

Homework 10

Due on July 19 17

1. MWG Exercise 10.C.2.
2. MWG Exercise 10.D.2.
3. MWG Exercise 10.D.3.
4. [Advanced] In the class, we proved that Brouwer's Fixed Point Theorem implies the following:

- (*) For any continuous function $z: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L$, where $X = \mathbb{R}_+^L \setminus \{0\}$, such that
- (a) $z(\alpha p) = z(p)$ for all $p \in X$ and all $\alpha > 0$, and
 - (b) $p \cdot z(p) = 0$ for all $p \in X$,
- there exists $p^* \in X$ such that $z(p^*) \leq 0$.

Here, we want to show that (*) in fact implies Brouwer's Fixed Point Theorem. Suppose that (*) holds, and prove the following:

- (**) For any continuous function $f: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$, where $\Delta = \{p \in \mathbb{R}_+^L \mid \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_\ell = 1\}$, there exists $p^* \in \Delta$ such that $f(p^*) = p^*$.

Hint. Given f , consider the function $z: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L$ given by

$$z(p) = f\left(\frac{p}{\|p\|_1}\right) - \frac{p \cdot f\left(\frac{p}{\|p\|_1}\right)}{p \cdot p} p,$$

where $\|p\|_1 = \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_\ell$.