

Preface

This book aims to explain to readers the basic idea of general equilibrium theory, which forms the core of current mainstream economics called the neoclassical school. Understanding this theory is absolutely necessary both for further study and for criticism of contemporary economic theories. I have tried, therefore, not only to explain traditional theories faithfully, but also to make clear the many problems that are still unsolved.

The book is based on many graduate or undergraduate lectures on microeconomics or price theory that I gave at The University of Tokyo. As a textbook or reference book for students who first study microeconomics, I recommend using Chap. 1, Chap. 2 (except Sect. 9), Chap. 3 (from Sect. 1 to Sect. 3, Sect. 6, Sect. 11), Chap. 4 (from Sect. 1 to Sect. 4), Chap. 5 (from Sect. 1 to Sect. 5, Sect. 8), Chap. 6 (except Sects. 6 and 7), Chap. 7 (from Sect. 1 to Sect. 5), Chap. 8 (from Sect. 1 to Sect. 6), and Chap. 9 (Sects. 1, 4, and 7). For more advanced readers, I suggest reading the remaining sections of each chapter and the literature recommended in the last part of the book. Problems are included at the end of each chapter to confirm that the content of the chapter has been understood and to suggest more advanced studies to readers. Incidentally, I have tried to avoid the use of advanced mathematics. Only an elementary knowledge of differential calculus and linear algebra is required to understand this book.

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