

Quiz 14 Solutions

1. A group of three friends are sharing a passover meal. Their values for the components of the meal:

	Motzah	Latkes	HB Eggs
A	$1/4$	0	$3/4$
B	$2/3$	$1/3$	0
C	$1/6$	$1/2$	$1/3$

2. Consider the following two cuts

- (a) Give A all the Hard Boiled Eggs and split the Motzah and Latkes evenly (in half) between B and C . What is each players value for their own slice? (2 pts)

$$B \text{ thinks } B \text{ gets} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C \text{ thinks } C \text{ gets} = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$A : 3/4 \qquad B : 1/2 \qquad C : 1/3$$

- (b) Give A all the HB Eggs, give B all the Motzah, and give C all the Latkes. What is each players value for their own slice? (2 pts)

$$A : 3/4 \qquad B : 2/3 \qquad C : 1/2$$

3. Is one of cuts (2a) or (2b) objectively better than the other? (1 pt) Circle One: ☒ Yes ☐ No

4. From your work above, can you conclude that cut (2a) is pareto-optimal? (1 pt)

Circle One: Yes ☐ No ☒

5. From your work above, can you conclude that cut (2b) is pareto-optimal? (1 pt)

Circle One: Yes ☐ No ☒

Our work above ONLY SHOWS that cut 2a is NOT pareto-optimal. Cut 2b may or may not be pareto-optimal, but our work above does not show that - such a claim requires proof.

6. Circle T if the claim is true, F if the claim is false. (1 pt each)

(a) Every equitable division is fair. T ☒ F

(b) For the example above, the equal division is pareto-optimal. T ☒ F

(c) Every pareto-optimal division is envy-free. T ☒ F

- (a) See exercise 16.6
- (b) Since A hates Latkes, giving $1/3$ of Latkes to A is a waste - an objective improvement would be to give all the Latkes to B or C . Thus the equal division is not pareto-optimal in this example.
- (c) If you give one player everything, this is pareto-optimal, but it is NOT envy-free.