

Micro 1

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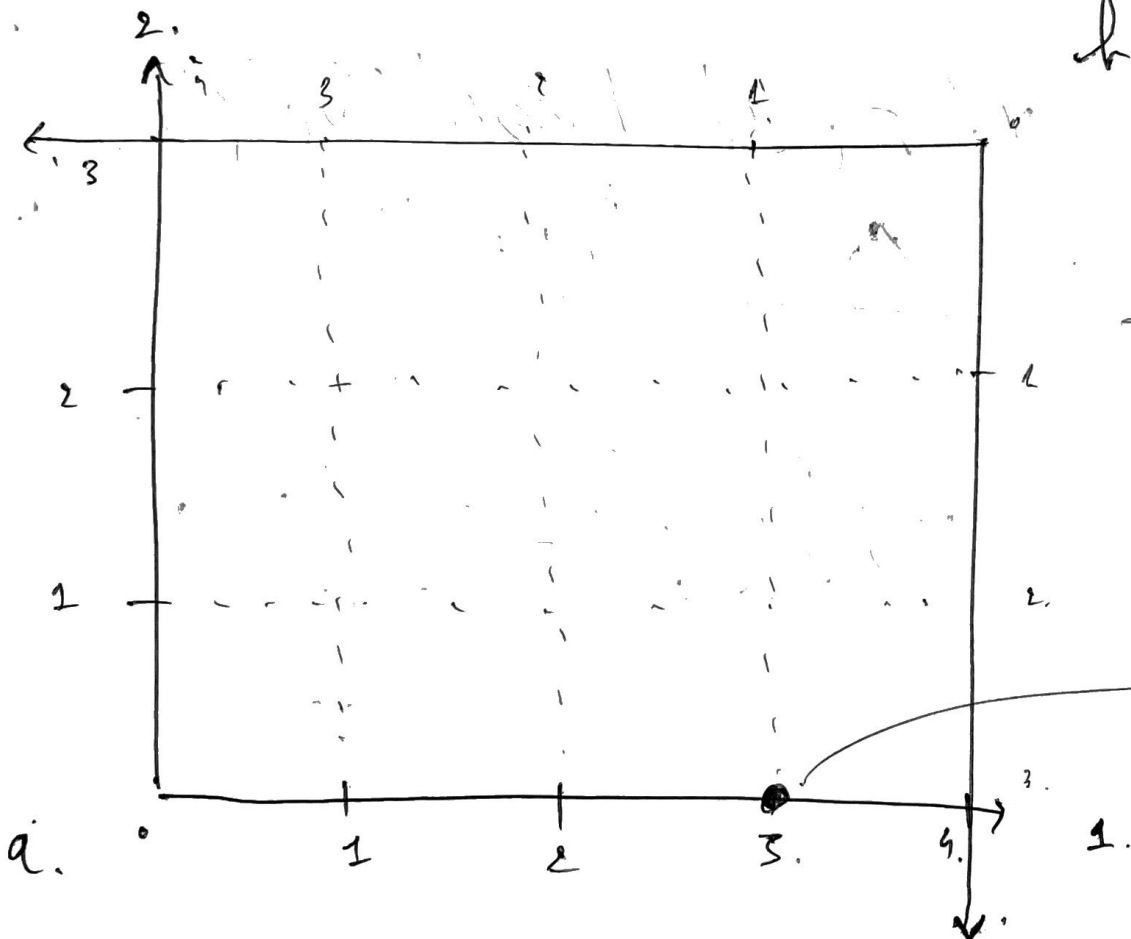
Exercise 1: Two goods. $L = \{1, 2\}$.
Two consumers. $I = \{a, b\}$.

$$\omega_a = (3, 0) \quad \omega_b = (1, 3)$$

$$u(x) = x_1^2 x_2^3$$

TJS

- 1) Find the Pareto optimal allocations.
- 2) Determine the subset of Pareto optimal alloc. where ω is initial endowment.
- 3) Competitive eq. are they Pareto?



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$$\omega = (4, 3)$$

ω_a !!

