

On the Problem of Equilibrium under Fuzzy Preferences: Applications of Fuzzy Sets and Fuzzy Systems Methodology to Economics

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In this paper we substitute preferences in mathematical economics and discuss the centre problem of equilibrium<sup>[4]</sup> of it in the fuzzy systems methodology<sup>[1]</sup>.

1. Some Assumptions

(1) Consumption Set is a aggregation of goods which consumers have. Given n kinds of goods, consumption set is often taken as nonnegative quadrant  $R_+^n$  of n-dimensional Euclid space.

(2) Fuzzy Preferences are judgment on superior of consumers. They are quasi-similar fuzzy relations<sup>[3]</sup> on consumption set. Let R be a quasi-similar fuzzy relation.  $\mu_R(x, y)$  denotes the level that commodity x is better than commodity y.

(3) Price Standard Form is a set

$$P_n = \{p | p = (p_1, \dots, p_n), p_j \geq 0, 1 \leq j \leq n, \sum_{j=1}^n p_j = 1\}.$$

2. Expression of Model

Let a pure exchange economy, given consumption set G, l consumers, i-th fuzzy preference  $R_i$  and i-th initial resources as

$$\xi^i = (\xi_1^i, \dots, \xi_n^i) \geq 0.$$

Then social resources are

$$\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) = \sum_{i=1}^l \xi^i > 0.$$

Let there is a price  $\hat{p} \in P_n$  such that i-th demand of goods  $\hat{x}^i \in G$  satisfy

(i) Pareto Optimal Principle:  $\forall i (1 \leq i \leq l)$ , there exists not  $e^i$  such that  $\hat{p}x \leq p\xi^i$  and  $\mu_{R_i}(x, \hat{x}^i) > \mu_{R_i}(\hat{x}^i, x)$ .

(ii) Balance of Supply and Demand (Walras Law):  $\sum_{i=1}^l \hat{x}^i \leq \sum_{i=1}^l \xi^i$ .

3. Main Conclusions

Definition. Let R be a fuzzy preference on consumption set

1.  $\forall x, y, z \in G$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , if  $\mu_R(x, z) \geq \mu_R(z, x)$  and  $\mu_R(y, z) \geq \mu_R(z, y)$  imply  $\mu_R(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y, z) \geq \mu_R(z, \alpha x + (1-\alpha)y)$ , then R

is called convex. Again  $\forall x^k, y^k, x, y \in G, k=1, 2, \dots$ , if

$\rightarrow x(k \rightarrow \infty)$  and  $y^k \rightarrow y(k \rightarrow \infty)$  and  $\mu_R(x^k, y^k) \geq \mu_R(y^k, x^k)$  imply  $\mu_R(x, y) \geq \mu_R(y, x)$ , then R is said to be continuous.

Theorem. If consumption set G is compact and  $\xi$  is an inner point of G, every i-th fuzzy preference is concave and continuous, and the market solution  $[\hat{x}^1, \dots, \hat{x}^l; \hat{p}]$  of equilibrium for the market exists.

1. Outline of Proof of the Theorem

(1) Relations between Prices and Demand of Goods:  $\varphi_i \in P_n \times G$ , where  $G = \{x | 0 \leq x \leq a, a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) > \xi\}$ .

(2) Relation between Prices and Supply of Glut Goods:  $\psi \in P_n \times F$ , where  $F = \xi - E, E = \{x | 0 \leq x \leq la\}$ .

(3) Relation between Goods and Minimum Price:  $\mu \in G \times P_n$ .

(4) Existence of Equilibrium (Constitution of K-Relation):  $f \in (P_n \times E)^2$ , where  $(p, x) \circ f = x \circ \mu \times p \circ \psi$  ( $\forall (p, x) \in P_n \times E$ ). By Kakutani theorem [5], there is a fixed point  $(\tilde{p}, \tilde{x}) \in (\tilde{p}, \tilde{x}) \circ f$ . Then  $\hat{p} = \tilde{p}$  and  $\hat{x} = \tilde{x}$  are balanced price and demand of goods respectively.

2. Computation of Balanced Price and Demand

$$d((p, x), (p, x) \circ f) = \sqrt{d^2(p, x \circ \mu) + d^2(x, p \circ \psi)},$$

$$d(p, x \circ \mu) = \min_{q \in x \circ \mu} d(p, q) \quad \& \quad d(x, p \circ \psi) = \min_{y \in p \circ \psi} d(x, y).$$

Therefore, the problem is to minimize

$$W = d((p, x), (p, x) \circ f)$$

in the domain  $P_n \times E$  and to find out minimum points. In some special cases, we can determine the minimum points by Lagrange multiplier method, linear and nonlinear programming or other methods.

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