

1. We can solve the consumer's problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{x_1, x_2\}} & \log x_1 + \log x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 = M \end{aligned}$$

$$L = \log x_1 + \log x_2 + \lambda (M - p_1 x_1 - p_2 x_2)$$

$$\text{FOC: } \begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_1} = \lambda p_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_2} = \lambda p_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow p_1 x_1 = p_2 x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 x_1 = p_2 x_2 = \frac{M}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(p_1, p_2, M) = \frac{M}{2p_1} \\ x_2(p_1, p_2, M) = \frac{M}{2p_2} \end{cases}$$

If the price of flounder, p_1 , rises by 10%, we can define $\bar{p}_1 = 1.1 p_1$, as the new price.

then, the new demand of flounder would be:

$$x_1(\bar{p}_1, p_2, M) = \frac{M}{2\bar{p}_1} = \frac{M}{2.2 \times p_1}$$

So the ratio of demand would be:

$$\frac{x_1(\bar{p}_1, p_2, M)}{x_1(p_1, p_2, M)} = \frac{1}{1.1} = \frac{10}{11}$$

So the demand of flounder would decrease $\frac{1}{11}$.

$x_2(p_1, p_2, M) = \frac{M}{2p_2}$, so the demand for flour is not a function of p_1 , which implies the change of p_1 has no effect on the demand for flour.

2. We need to check whether the functions satisfy:

- ① homogeneous of degree 0
- ② budget constraint.

①. $x_1 = \frac{M p_2}{p_1}$

$$x_1(\lambda p_1, \lambda p_2, \lambda M) = \frac{\lambda M \cdot \lambda p_2}{\lambda p_1} = \lambda \cdot \frac{M p_2}{p_1} = \lambda x_1(p_1, p_2, M)$$

So, this function does not satisfy ①.
it is not a demand function.

②

$$x_1 = x_2 = \frac{M}{p_1 + p_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(\lambda p_1, \lambda p_2, \lambda M) &= x_2(\lambda p_1, \lambda p_2, \lambda M) = \frac{\lambda M}{\lambda p_1 + \lambda p_2} \\ &= \frac{M}{p_1 + p_2} = x_1(p_1, p_2, M) = x_2(p_1, p_2, M) \end{aligned}$$

So, it satisfies ①.

$$p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 = \frac{p_1 M}{p_1 + p_2} + \frac{p_2 M}{p_1 + p_2} = M$$

So, it satisfies ②.

$$x_1 = x_2 = \frac{M}{p_1 + p_2} \quad \text{is demand function}$$

Note: When the utility function is Leontief utility function

$$u(x_1, x_2) = \min \{x_1, x_2\}$$

We would have the demand functions as

$$x_1 = x_2 = \frac{M}{p_1 + p_2}$$

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Dorca is consumer 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \max (x_1^1, x_2^1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \text{s.t. } p_1 x_1^1 + p_2 x_2^1 = P_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$L = (x_1^1, x_2^1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \lambda (P_2 - p_1 x_1^1 - p_2 x_2^1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FOC: } \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1^1} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_2^1}{x_1^1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda p_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2^1} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^1}{x_2^1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda p_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_2^1}{x_1^1} = \frac{p_1}{p_2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2^1 = \frac{1}{2} \\ x_1^1 = \frac{p_2}{2p_1} \end{cases}$$

Dorca is consumer 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \max (x_1^2, x_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \text{s.t. } p_1 x_1^2 + p_2 x_2^2 = P_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$L = (x_1^2, x_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mu (P_1 - p_1 x_1^2 - p_2 x_2^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FOC: } \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \mu p_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \mu p_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} = \frac{p_1}{p_2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \\ x_2^2 = \frac{p_1}{2p_2} \end{cases}$$

Solve market clearing:

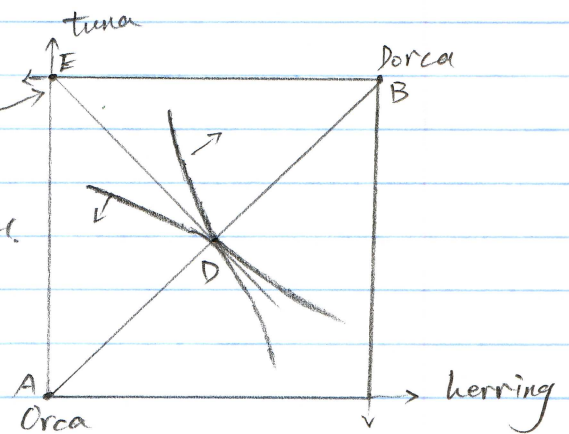
$$\begin{cases} x_1^1 + x_1^2 = 1 \\ x_2^1 + x_2^2 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \frac{p_1}{p_2} &= 1 \\ \frac{p_1}{p_2} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So the demand is: $x_1^1 = x_2^1 = x_1^2 = x_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}$.