the wealth of the consumer is NOT given
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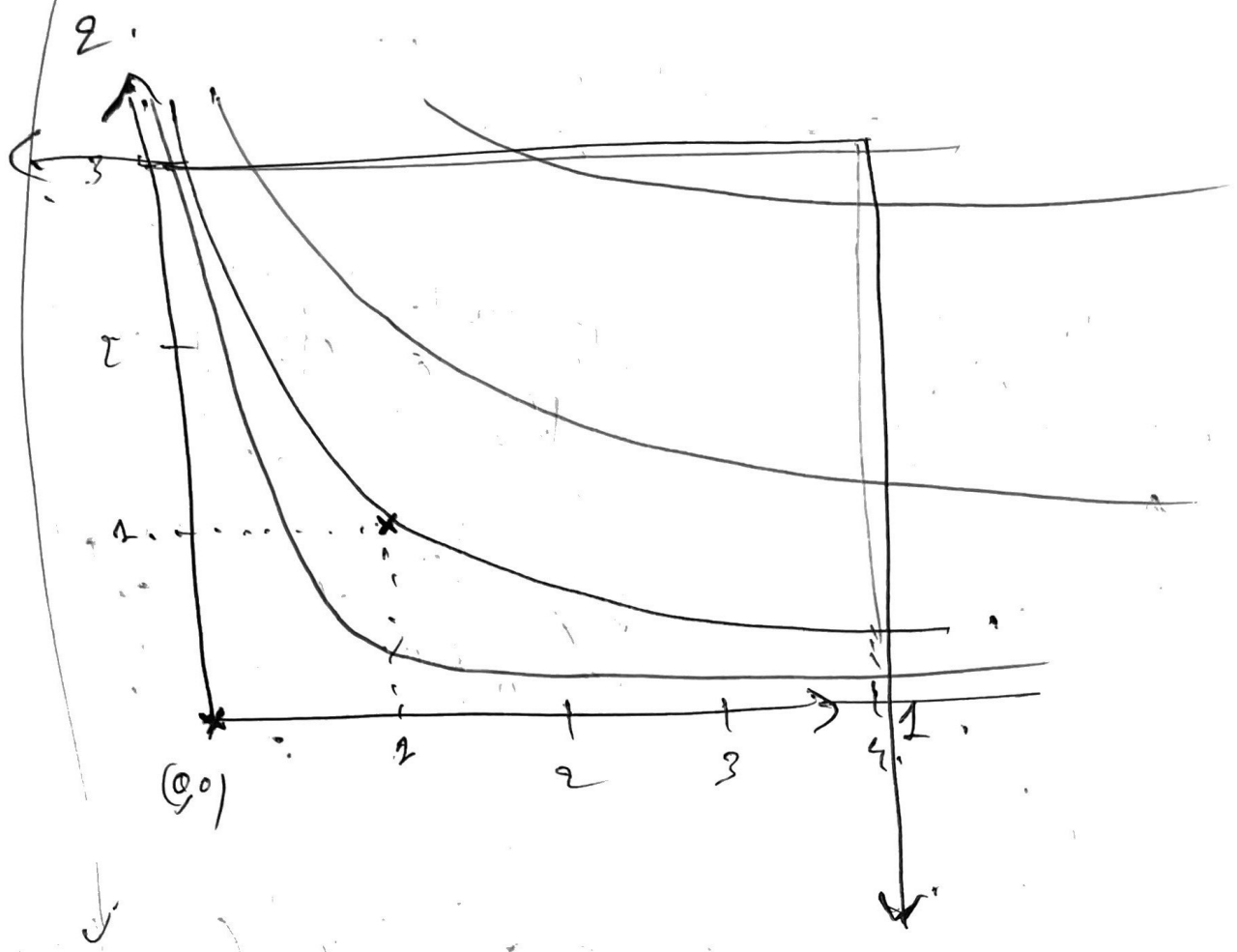
Def. An allocation in the Edgeworth box is
PARETO OPTIMAL if x^i with
 $x_i^c \succsim x_i$ for $c=a, b$ and
 $x_i^c \succ x_i$ for some i
consumption bundle
of consumer i .

NO WASTE!!

→ Note: Upper consumption sets are
independent of the price
system !!

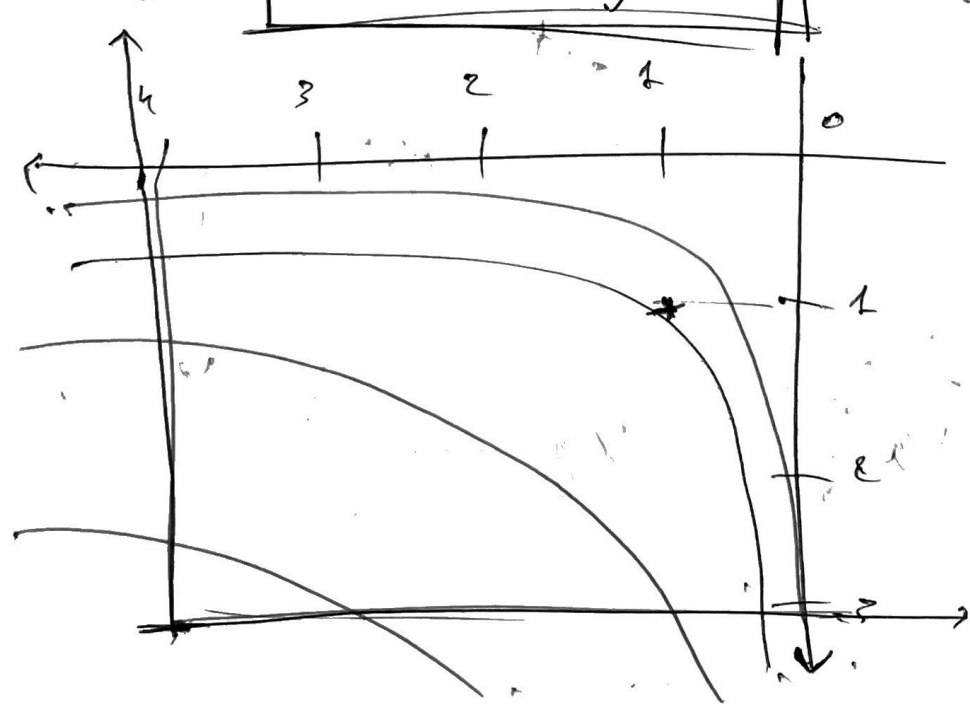
the price system
have the "budget"
constraint
only!

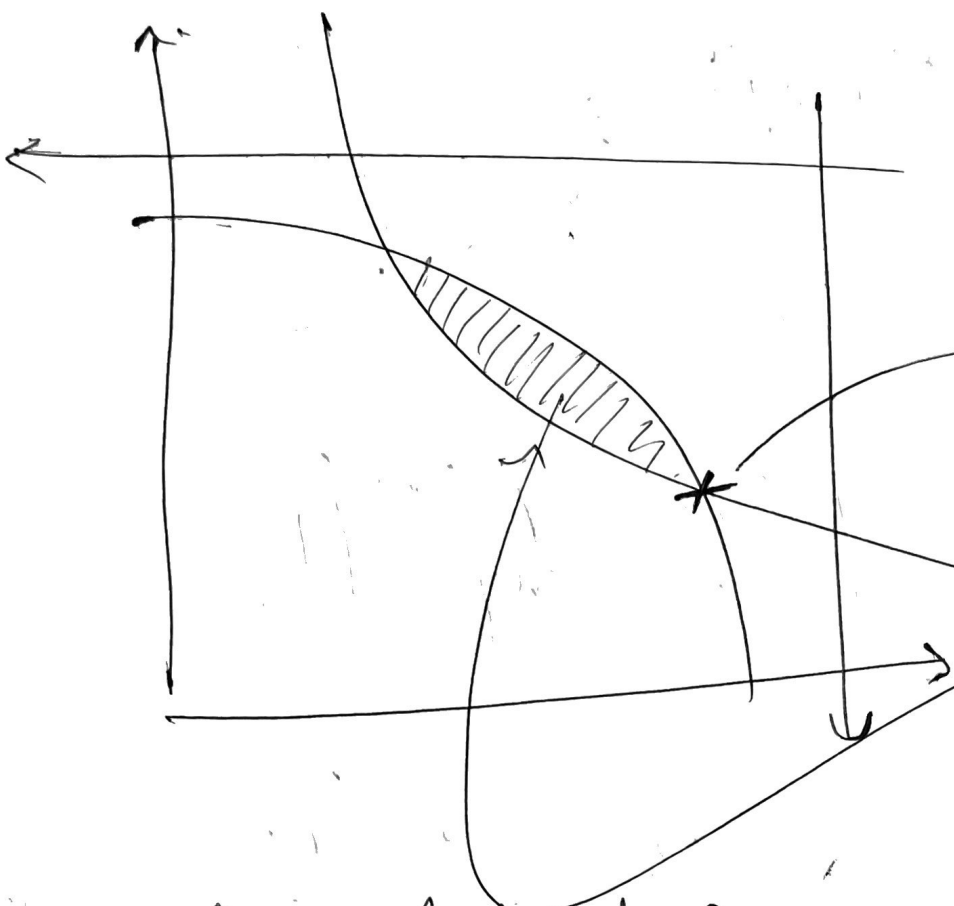
$u(x) = x_1^2 x_2^3$ for both courses.



