



Lecture 3: General Equilibrium
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Hidden assumptions

- There is a market for each good
- Every agent can access the market without any cost
- There is a unique price for each good and all consumers know the price
- Each consumer can sell her initial endowment in the market and can then trade in the goods and services
- Consumers seek to maximize their utility given their budget restriction (independently of what someone else is doing)
- There is no correlated endowment
- People may not know others' preferences or endowments
- There is perfect competition (i.e., everyone is a price taker)
- The only source of information is the market

Competitive equilibrium - Definition
A pair of an allocation and a price vector (x, p) is called a competitive equilibrium if the following conditions hold:
1. For all consumers $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$, x^i solves the following maximization problem:
$$\max_{x^i} U^i(x^i) \text{ s.t. } p \cdot x^i \leq p \cdot \omega^i$$

such that $\sum_{i=1}^I x^i = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega^i$ and $p \cdot \sum_{i=1}^I \omega^i = 0$
Markets clear. For each commodity $l = 1, 2, \dots, L$, the following equation holds:
$$\sum_{i=1}^I x_l^i = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_l^i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^I p \cdot \omega^i = 0$$

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Competitive equilibrium - Properties
Remark
Suppose that at least one consumer has strictly monotonic preferences. Then (x^i, p) is a competitive equilibrium.
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Suppose that at least one consumer has weakly monotonic preferences. Then (x^i, p) is a competitive equilibrium, there for at least one i , $p \cdot x^i = p \cdot \omega^i$
Remark
If (x^i, p) is a competitive equilibrium, then $(x^i, c \cdot p)$ for $c \in \mathbb{R}, c > 0$ is also a competitive equilibrium.

$$\textcircled{1} \max U_i(x^i) \text{ s.t. } p \cdot x^i \leq p \cdot \omega^i$$
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Competitive equilibrium - Walras' Law
Theorem (Walras' Law)
Suppose that consumers i has weakly monotonic preferences and that (x^i, p) is a competitive equilibrium. Then:
$$\sum_{i=1}^I p \cdot (x^i - \omega^i) = 0$$

Theorem (Walras' Law - II)
Suppose that utility functions are weakly monotonic. Assume that $p \in (\mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\})^L$ is such that $\sum_{i=1}^I p \cdot \omega^i = 0$. Then, if x^i is such that x^i is feasible and x^i is affordable for each consumer $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$, then the market clearing condition will hold for commodity l as well:
$$\sum_{i=1}^I x_l^i = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_l^i$$

Walras' Law - proof
For each consumer i , we must:
$$\sum_{l=1}^L p_l x_l^i \leq \sum_{l=1}^L p_l \omega_l^i$$

If we sum the above across all I consumers, then we get:
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$$\sum_{i=1}^I p_l x_l^i = \sum_{i=1}^I p_l \omega_l^i$$
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WALRAS' LAW

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Rearranging: $\sum_{j=1}^n p_j \sum_{i=1}^I x_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \sum_{i=1}^I w_{ij}$

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Cobb-Douglas

Suppose $u^A(x, y) = x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha}$
 $u^B(x, y) = x^\beta y^{1-\beta}$

$\alpha = 0.5$
 $\beta = 0.5$
 $w^A = (1.5, 0.5)$
 $w^B = (0.5, 1.5)$

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Cobb-Douglas

Each individual solves

s.t. $p_1 x_i + p_2 y_i \leq p_1 w_i^1 + p_2 w_i^2$

$\max \sqrt{xy}$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} y^{1/2} - \lambda p_1 = 0$
 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} x^{1/2} y^{-1/2} - \lambda p_2 = 0$

'OPTIMOS PARETO'
 PROBLEMA PLANNING
 $\max_{x^A, y^A, x^B, y^B} U^A + U^B$ s.t. $U^A = \sqrt{x^A y^A}$
 $x^A + x^B \leq w_x^A + w_x^B$
 $y^A + y^B \leq w_y^A + w_y^B$ FACTIBILIDAD

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 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} x^{1/2} y^{-1/2} - \lambda p_2 = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^{1/2}}{y^{1/2}} = \lambda p_2$

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Cobb-Douglas

Then $\frac{p_1 x}{p_2 y} = \frac{w_1^i}{w_2^i} \rightarrow$ La Relazione con Prezzi e Costi

