

Lecture Outline 1: Review of Some Basic Logic, Matrix Algebra, and Calculus

In this note I give you an outline of my 1st lecture, based on Chapter 1 to 9 of *Mathematics for Economists* by Simon and Blume. I will try to give you an outline of every lecture as this course progresses so you know in advance the key concepts we will cover in class.

1. Logic

● $A \Rightarrow B$ (A implies B), $B \Leftarrow A$ (B is implied by A) and $A \Leftrightarrow B$

● Sufficient and necessary conditions

● Rule 1

If the statement $A \Rightarrow B$ is true, then so too is the statement $(\text{not } B) \Rightarrow (\text{not } A)$

The first statement says that whenever A is true, B is true. Thus if B is false, A must be false—hence the second statement.

● Rule 2

The statement *not* (A and B) is equivalent to the statement (not A) or (not B).

Exercise A, B, and C are statements. The following theorem is true: if A is true and B is not true then C is true. Which of the following statements follow from this theorem?

- If A is true then C is true.
- If A is not true and B is true then C is not true.
- If either A is not true or B is true (or both) then C is not true.
- If C is not true then A is not true and B is true.
- If C is not true then either A is not true or B is true (or both).

2. Matrices

● Determinant of $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$

● Nonsingular matrix and its inverse

● Solutions of systems of simultaneous equations $ax + by = u$
 $cx + dy = v$

Exercise You buy n items in the quantities q_1, \dots, q_n at the prices p_1, \dots, p_n . Express your expenditure using (i) \sum notation, (ii) vector notation.

3. Interval and Functions

● Interval: open, closed, interior

● Function: domain, range

● $f: A \Rightarrow B$

● Continuous function and intermediate value theorem

Exercise Consider the function f defined by $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 2$. Does the equation $f(x) = 0$ have a solution between 0 and 1? The function is a polynomial, and thus is continuous. We have $f(0) = 2$ and $f(1) = -1$, so the Intermediate Value Theorem implies that the answer to the question is yes: for some value of x

between 0 and 1 we have $f(x) = 0$.

Exercise Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that the equation $x^7 - 5x^5 + x^3 - 1 = 0$ has a solution between -1 and 1.

4. Calculus: One Variable

● Differentiation

a. Sum rule $F(x) = f(x) + g(x) : F'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$

b. Product rule $F(x) = f(x)g(x) : F'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$

c. Quotient rule $F(x) = f(x)/g(x) : F'(x) = [f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)]/(g(x))^2$

● Integration: definite vs. indefinite, fundamental theorem of calculus

Exercise $\int xe^x dx = xe^x - \int e^x dx = xe^x - e^x + c$. Note: Integration by parts
 $\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx$

5. Calculus: Many Variables

● Partial derivative

● Young's Theorem

Exercise Let $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1)^3 \ln x_2$. Then $f'_1(x_1, x_2) = 3(x_1)^2 \ln x_2$ and $f'_2(x_1, x_2) = (x_1)^3/x_2$

Exercise For each of the following functions, find the partial derivatives f'_1, f'_2 , and f''_{12} .

a. $f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1^3 + x_1x_2$

b. $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + 2)/(x_2 + 1)$

6. Graphical Representation of Functions

● Linear function

● Quadratic function

● Reciprocal function

● Exponential and logarithm function

● Function of two variables

Exercise Sketch the graph of $2x^2 - 8x + 6$.

Exercise Sketch the function $2/x + x^2$.

Exercise Sketch the following sets in the plane.

a. $\{(x, y) : x + 2y \leq 4, x \geq 0, \text{ and } y \geq 0\}$

b. $\{(x, y) : x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 4\}$

c. $\{(x, y) : xy \leq 4, 0 \leq x \leq 4, 0 \leq y \leq 4\}$