$u(x) = \text{const} = u^a$

$$x_2 = \left(\frac{u^a}{x_1^2} \right)^{1/3}$$





x is NOT PARETO OPTIMAL.

because this all area is preferred by both consumers.

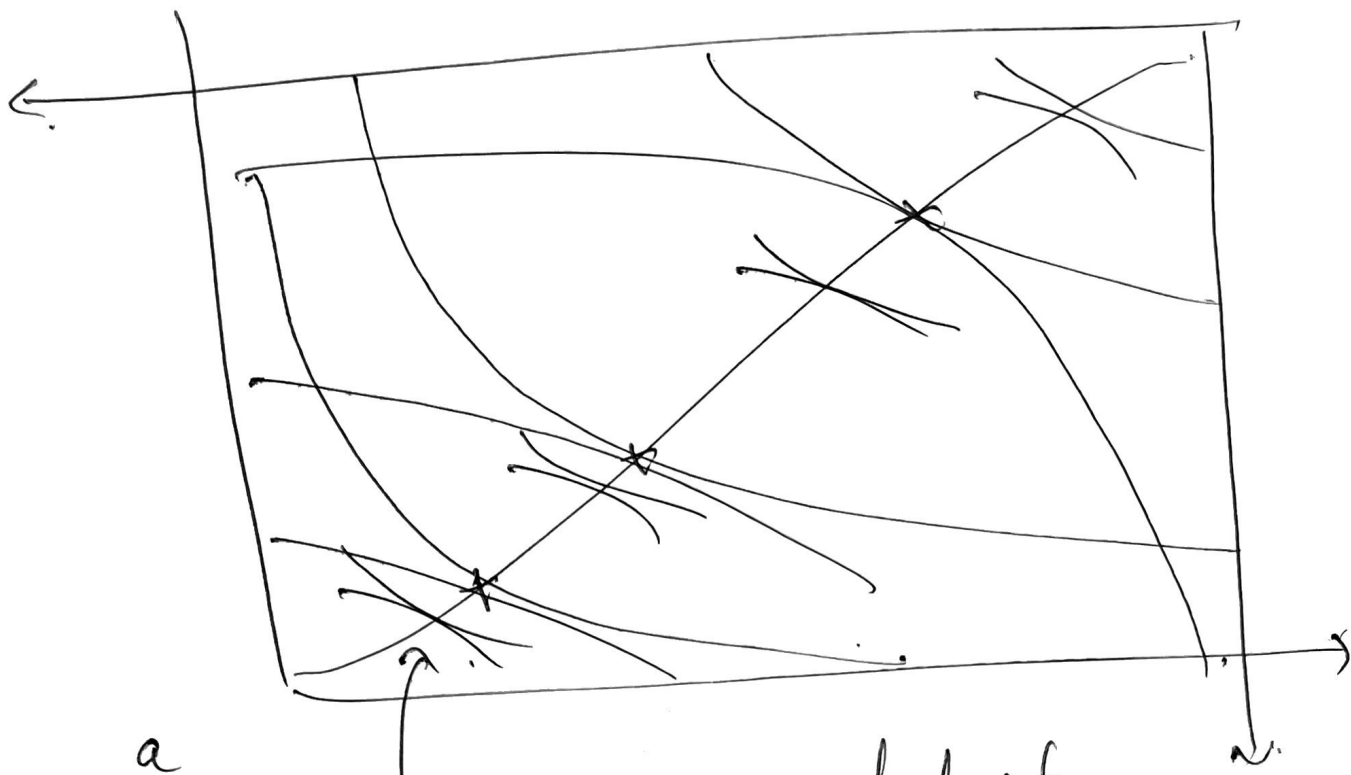
⇒ Hence Pareto set $P = \{ \text{set of pts. s.t. no indifference curves are tangent at that point.} \}$

⇒ $P = \{ x = \{ x_a, x_b \} ; \text{total endowment } (w - x_a) \}$

$MRS_a(x_a)$
12
||
 $MRS_b(x_b)$
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slope of tangents are the MRS! well in \mathbb{R}^2 .

b.



a

|| Pareto set = set of points with indifference curves of a and b are tangent!

Thus, analytically, we can characterize the set of PARETO OPTIMA as the set of solb. to a UTILITY MAXIMIZATION PROBLEM.