Cobb-Douglas

Then,

$$y^x = \frac{P_x}{P_y} \frac{W_x}{W_y}$$

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$$P_x X = P_x W_x + P_y W_y$$

$$P_y Y = P_x W_x + P_y W_y$$

$$\frac{P_x X}{P_y Y} = \frac{P_x W_x + P_y W_y}{P_x W_x + P_y W_y} = \frac{I}{I} = 1$$

$$X = \frac{P_y Y}{P_x}$$

Cobb-Douglas

$$x^A = \frac{1.5P_x + 0.5P_y}{2P_x}$$

$$x^B = \frac{1.5P_x + 0.5P_y}{2P_x}$$

$$x^C = \frac{0.5P_x + 1.5P_y}{2P_x}$$

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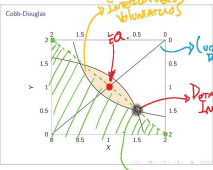
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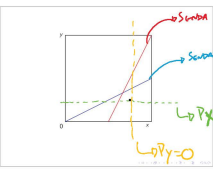
Perfect complements

Suppose that

$$u^A(x^A, y^A) = \min\{x^A, 2y^A\}$$

$$u^B(x^B, y^B) = \min\{x^B, y^B\}$$

$$u^C = (1, 1)$$

$$u^D = (1, 3)$$


Perfect complements

At a given price vector, consumer A can buy any combination (x^A, y^A) such that:

$$X = \frac{P_y W_x + P_x W_y}{2P_x}$$

$$Y = \frac{P_x W_x + P_y W_y}{2P_y}$$

$$2P_x + 2P_y = 2$$

$$\frac{P_x}{P_x} + \frac{P_y}{P_x} = 1$$

$$1 + \frac{P_y}{P_x} = 1$$

$$\frac{P_y}{P_x} = 0$$

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$$X = (1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$Y = (1, 1, 1, 1)$$

Asignación

$$P = (P_x, P_y) \text{ s.g. } \frac{P_x}{P_y} = 1$$

$$P = (1, 1)$$

$$P = (2, 2)$$

$$P = (3, 3)$$

Problema A

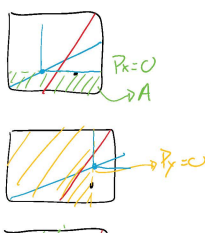
$$\max_{x^A, y^A} U^A(x^A, y^A)$$

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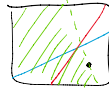
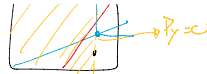
$$Y^A \leq \frac{P_x W_x + P_y W_y - P_x x^A}{P_y}$$

$$Y^A \geq \frac{P_x W_x + P_y W_y - P_x x^A}{P_y}$$



$L_0 P_Y = 0$

$P_X = 0$
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 $P_X > 0, P_Y > 0$

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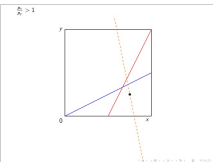
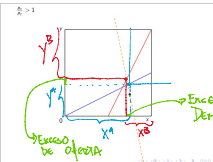
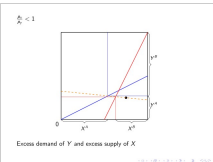
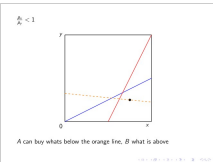
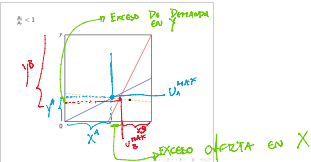
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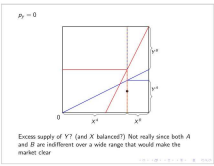
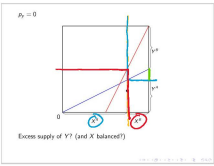
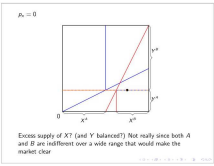
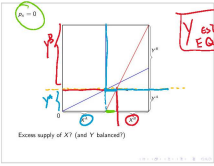
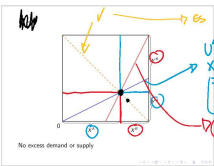
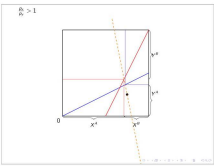
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 How does this look in the Edgeworth box?

