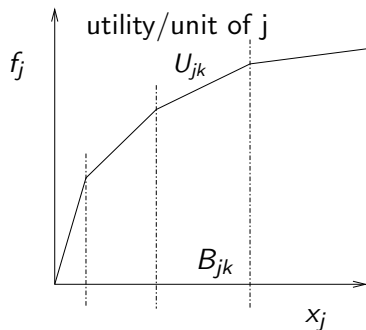


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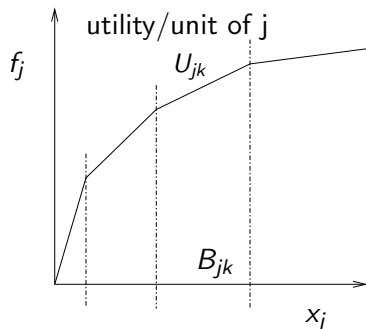


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- ▶ complementary pivot algorithm - **polynomially many pivots!**

also works for perfect price discrimination and linear markets

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Very similar to the LCP formulation of SPLC utilities

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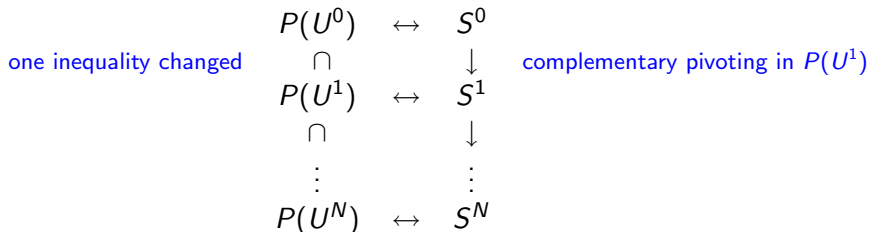
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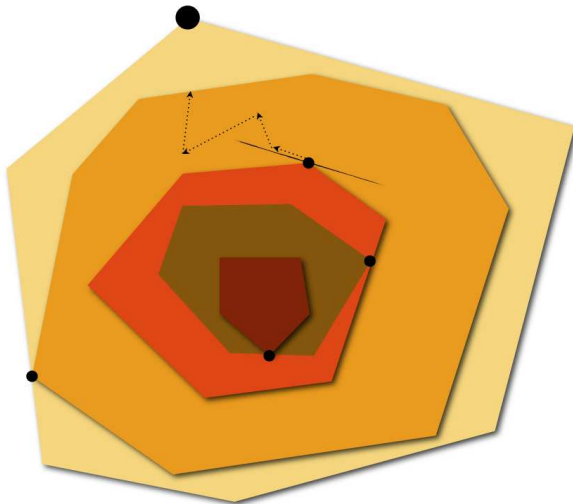
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Traditional Utilities

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Thanks!