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max_{x_1} u_1(x_1). \\ \text{s.t. } u_2(x_2) \geq u^* \\ \text{and } x_1 + x_2 = \omega. \end{array} \right. \quad \leftarrow \text{finding KKT set!}$$

$$u^* - u_2(\omega - x_1) \leq 0. \quad \parallel$$

$\implies x_1^* \text{ s.t. } \implies \text{KKT cond.}$
 $\implies 0.$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla_{x_1} u_1(x_1^*) = -\lambda \nabla_{x_2} u_2(\omega - x_1^*) \quad \lambda \geq 0. \\ \text{and } \lambda (u^* - u_2(\omega - x_1^*)) = 0. \quad (*) \end{array} \right.$$

if $u_{1,2}$ monotone.
 $\implies \lambda \neq 0.$
 $\implies u_2(x_2^*) = u^*$

By chain rule.

$$\nabla_{x_1} u_2(x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{11}} u_2(x_2) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{12}} u_2(x_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_{11}}{\partial x_{11}} \frac{\partial u_2(x_2)}{\partial x_{21}} \\ \frac{\partial x_{12}}{\partial x_{12}} \frac{\partial u_2(x_2)}{\partial x_{22}} \end{pmatrix}$$

So the set of Pareto optimal allocations is given by:

$$P = \{x = \{x_a, x_b\}; x_a + x_b = \omega.$$

$$\text{and. } \left. \begin{matrix} \text{MRS}_{12}^a(x_a) = \text{MRS}_{12}^b(x_b) \end{matrix} \right\}$$

with $u_i(x_i) = x_{i1}^2 x_{i2}^3$ $i = a, b.$

$$\rightarrow \text{MRS}_{12}^i(x_i) = \frac{\frac{\partial u_i(x_i)}{\partial x_{i1}}}{\frac{\partial u_i(x_i)}{\partial x_{i2}}} = \frac{2x_{i1}x_{i2}^3}{3x_{i1}^2x_{i2}^2}$$

$$\text{MRS}_{12}^i(x_i) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{x_{i2}}{x_{i1}} \quad \text{Kisat.}$$

$$MRS_a(x_a) = MRS_b(x_b)$$

ie. $\frac{2}{\beta} \frac{x_{a2}}{x_{a1}} = \frac{2}{\beta} \frac{x_{b2}}{x_{b1}}$

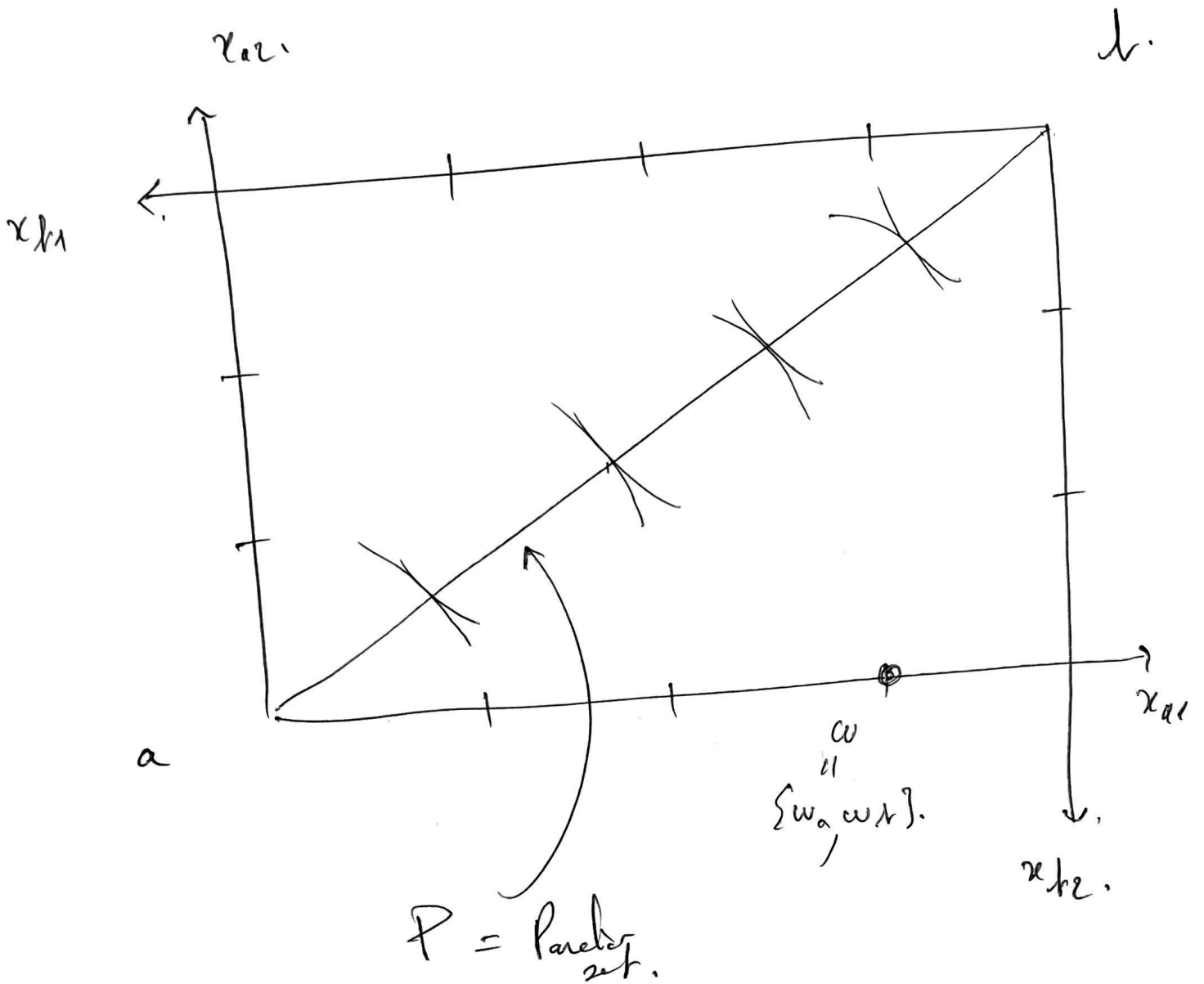
\implies $\frac{x_{a2}}{x_{a1}} = \frac{\omega_2 - x_{a2}}{\omega_1 - x_{a1}}$
 with $\omega = x_a + x_b$