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 Note that, for the case $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = 1$, we have the following restriction:
 $y^A \leq 1 - x^A$





Try to solve:
 • There are multiple equilibria associated with these equilibria
 • The price vector is a unique resource allocation associated with these equilibria
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Perfect complements
 Try to solve:
 $\max_{x,y} \min(x,y)$
 $\min_{x,y} \max(x,y)$
 $x^* = 1, y^* = 1$

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Equilibrium
 $U = \min(x, y)$
 $x = 2y$
 $y = \frac{x}{2}$
 $U = \min(x, \frac{x}{2})$
 $2(4-x) = \frac{4-y}{y^3} \Rightarrow 8-2x = 4 - y^3$
 $4-2x = y^3$
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What about zero prices?
 $\frac{x^*}{2} = 2x^* - 4$
 $x^* = 4x^* - 8$
 $3x^* = 8$
 $x^* = \frac{8}{3}$
 $y^* = \frac{4}{3}$
 $4 - 2(\frac{8}{3}) = (\frac{4}{3})^3$
 $4 - \frac{16}{3} = \frac{64}{27}$
 $\frac{12}{3} - \frac{16}{3} = \frac{64}{27}$
 $-\frac{4}{3} = \frac{64}{27}$

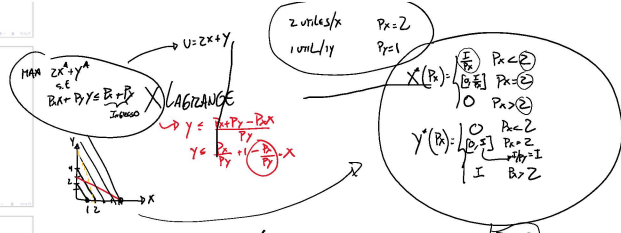
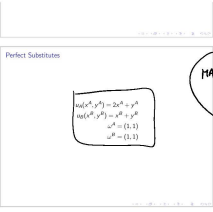
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 $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{p_x}{p_y} + 1 - \frac{p_x}{p_y} \frac{8}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{p_x}{p_y} \frac{1}{3}$
 $1 = \frac{p_x}{p_y}$

Y is a RW EQ

$p_x < 0, p_y \in \mathbb{R}_+$
 $p_x > 0, p_y \in \mathbb{R}_+$
 $p_x/p_y = 1$

$z \text{ units of } x \quad p_x = z$
 $1 \text{ unit of } y \quad p_y = 1$
 $X(p) = \begin{cases} \frac{z}{z+1} & p_x < p_y \\ \frac{1}{z+1} & p_x > p_y \end{cases}$

$U = 2x + y$
 $\max_{x,y} 2x + y$
 $s.t. \quad p_x x + p_y y = B$
 $\rightarrow \text{Corner solution}$



$U_A(X_A, Y_A) = ZX_A + Y_A$
 $X \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Zuriles}}{P_X}$
 $Y \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Luril}}{P_Y}$
 $Z > \frac{P_X}{P_Y}$
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$V_B = X^B + Y^B$

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 $Y \Rightarrow \frac{I_U}{P_Y}$

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 $I > \frac{P_X}{P_Y}$

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 $I < \frac{P_X}{P_Y}$

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 $I = \frac{P_X}{P_Y}$

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$Y^B(P_X) = \begin{cases} 0 & P_X < 1 \\ 0 & P_X = 1 \\ I & P_X > 1 \end{cases}$

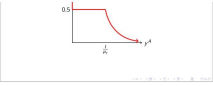
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$P_X(0,1)$	I	(I, Z)	Z	(Z, ∞)
$\frac{I}{P_X} + \frac{I}{P_Y}$	$\frac{I}{P_X} + PDB$	$Z \frac{I}{P_X} + 0$	$DD + 0$	$0 + 0 < Z$
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EQ
 $(P_X=1, P_Y=1)$
 $X^A = Z$
 $X^B = 0$
 $Y^A = 0$
 $Y^B = Z = \frac{P_X P_Y}{P_X P_Y} = \frac{Z}{1}$

$I^A - X^A \perp V^A$

$X^A = \begin{cases} I/P_X & P_X < 1 \\ I/P_X & P_X = 1 \end{cases}$



Perfect Substitutes

Algebraic solution
 For person B the solution is analogous, but we have the following maximization problem: Introducing y^B into the original maximization problem

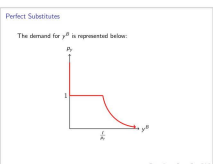
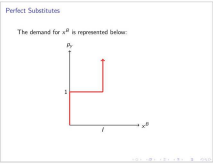
$$\max_{x^B, y^B} -\frac{1}{p_x}x^B + \frac{1}{p_y}y^B \quad s.t. x^B, y^B \in [0, I]$$

Which is a maximization of a straight line with slope $(\frac{1}{p_y} - \frac{1}{p_x})$ over an interval.

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The demand for goods of individual B is

$$x^B = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p_x < 1 \\ 0, I & \text{if } p_x = 1 \\ I & \text{if } p_x > 1 \end{cases}$$

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