Quiz 2

1) Consider 2 individuals who consume two goods: x and y. The utility function of individual 1 is

$$u_1(x_1, y_1) = \ln(x_1) + y_1$$

and the utility function of individual 2 is

$$u_2(x_2, y_2) = \sqrt{x_2 y_2}.$$

The initial endowments of individual 1 is (2,0) which means she has 2 units of x and 0 unit of y. The initial endowments of individual 2 is (1,3) which means she has 1 units of x and 3 unit of y.

- a) Calculate the marginal rate of substitution for both individuals.
- b) Show that no-trade (consuming initial endowments) is not Pareto-efficient.
- c) Suppose that individual of offers "Give 1 small unit of y and I will give you 1 small amount of x". Would they benefit from this trade?
- d) Suppose the price of x is p_x and the price of y is p_y . Find the demand for x by individual 1 and individual 2.
- e) Compute the competitive equilibrium.

2) Solve the same questions assuming

$$u_1(x_1, y_1) = \ln(x_1) + y_1$$

and the utility function of individual 2 is

$$u_2(x_2, y_2) = \sqrt{x_2} + \sqrt{y_2}.$$