$\iff \frac{\omega_2}{x_{a2}} - 1 = \frac{\omega_1}{x_{a1}} - 1$

$\iff \boxed{x_{a2} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} x_{a1}} = \frac{3}{4} x_{a1}$

2) The contract curve = subset of Pareto set where both consumers are at least as good than at initial endowment.

ie. $C = \left\{ x \in P, x_a \succsim_a \omega_a \text{ and } x_b \succsim_b \omega_b \right\}$



$$x \in C. \quad \text{iff.} \quad \begin{aligned} x_{a2} &= \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} x_{a1}, \\ x_b &= \omega - x_a. \end{aligned}$$

and. $u(x_a) \geq u(\omega_a) = 0 \quad \text{true } \forall x_a \geq 0.$

and. $u(x_b) \geq u(\omega_b) = 1^2 3^3 = 27$

$$u(x_b) = x_{b1}^2 x_{b2}^3 \geq 27.$$

$$\Downarrow x_b = w - x_a.$$

$$(x_{a1} - w_1)^2 (w_2 - x_{a2})^3 \geq 27.$$

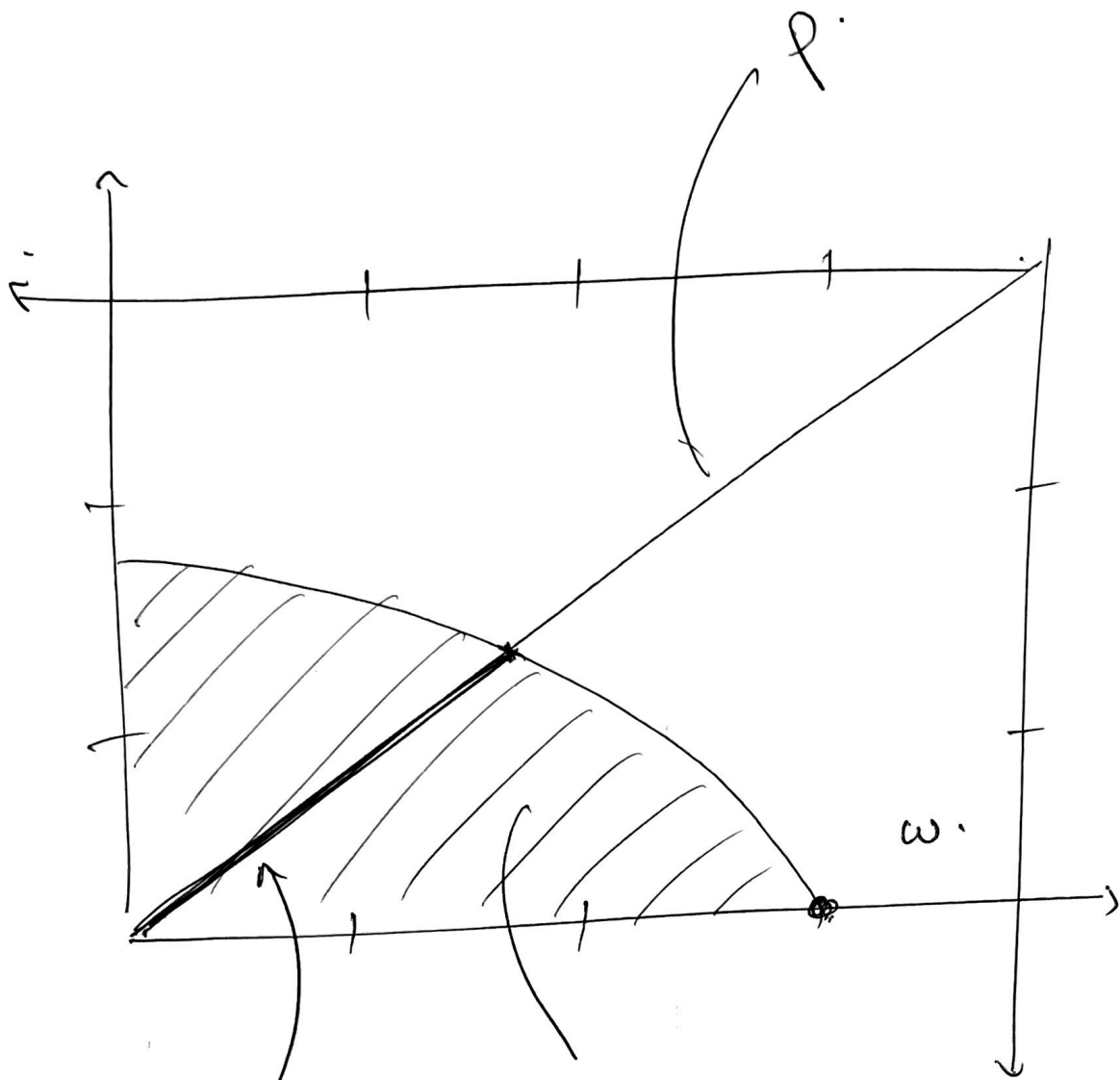
$$(w_1 - x_{a1})^2 \left(w_2 - \frac{w_2}{w_1} x_{a1} \right)^3$$

$$\left(\frac{w_2}{w_1} \right)^3 (w_1 - x_{a1})^3 \geq 27.$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^3 = \frac{27}{64}$$

$$\text{ie. } w_1 - x_{a1} \geq 64^{1/3}$$

$$\text{ie. } x_{a1} \leq \frac{w_1 - 64^{1/3}}{1} = 4 - 2^3 = 17.$$



C

$$U_r(w_r)$$

$$= \left\{ x_t \sum_r w_r \right\}$$

The KT cond. are thus.

$$\text{UMP}_i \begin{cases} \max u_i(x_i) \\ p^* x_i \leq p^* \omega_i \end{cases} \quad \forall i = a, b.$$

$x_i^* \gg 0$ s.t. UMP_i \Downarrow

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \nabla_{x_i} u_i(x_i^*) = \lambda_i p^* \\ \text{and} \\ \lambda_i (p^* x_i^* - p^* \omega_i) = 0 \end{array} \right] (*) \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_i \geq 0 \\ \forall i = a, b. \end{array}$$

from (*) we get.

$$\text{MRS}_{i, 12}^i(x_i^*) = \frac{\frac{\partial u_i(x_i^*)}{\partial x_{i2}}}{\frac{\partial u_i(x_i^*)}{\partial x_{i1}}} = \frac{\cancel{\lambda_i} p_2^*}{\cancel{\lambda_i} p_1^*} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{ind. of } i \\ \forall i = a, b. \end{array}$$

so we have that. the Walrasian eq.

$$(x^* = \{x_a^*, x_b^*\}, p^*).$$

verfis.

$$MRS_a(x_a^*) = MRS_b(x_b^*).$$

$$\text{and } x_a^* + x_b^* = \omega.$$

\implies so the Walrasian eq. is a
PARETO optimum!

