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Lecture 3: General Equilibrium
 Mainly Notes

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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 use the income to buy goods and services
 - Consumers seek to maximize their utility given their budget constraint, independently of what anyone else is doing
 - There is no centralized mechanism
 - Agents may not know others' preferences or endowments
 - There is perfect competition (i.e. everyone is price taker)
 - The only source of information agents are prices

Competitive equilibrium - Definition
 Definition
 A pair of an allocation and a price vector $(x^*, p) = (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*)$ is called a competitive equilibrium if the following conditions hold:
 1. For all consumers $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$, $x^i = (x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i)$ solves the following maximization problem:

$$\max_{x^i \in X^i} u^i(x^i)$$
 such that $p \cdot x^i \leq p \cdot \omega^i = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \omega_j^i$
 2. Markets clear: For each commodity $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the following equation holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^I x_j^i = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_j^i$$

MAX $u^i(x^i)$
 s.t.
 $p \cdot x^i \leq p \cdot \omega^i$

Competitive equilibrium - Properties
 Remark
 Suppose that at least one consumer has strictly monotone preferences. Then (x^*, p) is a competitive equilibrium, $p_1, \dots, p_n > 0$.
 Remark
 Suppose that at least one consumer has weakly monotone preferences. Then (x^*, p) is a competitive equilibrium, where for at least one i , $p_i = 0$.
 Remark
 If (x^*, p) is a competitive equilibrium, then $(x^*, \alpha p)$ for $\alpha > 0$ is also a competitive equilibrium.

Competitive equilibrium - Walras' Law
 Theorem (Walras' Law)
 Suppose that consumer i has weakly monotone preferences and that $p \cdot \omega^i > 0$. Then

$$p \cdot \omega^i = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \omega_j^i = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j x_j^i + \sum_{j=1}^n p_j m_j^i = p \cdot x^i + p \cdot m^i$$

 Theorem (Walras' Law - II)
 Suppose that utility functions are weakly monotone. Suppose that $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is such that $p_n = 0$. Let (x^*, p) be a competitive equilibrium with the same endowments $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^I$ and markets clear for all commodities $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Then the market clearing condition will hold for commodity n as well.

Walras' Law - proof
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 Rearranging

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$$\sum_{j=1}^n p_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^I x_j^i - \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_j^i - \sum_{i=1}^I m_j^i \right) = 0$$

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$$\max_{x^i} u^i(x^i) = x_1^{0.5} x_2^{0.5}$$

$$\max_{x^i} v^i(x^i) = x_1 x_2$$

$$u^i = 0.5$$

$$v^i = 0.5$$

$$x_1^i = 1, x_2^i = 0.5$$

$$x_1^i = 0.5, x_2^i = 1$$

$(x_1^i, y_1^i, x_2^i, y_2^i, p_1^i, p_2^i)$ FS
 EG. (comp 2, 116)
 $(x_1^i, y_1^i) = \text{ARG MAX } x_1^{0.5} y_1^{0.5}$
 s.t.
 $w_1 p_1 + w_2 p_2 = x_1 p_1 + y_1 p_2$

2) MCDOS VACIEN:
 $x_1^i + x_2^i = z = w_1^i + w_2^i$
 $y_1^i + y_2^i = z = w_3^i + w_4^i$

Cobb-Douglas
 Each individual solves

$$\max_{x^i} u^i(x^i)$$

$$p_1 x_1^i + p_2 x_2^i \leq p_1 \omega_1^i + p_2 \omega_2^i$$

$$y = x_1^{0.5} y_1^{0.5} + \lambda (w_1 p_1 + w_2 p_2 - p_1 x_1 - p_2 y_1)$$

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$$\dots = 0.5 \dots$$

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$$\frac{0.5 X_i^{0.5} y_i^{0.5}}{0.5 X_i^{-0.5} y_i^{-0.5}} = \frac{P_x}{P_y}$$

$$\frac{y_i}{X_i} = \frac{P_x}{P_y} \Rightarrow y_i = \frac{P_x X_i}{P_y}$$

$$w_x P_x + w_y P_y = X_i P_x + y_i P_y$$

$$w_x P_x + w_y P_y = X_i P_x + \frac{P_x X_i P_y}{P_y}$$

$$w_x P_x + w_y P_y = 2 X_i P_x$$

$$\frac{w_x P_x + w_y P_y}{2 P_x} = X_i \quad \text{DD MARSHALLIANAS}$$

$$\frac{w_x P_x + w_y P_y}{2 P_y} = y_i$$

$$\frac{1.5 P_x + 0.5 P_y}{2 P_x} = X_A^*$$

$$\frac{0.5 P_x + 1.5 P_y}{2 P_x} = X_B^*$$

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$$\underbrace{\frac{1.5 P_x + 0.5 P_y}{2 P_x}}_{X_A^*} + \underbrace{\frac{0.5 P_x + 1.5 P_y}{2 P_x}}_{X_B^*} = 2$$

$$\frac{2 P_x + 2 P_y}{2 P_x} = 2$$

$$1 + \frac{P_y}{P_x} = 2$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1, 1 \\ 2, 2 \\ 1/2, 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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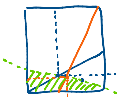
$$\begin{matrix} X_A^* = X_B^* = 1 \\ y_A^* = y_B^* = 1 \end{matrix}$$

