

**Exercises:**

1. Consider a marriage market with strict preferences.  
Show: The set of individuals that remain single is the same for all stable matchings.
2. Consider a marriage market with strict preferences.  
Show: In the men-proposing deferred acceptance algorithm, truth-telling is a dominant strategy for men.
3. There are  $i = 1, \dots, 8$  sellers each of one horse and  $j = 1, \dots, 10$  potential buyers each of one horse in a horse market. All agents' utility gains in the horse market can be identified with their monetary gains, and the horses are homogeneous goods. The reserve price  $c_i$  of the sellers and the maximal willingness-to-pay  $h_j$  of the buyers are known to be given as in the following tables:

$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_5$	$c_6$	$c_7$	$c_8$
10	11	15	17	20	21.5	25	26

and

$h_1$	$h_2$	$h_3$	$h_4$	$h_5$	$h_6$	$h_7$	$h_8$	$h_9$	$h_{10}$
30	28	26	24	22	21	20	18	17	15

- (a) Identify the gains from trade each coalition can achieve.
  - (b) Show that the existence of two buyer-seller pairs who trade at different prices contradicts the requirements of the core.
  - (c) Determine the core.
  - (d) Show that each allocation in the core can be supported by a Walrasian price. (Note that this is the converse of the standard result whereby each Walrasian allocation is in the core!)
4. (a) Consider an assignment game, let  $x, y$  be stable payoff vectors and let  $u$  be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} u_m &= \max(x_m, y_m) && \forall m \\ u_w &= \min(x_w, y_w) && \forall w. \end{aligned}$$

Show:  $u$  is also a stable payoff vector.

- (b) Show: The set of stable payoff vectors has a minimal and a maximal element.