(= 1st Welfare theorem).

We need to solve the system.

$$MRS_a(x_a^*) = MRS_b(x_b^*) = \frac{p_1^*}{p_2^*}.$$

$$\text{and } p_1^* x_a^* = p_1^* \omega_a.$$

3 equations
for 3 unknowns

$$x_b^* = \omega - x_a^*.$$

as we already counted.

$$MRS_{q, r} = MRS_{r, q} \quad (1).$$

$$\implies x_{a2} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} x_{a1}.$$

in addition.

$$MRS_{a, r} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{x_{a2}}{x_{a1}} = \frac{p_1}{p_2} \quad (2).$$

$$\text{and. } p_1 x_{a1} + p_2 x_{a2} = 3 p_2. \quad (3).$$

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 $= p \cdot \omega_a.$

$$(1) \text{ in } (2) \implies \frac{2}{3} \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\text{in } (3) \implies x_{a2} = \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2} \right) (3 - x_{a1}).$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (3 - x_{a1})$$

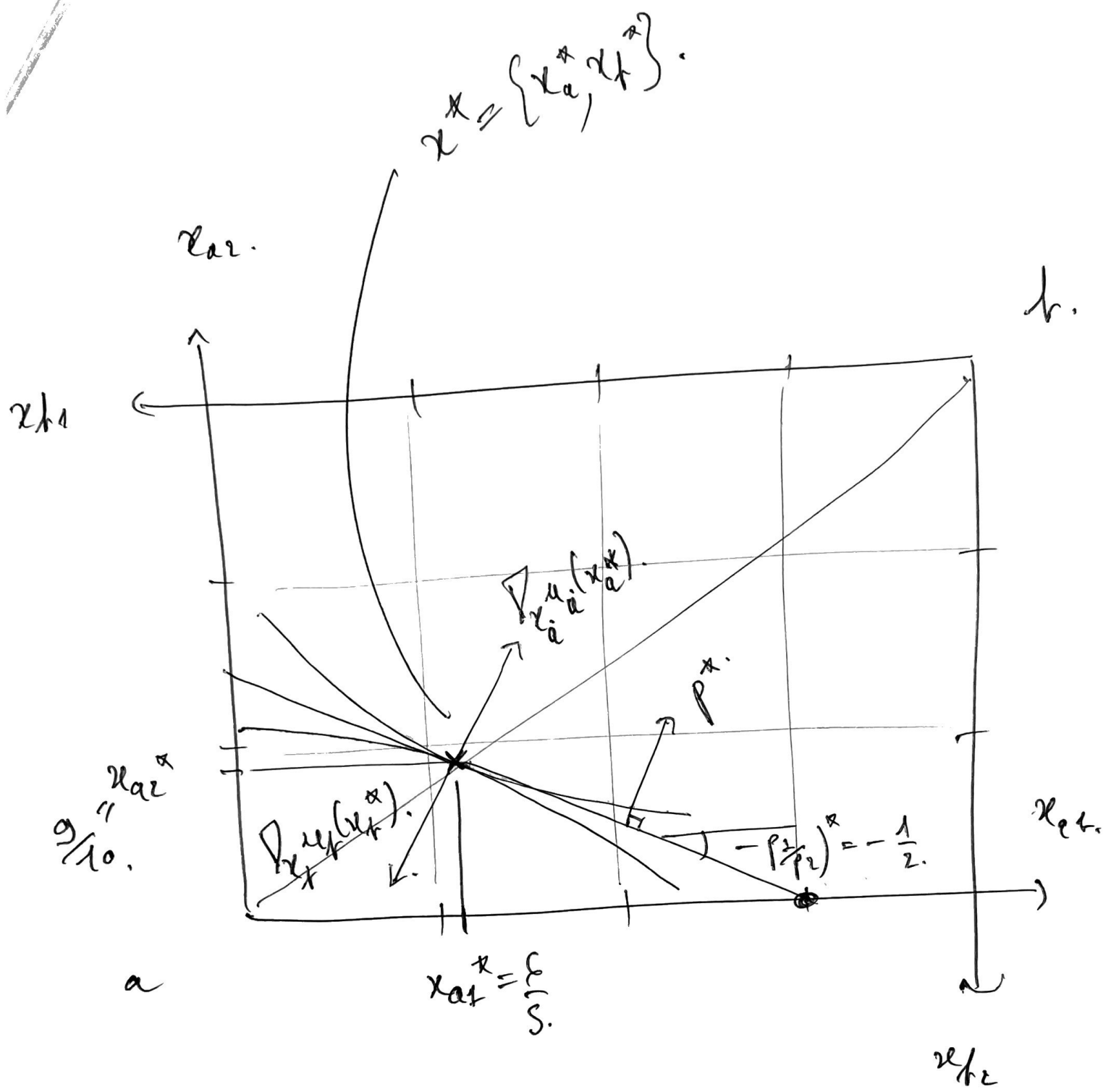
— 1 in (1).

$$x_{a2} = \frac{1}{2} (3 - x_{a1}) = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} x_{a1} = \frac{3}{4} x_{a1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{4} x_{a1} \Rightarrow \boxed{x_{a1}^* = \frac{6}{5}}$$

$$x_{a2} = \frac{3}{4} x_{a1} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{6}{5} = \boxed{\frac{9}{10} = x_{a2}^*}$$

$$\text{and } x_f^* = \omega - x_c^* \dots$$



$x^* \in CCP.$

Exercise 4

$$I = \{a, b\}, \quad L = \{1, 2\}.$$

w_a wt.