Edgeworth box:

point E is the endowment.
 point D is the competitive equilibrium.
 line ED is the price line.

line AB is the contract curve.
 line AB is also the core.



#. Note: Any point on the contract curve is Pareto optimal.
 Any point in the core is: ① Pareto optimal; ② Pareto dominates the endowment point.

4. We solve the case $\alpha=1$ first; this case has some interesting properties.

Orca

$$\begin{aligned} \max x & \quad x_1^1 + x_2^1 \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad p_1 x_1^1 + p_2 x_2^1 = \bar{x}_1 \cdot p_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \text{if } p_1 > p_2 & \Rightarrow x_2^1 = \frac{\bar{x}_1 \cdot p_1}{p_2}, x_1^1 = 0 \\ \text{if } p_1 < p_2 & \Rightarrow x_2^1 = 0, x_1^1 = \bar{x}_1 \\ \text{if } p_1 = p_2 & \Rightarrow x_1^1 + x_2^1 = \bar{x}_1 \end{aligned} \right.$$

Dorca

$$\begin{aligned} \max x & \quad x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad p_1 x_1^2 + p_2 x_2^2 = p_2 \cdot \bar{x}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \text{if } p_1 > p_2 & \Rightarrow x_1^2 = 0, x_2^2 = \bar{x}_2 \\ \text{if } p_1 < p_2 & \Rightarrow x_1^2 = \frac{p_2}{p_1} \bar{x}_2, x_2^2 = 0 \\ \text{if } p_1 = p_2 & \Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \bar{x}_2 \end{aligned} \right.$$

So the excess demand would be:

$$\text{if } p_1 > p_2, \begin{cases} z_1^1 = x_1^1 - \bar{x}_1 = -\bar{x}_1 \\ z_2^1 = x_2^1 - \bar{x}_2 = \frac{\bar{x}_1 \cdot p_1}{p_2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } p_1 < p_2, \begin{cases} z_1^1 = x_1^1 - \bar{x}_1 = 0 \\ z_2^1 = x_2^1 - \bar{x}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } p_1 = p_2, \begin{cases} z_1^1 = x_1^1 - \bar{x}_1 \\ z_2^1 = \bar{x}_1 - x_1^1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } p_1 > p_2, \begin{cases} z_1^2 = x_1^2 - \bar{x}_1 = 0 \\ z_2^2 = x_2^2 - \bar{x}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } p_1 < p_2, \begin{cases} z_1^2 = \frac{p_2}{p_1} \bar{x}_2 \\ z_2^2 = -\bar{x}_2 \end{cases}$$

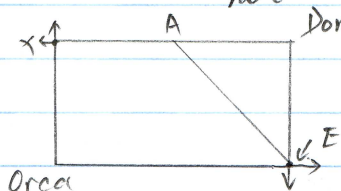
$$\text{if } p_1 = p_2, \begin{cases} z_1^2 = x_2^2 - \bar{x}_2 \\ z_2^2 = \bar{x}_2 - x_2^2 \end{cases}$$

The competitive equilibrium in this case is:

$p_1 = p_2$, and the demands satisfy:

$$\begin{cases} x_1^1 + x_1^2 = \bar{x}_1 \\ x_1^1 + x_2^1 = \bar{x}_1 \\ x_1^1 + x_2^2 = \bar{x}_2 \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \bar{x}_2 \end{cases}$$

Note: in this case, the competitive equilibrium quantity is not unique. Increase \bar{x}_2 has no effect on p_2 .



point E is endowment point, line AE is competitive equilibrium and core. The whole set is "Contract Curve".

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For $\alpha \neq 1$.