A Price Comparison (PxA)

$$P_x X_A + P_y Y_A \leq w_x P_x + w_y P_y$$

$$Y_A \leq \frac{w_x P_x + w_y P_y - P_x X_A}{P_y}$$

$$Y_A \leq \frac{w_x P_x + w_y P_y}{P_y} - \frac{P_x}{P_y} X_A$$



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Each individual solves
max \sqrt{xy}
s.t. $x^2 + y^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 + m^2$
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The FOC are:
 $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} = 2\lambda x$
 $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} = 2\lambda y$

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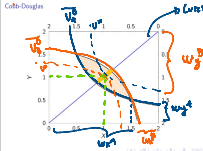
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 $x^2 + (\frac{P_y}{P_x} x)^2 = m^2$
 $x^2 (1 + \frac{P_y^2}{P_x^2}) = m^2$
 $x = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{P_y^2}{P_x^2}}}$
 $y = \frac{m P_y}{P_x \sqrt{1 + \frac{P_y^2}{P_x^2}}}$

Cobb-Douglas
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 $\frac{m}{2} = 1$
 $m = 2$

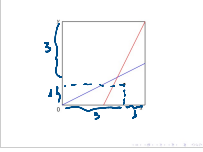
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 $m^A + m^B = 1$



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Suppose that
 $u(x^A, y^A) = \min\{x^A, y^A\}$
 $u(x^B, y^B) = \min\{x^B, y^B\}$
 $m^A = (1, 1)$
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If $\frac{P_x}{P_y} \geq 1$, then, we will have the following restriction:
 $x^A \leq \frac{m^A_x + y^A}{2}$

If $\frac{p_x}{p_y} > 1$, then, we will have the following restriction:

$$p^x \leq \frac{p_x}{p_y} (x^x - x^y) = x^x$$

Thus, replacing the values of x^x and x^y , we have:

$$p^x \leq \frac{p_x}{p_y} (3 - x^y) = 3$$

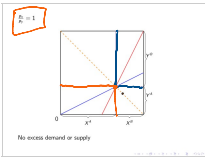
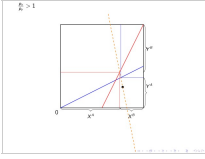
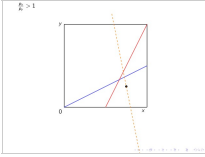
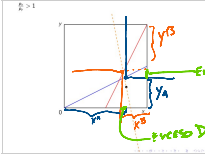
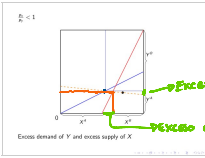
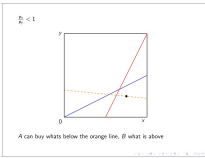
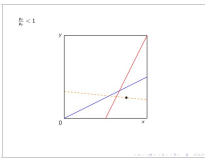
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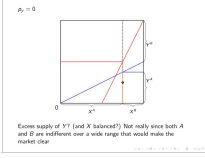
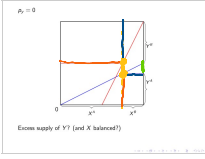
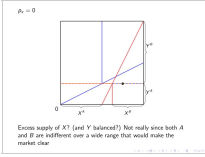
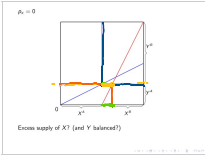
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Note that, for the case $\frac{p_x}{p_y} < 1$, we have the following restriction:

$$p^x \leq 4 - x^y$$


What about price?



To sum up:

- There are multiple equilibria
- There are three price vectors associated with these equilibria
- One price vector has a unique resource allocation associated with it
- Two price vectors ($p_x = 0$ and $p_x = 0$) have infinitely resource allocations associated with them

Perfect complements

Try at home:

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Handwritten notes:

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 $\rightarrow g = zX^a + y^a (P_x + P_y - X P_x - Y P_y)$
 $\frac{\partial g}{\partial X} = z - X P_x$
 $\frac{\partial g}{\partial Y} = 1 - Y P_y$
 $\frac{\partial g}{\partial P_x} = X$

Handwritten note: $1 - P_y$

CASO 3 $1 < \frac{P_x}{P_y} < 2$

$$0 + \frac{I^B}{P_y} \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

↑
Y^A

$$\frac{I^B}{P_y} \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

↑
Y^B

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

$$\frac{P_x}{P_y} + 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$> 2 \neq 2 \quad \text{NO ES EQ!}$$

CASO 4 $\frac{P_x}{P_y} = 2$

$$Y^A + \frac{I^A}{P_y} \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$Y^A + \frac{P_x + P_y}{P_y} \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$Y^A + \frac{P_x}{P_y} + 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

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NO ES EQ

CASO 5 $\frac{P_x}{P_y} > 2$

$$\frac{P_x + P_y}{P_x} + \frac{P_x + P_y}{P_y} \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

Y^A Y^B

$$\frac{2P_x}{P_y} + 2 \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$> 2 \quad \text{NO ES EQ.}$$