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Course Outcome

ECON 4110 - Introductory Mathematical Economics

Learning Outcome

- 1. Learn basic tools in mathematical analysis and their applications to mathematical economics.
- 2. Learn formal mathematical reasoning, and how to read and write proofs.

3. Learn mathematical tools that are widely used in economic theory, such as logic, sets, functions, sequences, continuity, open sets, closed sets, compact sets, maximum existence theorem, separating hyperplanes, and fixed points.

4. Learn basic results in mathematical economics, such as preference, utility, demand, general equilibrium, Pareto optimality.

5. Improve ability of reading academic papers in economic theory.

Course Syllabus

- 1. Logic and Proofs
- 2. Sets and Functions
- 3. Preference and Utility
- 4. Sequence, Limit, Continuity
- 5. Existence of Utility Representation
- 6. Compact Set and Maximizer Existence
- 7. Consumer Demand
- 8. Exchange Economy
- 9. Separating Hyperplanes and Two Welfare Theorems
- 10. Fixed Points and Existence of Competitive Equilibrium

Assessment Type

Feedback for Evaluation

Course and teaching evaluation done by the Department at the end of the course Informal channels (face-to-face discussion, e-mail, etc.)

Required Readings

Lecture notes provided by the teacher.

Recommended Readings

Arrow, K. J., and Debreu, G. (1954): "The existence of an Equilibrium for a Competitive Economy" Econometrica, 22: 265-290.

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Debreu, G. (1982): "Existence of Equilibrium," in Chapter 15 of Handbook of Mathematical Economics, Volume II, (edited by Arrow, K. J., and Intrilligator). North Holland Publishing Company: New York.

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