From local maximization we know that both consumers will satisfy Walras' law, i.e. spending all their wealth, when maximizing.

thus both inequality constraints are saturated.

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} p^* \cdot x_a^* &= p^* \cdot w_a \\ \text{and } p^* \cdot x_b^* &= p^* \cdot w_b \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\implies p^* \cdot (x_a^* + x_b^*) = p^* \cdot (w_a + w_b).$$

$$p_1 (x_{a1}^* + x_{b1}^*) + p_2 (x_{a2}^* + x_{b2}^*)$$

$$= p_1 (w_{a1} + w_{b1}) + p_2 (w_{a2} + w_{b2}).$$

So if market for good 1 clears.

$$\text{i.e. } x_{a1}^* + x_{b1}^* = w_{a1} + w_{b1}.$$

then so does 2,

$$\text{i.e. } x_{a2}^* + x_{b2}^* = w_{a2} + w_{b2}$$

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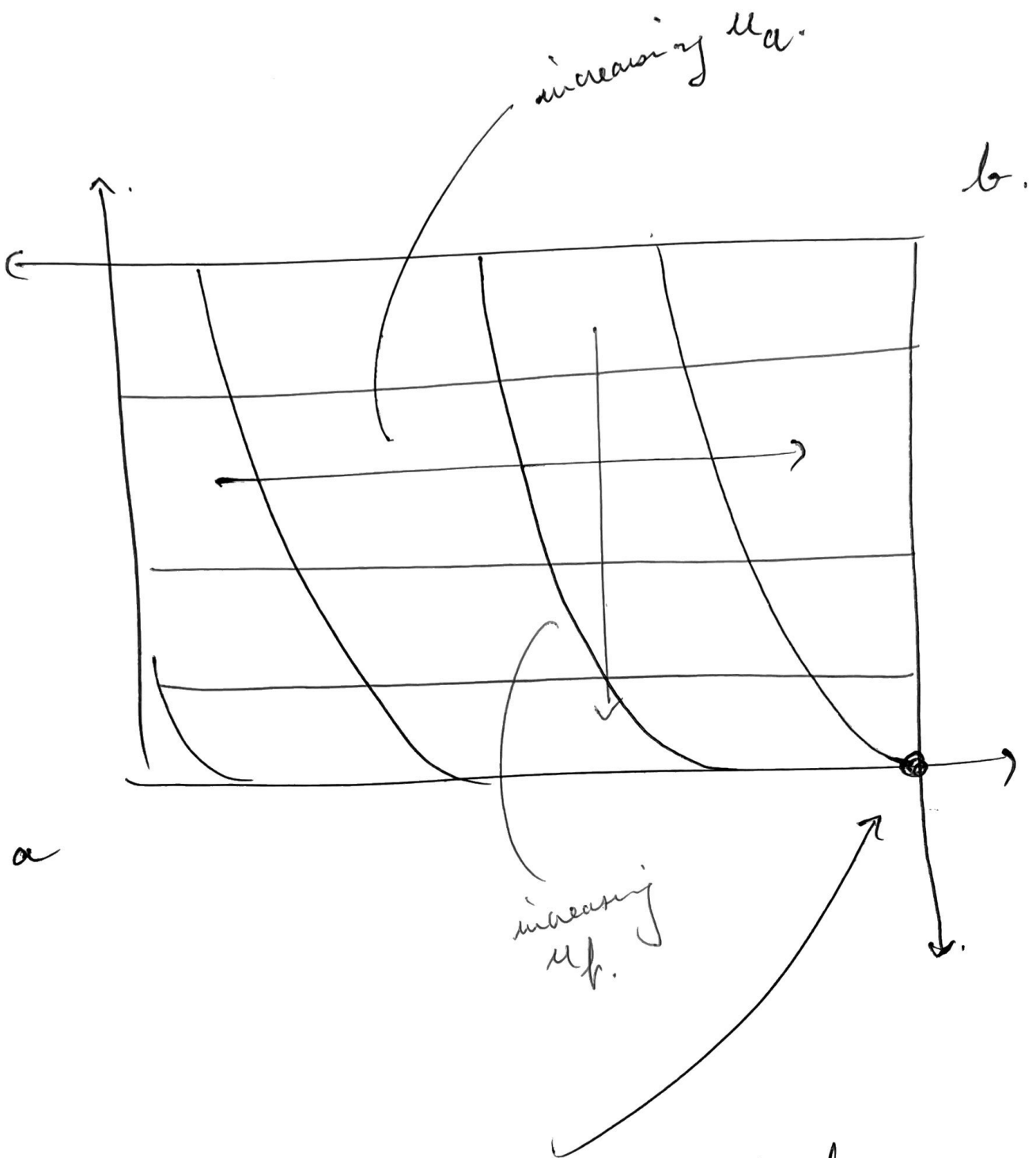
$$u_a(x_a) = x_{a1} + \sqrt{x_{a2}}$$

$$u_b(x_b) = x_{b2}$$

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$$x_{a2} = (u^* - x_{a1})^2$$

4).



\Rightarrow any Pareto optimal allocation, i.e.
 $= \{ \bar{x}_a = (w_1, 0), \bar{x}_b = (0, w_2) \}$

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A competitive equilibrium exists. of
 that unique Pareto optimal allocation.
 is attainable. for a given "equilibrium"
 price system. and. initial endowment.

ie. $\exists p^*$. and $p^* \cdot \omega_a = p^* \cdot \bar{x}_a = p_1 \omega_1$.
 and $p^* \cdot \omega_r = p^* \cdot \bar{x}_r = p_2 \omega_2$

2). of. $\omega_a = (\omega_1, 0)$ and $\omega_r = (0, \omega_2)$. , the eq. exists.