Orca

$$\begin{aligned} \max & (x_1')^\alpha + (x_2')^\alpha \\ \text{s.t.} & p_1 x_1' + p_2 x_2' = p_1 \bar{x}_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = (x_1')^\alpha + (x_2')^\alpha + \lambda (p_1 \bar{x}_1 - p_1 x_1' - p_2 x_2')$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1'} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha (x_1')^{\alpha-1} = \lambda p_1$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2'} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha (x_2')^{\alpha-1} = \lambda p_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1' = \frac{\bar{x}_1 p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \cdot p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2} \\ x_2' = \frac{\bar{x}_1 p_1}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} z_1' = x_1' - \bar{x}_1 = -\frac{p_2 \cdot \bar{x}_1}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2} \\ z_2' = x_2' - \bar{x}_2 = \frac{\bar{x}_1 p_1}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2} \end{cases}$$

Dorca

$$\begin{aligned} \max & (x_1^2)^\alpha + (x_2^2)^\alpha \\ \text{s.t.} & p_1 x_1^2 + p_2 x_2^2 = p_2 \bar{x}_2 \end{aligned}$$

With the same way, we can solve:

$$x_1^2 = \frac{p_1^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{2-\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \cdot \bar{x}_2^2}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2}$$

$$x_2^2 = \frac{p_2 \bar{x}_2^2}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} z_1^2 = x_1^2 - \bar{x}_1^2 = \frac{p_1^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{2-\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \cdot \bar{x}_2^2}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2} \\ z_2^2 = x_2^2 - \bar{x}_2^2 = \frac{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \cdot \bar{x}_2^2}{p_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} p_2^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + p_2} \end{cases}$$

For competitive equilibrium, $z_1' + z_1^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left(\frac{\bar{x}_1}{\bar{x}_2}\right)^{1-\alpha}$ Good 1 is numeraire $\Rightarrow p_1 = 1 \Rightarrow p_2 = \left(\frac{\bar{x}_1}{\bar{x}_2}\right)^{1-\alpha}$ if $0 < \alpha < 1$, $\bar{x}_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow p_2 \downarrow$ if $\alpha > 1$, $\bar{x}_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow p_2 \uparrow$

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5.a)

We can solve it as decision problems.

x : the number that Mr. wants to donate.

y : the number that Ms. wants to donate.

Mr.'s decision problem:

$$\max_x U = (14-x)^2 \cdot (14-y) \cdot (8+y+x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } 0 \leq x \leq 14$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FOC: } \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} &= -2(14-x)(14-y)(8+y+x) + (14-x)^2(14-y) \\ &= (14-x)(14-y) \cdot (-2-3x-2y) \leq 0 \quad \forall 0 \leq x \leq 14 \end{aligned}$$

Note: only $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} > 0$, the Mr. would want to donate, because the marginal utility would be larger than 0 in this problem, $\forall 0 \leq x \leq 14$, $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \leq 0$, so Mr. would do not donate.

Ms.'s decision problem is symmetric, so she would not donate.

(b) before donation, utilities are:

for Mr. $(14)^2 \times 14 \times 8 = 21952$

Ms. $14 \times (14)^2 \times 8 = 21952$

student. $14 \times 14 \times 8^2 = 12544$

After donation:

$(13)^2 \times 13 \times 10 = 21970$

$13 \times (13)^2 \times 10 = 21970$

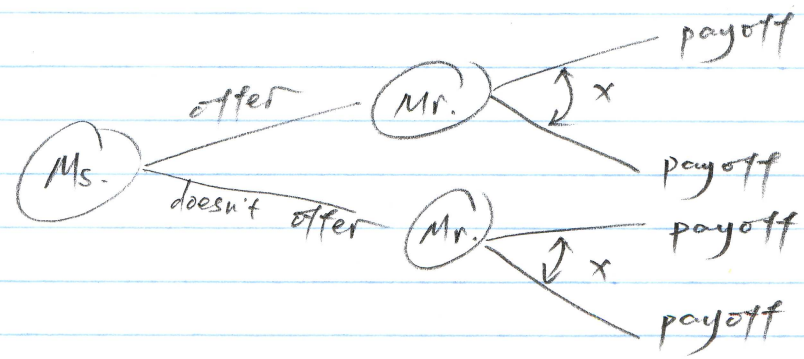
$13 \times 13 \times 10^2 = 16900$

So, if Mr. and Ms. give a crystal to the student, everyone would be better off.

This implies, CE does not have to be PO in each case.

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(c) We can understand the problem as a game follows:



Mr.'s decision:

$$\max_x u = (14-x)^2 \cdot (14-x)^2 \cdot (8+2x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } 0 \leq x \leq 14$$

$$\text{FOC: } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -3(14-x)^2(8+2x) + 2(14-x)^3$$

$$= (14-x)^2 \cdot (4-8x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 4 \times 14^2 > 0 \quad \text{Mr. would donate the first unit}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=1} = -4 \times 13^2 < 0 \quad \text{Mr. would not donate the second unit.}$$

We also know that Ms.'s utility:

$$13 \times (13)^2 \times 10 > 14 \times 14^2 \times 8$$

So, Ms. would make the offer and match the donation