

On the perception and representation of economic quantity in the history of economic analysis in view of the Debreu conjecture ¹

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Abstract. In this paper, the perception and representation of economic quantity found in the works of Augustin Cournot, Leon Walras, Vilfredo Pareto, and Alfred Marshall will be discussed. An interpretation of the perception and representation of economic quantities and economic variables, specifically relating to the concept of demand, in the fundamental theoretical framework of general equilibrium theory will be provided, particularly from the vantage point of the Debreu conjecture.

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