Note: when on the corner of the Edgeworth. here,
 i.e. such that a blank coordinate
 is binding (= 0) ; equilibrium
 does not require. $MRS = \frac{p_1}{p_2}$

2). of $\omega_{as} = 0$ it doesn't, ...
~~if~~ ~~if~~

⑤ 1). $\bar{w} = (4, 3).$

$$u_a(x_a) = \sqrt{x_{a1} x_{a2}}, \quad u_b(x_b) = x_{b1}^{1/3} x_{b2}^{2/3}.$$

$$P = \left\{ x = (x_a, x_b); \quad \begin{aligned} &MRS_a(x_a) = MRS_b(x_b). \\ &x_a + x_b = \bar{w} \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

$$MRS_a = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a(x_a)}{x_{a1}}}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a(x_a)}{x_{a2}}} = MRS_b = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \frac{u_b(x_b)}{x_{b1}}}{\frac{2}{3} \frac{u_b(x_b)}{x_{b2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_{a2}}{x_{a1}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{x_{b2}}{x_{b1}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{3 - x_{a2}}{4 - x_{a2}}$$

↑
 $x_b + x_a = \bar{w}$

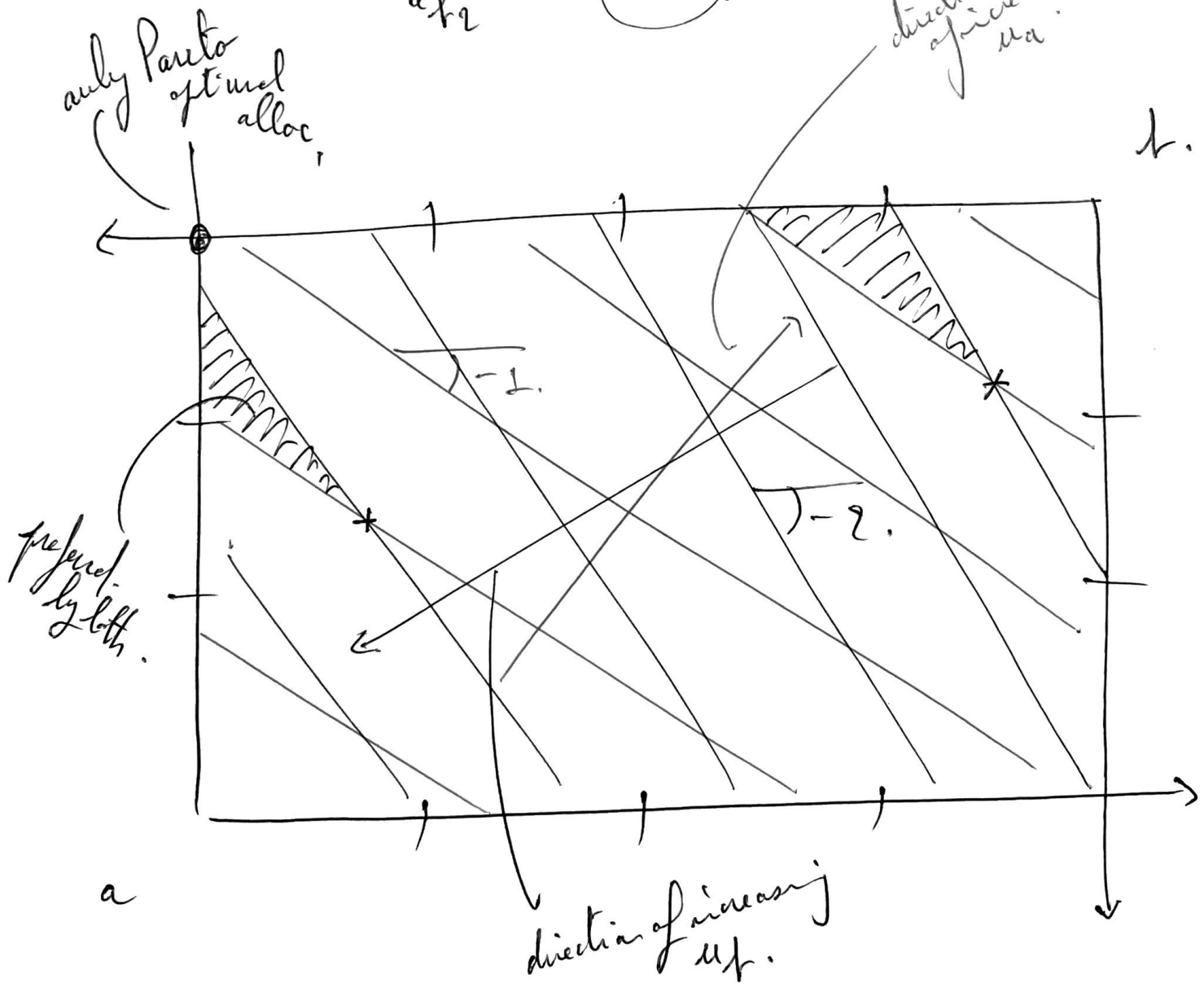
$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\frac{4}{x_{a1}} - 1 \right) = \frac{3}{x_{a2}} - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_{a2} = \dots$$

2). $u_a(x_a) = x_{a1} + x_{a2}$
 $u_b(x_b) = 2x_{b1} + x_{b2}$

the slope of the indifference curves is -2 .

$u^* = 2x_{b1} + x_{b2} \implies x_{b2} = u^* - 2x_{b1}$



$$3) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} u_a(u_a) &= x_{a1} x_{a2} \\ u_b(x_b) &= x_{b1} + 2x_{b2} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$MRS_{a,b} = \frac{\frac{1}{x_{a1}} \frac{u_a(x_a)}{x_{a2}}}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_b(x_b)}{x_{b2}}} = \frac{x_{a2}}{x_{a1}} = MRS_{b,a} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \left\{ \begin{aligned} x &= (x_a, x_b) ; \\ x_{a2} &= \frac{1}{2} x_{a1} \\ \text{and } x_b &= \omega - x_a \end{aligned} \right\}$$
